## **ASHFIELD FOOTPATHS**

Ashfield is blessed with a network of footpaths that are available to all both residents and visitors alike. Our regime is flagged up by SCC as an example to others!

The paths are virtually all very well maintained and well used. There are sometimes seasonal issues with cross field routes which for the large part are soon resolved, less frequently now than in the past do I have to chase landowners to get paths reinstated.

It is becoming increasing difficult to get assistance from SCC if significant problems arise, the reason cited for this is lack of funds yet when we offer to replace a sleeper bridge [cost circa £100] they come along and install at great expense an elaborate crossing with handrails and a non-slip surface when it isn't necessary!

We hope that you all get a chance to experience at least some of our paths during the course of the year, all are well signed or clearly defined through use.

With respect to the landowners over whose land the paths cross we respectfully ask that dogs are kept under close control, preferably on a lead, keep to the path and that you do not leave any litter.

If you have any problems whilst out walking, please report these to either Malcolm Pease or myself so that we can either put things right ourselves or engage with the landowner/SCC if more extensive action is required.

Thank you. Robert Grimsey.