

## 2019 Ansty footpath items.



### Improving Access to one of our local footpaths.

#### Ansty's 6 mile public footpath system remains in fine fettle! (updated 17-11-2019)

Once again we can report that our entire 6 mile (9.6 km) footpath system remains in fine fettle, thanks to regular vegetation clearing and trimming by the Ansty Volunteer Footpath Maintenance Group (AVFMG). Click on the image for full details in the annual report.

**Working under the direction of Wiltshire Council** and with the landowners' permission a group of regular volunteers helped to improve access on one of our popular parish footpaths by installing two stock proof kissing gates – replacing two stiles that were quite difficult to get over. For more details and pictures tap the image on the right.



#### Nick Cowen, Rights of Way Officer for South Wiltshire retires. (posted 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

It is quite unusual that the retirement of a Senior Rights of Way Officer employed by Wiltshire Council should be a newsworthy item on a local village website – but then Nick Cowen, who retired in mid-August after 30 years' service, is an exceptional man. Tap/click image to read more...

### Make the best of the late summer sunshine ...

This could still be a wonderful opportunity for Ansty parishioners and other local folk with their families to explore some of our smaller local footpaths that were once part of a dense network of paths that would serve long established medieval fields and closes as well as acting as supply routes for water and other local resources.

All of these long established footpaths provide pleasant short evening walks in the heart of our parish. Today these same footpaths track through a whole variety of natural environments and changing landscapes.

Tap the image on the right and then go and explore ...

