

Middlezoy Arts Committee, Footpath Upgrade Work

The Middlezoy Arts group, as part of the 2018 Middlezoy Arts Festival, undertook a major project aimed at improving local footpath access and, in particular the creation of a circular walk with improved access. This project was split into two sections, the first being a series of woodcarving workshops where people were encouraged to carve posts and signs to be installed as part of the upgrade. Tools and tuition were partly funded by the Arts festival.

The second half of the project was the purchase and installation of the materials for upgrade of the footpath furniture. The installation work was undertaken by a group of volunteers.

Major funding for the overall project was provided by Hinkley Point C Community Fund with additional funding and support provided by a number of local companies and individuals.

In all, it is estimated that well over fifty people have been involved with the project in one way or another.

A copy of the circular walk map and some photos of the installations done to date are attached.

We have planned additional work for 2019 to both finish the circular walk and to do additional upgrades aimed at creating a series of "out-and-back" easy access routes. We are also hoping to continue the work in future with further upgrades and clearing of the less used paths.

The wood-carving group has also continued into 2019 with this year's theme being old names. The carvers are working on producing carved wooden signs of the traditional names for streets, lanes and fields around the village.

Middlezoy Heritage Group have provided assistance in deriving traditional names from maps of the village dated 1787 and 1800.

If you would like to get involved or would like further information, please contact:

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Woodcarving Group, Funded by Middlezoy Arts Festival 2018



Footpath upgrade work performed by Middlezoy Arts during 2018

Circular walk map ref 4,



Circular walk map ref 6



Circular walk map ref 10



Circular walk map ref 10



Circular walk map ref 11



Footpath upgrade work planned by Middlezoy Arts for 2019

Circular walk map ref B

Existing: Was previously a stile, but presently a temporary metal gate

Proposed: Self-closing gate
Create flat area before and after gate lower than field level.
Gate hinged on left, opening into field (towards per photo)
1.0m Oak five bar gate
Self-closing adjustable hinges (Eliza Tinsley)
Trombone style latch
150x150 Oak hinge post, carved
100x100 Oak slam posts
Step to lowered flat gate entry area, reclaimed hardwood railway sleeper
Post and rail to prevent trip/fall hazard to lowered gate entry area
See section 2.6 for details of steps on far side of gate

Circular walk map ref A

Existing: Metal kissing gate, poor repair

Proposed: Self-closing gate, hinged on right, opening into field behind (per photo)
1.2m metal gate with forged woodpecker and ivy motif
Self-closing hinges
150x150 Oak hinge post, carved
200x100 Oak slam post (for footpath gate and field gate)
Make good areas previously occupied by kissing gate enclosure (fencing or hedging as required).

Circular walk map ref 8

Existing: Kissing gate, poor repair, broken post

Proposed: Self-closing gate, hinged on left opening into field behind (per photo)
1.2m Metal gate with forged woodpecker and ivy motif
Self-closing hinges
150x150 Oak hinge post, carved
200x100 Oak slam post, carved
Make good areas previously occupied by kissing gate enclosure (fencing or hedging as required).

Circular walk map ref B

Existing: Steps, poor repair, several risers missing, no handrail

Proposed: Replace steps with new timber and upright restraints
Install new posts and handrails

Middlezoy Circular Walk

Walk covers installations supported by Middlezoy Arts Festival

1. Simon Watson Mural - Cows
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3. Carved Bench, Church yard
4. New self-closing gate installed
5. Carved Bench, Knowle Hill
6. Stile changed to Kissing Gate
7. New self-closing gate
8. Kissing Gate → Self-closing Gate (Proposed)
9. Carved Bench, Windmill Hill
10. Stile changed to Self-closing Gate
11. Footpath clearance and upgrades
12. Wickerwork Dragon
13. Forged Tree Sculpture (In Progress)
14. Wickerwork Family
15. Jabberwock
- A. Kissing Gate → Self-Closing Gate (In Progress)
- B. Stile → Self-closing Gate and steps upgrade (Proposed)

Circular Walk

Drier route for Winter (from 3 head for A then onto 8 and continue main route)

Dog Waste Bins.

Dog-walkers: Please pick up after your dog

Water Meadow
(Very muddy
in wet weather)

Start/
Finish at
Shop or Pub

Footpath Upgrade Work Has Been

Supported By:

Hinkley Point C Community Fund (Major Sponsor)
Power Poles Ltd
The Levels country kitchen
Brittania Lanes
plus extensive community support

