

Footpath Warden

I am retiring from my role at Bigbury Parish Footpath Warden from 31st October 2017. Time for a change! The main reason is that Jo and I will be doing a lot of travelling over the next few years. It is a wonderful role to have and I recommend it to anyone who likes walking and believes that our footpath network is important to our community.

How much time does it take?

Twice a month – Thursdays for me – I go and walk a different footpath and do a check on signs, access. Sometimes it will be a path that someone has asked me to check. If a few nettles need chopping away, I'll do that, or stick on a new directional arrow, small-scale stuff like that. If a bigger job needs doing, I'll ask Dave Hammett or someone else to do some strimming, or saw through a tree. It's all straightforward stuff and fun. Fresh air and meeting people.

Is there much paperwork?

No. In November, there are some simple forms that will be emailed to you – I can help you with these – but it's straightforward stuff. Mostly, the odd phone call and email is the way things are administered. Come to the odd parish council meeting to give a brief verbal report – I keep these very concise (two sentences!) and receive feedback.

Is there any support?

The Devon County footpath team are superb. Ros Davies oversees the area team. Our local man is Peter Guy.