

## Update on Easton Royal Footpaths – 16 November 2014

A lot of progress has been made in the last month with improving the footpaths in Easton Royal. Some of the actions are as follows:

- Lloyd Cockbain has cleared the entrance to Footpath 5 in Ram Alley.
- Simon and Beverley Turton have cut back the vegetation on Footpath 1 by the church and at the exit of their paddock, and have removed a redundant stile and repaired another. This has greatly improved access.
- Totteridge Farm has kindly cut back all the vegetation on their new permissive path running along the south side of the houses on the main road. They have also cut a path through the wood thicket.
- Wiltshire Council have cut all the vegetation in Harris Lane right back with their specialist tractor. This has transformed the lane.
- Village volunteers have assisted Paul and Ken from Wiltshire Council to install the first two kissing gates. The new gates are super - a huge improvement over the existing stiles.
- Village volunteers have removed all the vegetation from Chapel Drang, which had gradually reduced to a narrow pathway over the years.

We are extremely grateful to all those who have given up their time and energy to make this happen. A special mention goes to Barb Martin, who provided a delicious lunch to the first working party last Saturday.

A few photos of the gang at work are below.

We are making excellent progress. Very many thanks to all those who have contributed, and to Paul and Ken from Wiltshire Council for their great help.

Chris



The first kissing gate nearing completion. Paul and Ken from Wiltshire Council on either side, assisted by Brian, Paul and Cedric



Maggie and Karen, with Liz in the distance, clearing Chapel Drang





Hew tooled up in Chapel Drang



The second kissing gate completed. Allan, Brian, Craig, Tricia, Cedric, with Ken and Paul.