

PARISH PATH WARDEN VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

A Parish Paths Warden (PPW) is a volunteer appointed by Worcestershire County Council's (WCC) Public Rights of Way to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the Public Rights of Way network within an area allocated to you (usually one or more parishes).

The essential requirements of the role are to:

1. Attend the PPW Essentials training course.
2. Commit a minimum of 12 days a year to the role.
3. Carry out regular inspections of Public Rights of Way in your allocated parish(es) and occasionally as specifically requested by the Area Public Right of Way Officer.
4. Inform the Area Officer of any problems you cannot easily fix yourself, particularly safety issues.
5. Carry out waymarking.
6. Carry out basic clearance of vegetation (e.g. around waymark posts, stiles, gates etc.) using hand tools.
7. Provide WCC with assistance in identifying landowners. If you keep a list of landowner details this should be in accordance with the data protection guidance in the Volunteer Manual.
8. Refer to the Volunteer Manual together with any update's issued by WCC for guidance.
9. Use the Public Rights of Way online Volunteer Database to monitor reports in your area and to keep up to date with reports and to communicate with the Area Public Rights of Way Officer. Inform the Area Officer of any changes to reports in your parish and let the Area Officer know if you can resolve any reports.
10. Co-operate with other volunteers and contractors undertaking tasks approved by the Area Public Rights of Way Officer.

OPTIONAL DUTIES

1. Carrying out more extensive vegetation clearance (strimming) or practical maintenance or improvements. (Competency training in the use of strimmers is required).
2. Providing information and advice to landowners about Public Rights of Way on their land and how you and WCC might be able to assist.
3. Organising, supervising, or taking part in volunteer work parties.
4. Liaising with your Parish or Town Council to exchange information and to keep them informed of your activities through a report to Council meetings.
5. Leading local guided walks and organising other events.

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