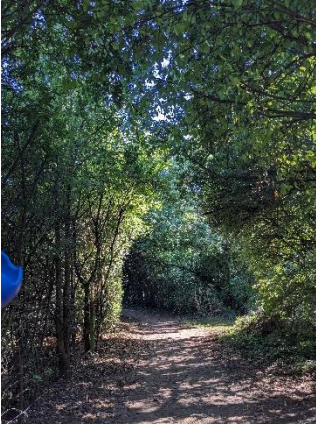


**ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>Cllr David Henderson</b>
<b>TOPIC:</b>	<b>Footpaths</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>19/09/24</b>
<b>UPDATE SINCE LAST REPORT:</b>	<p>This is now the fourth inspection of the footpaths with the last one being conducted during early April this year.</p> <p>The inspections took place over the 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September. The weather at the time of all visits was dry and sunny. The footpaths were all found to be very dry and firm at the time of the inspections.</p> <p><b>1. Jubilee Fields</b></p> <p>The roughcast area which is still in need of repair was found to be in a better condition than that at the last visit. At the top end of the path plant growth has really accelerated over the summer resulting in the form of an arch which is now protecting some areas of the path from rain. The remainder of the footpath remains fine.</p>  <p>Whilst not in scope the surface in the play area at the EPC is now showing signs of breaking up. This should now be risk assessed.</p> <p>Due to the roughcast area overall condition remains at category C. We need to understand what the impact of funding the new fence around the play area will have on our ability to improve the roughcast area.</p>

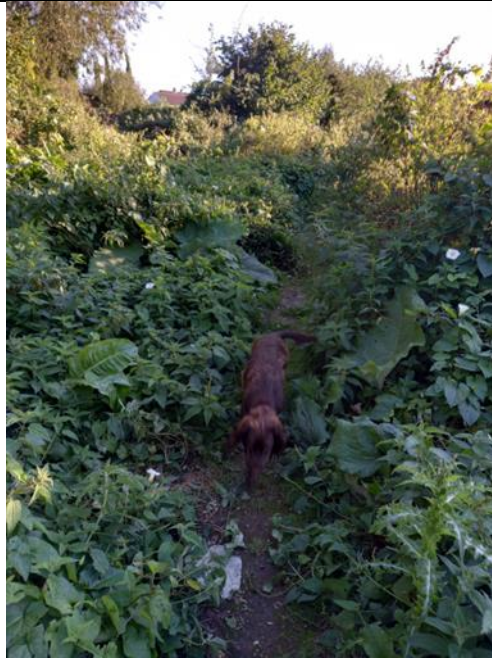


### **1b. Abbey Fields**

This area was found in reasonable condition with 2 exceptions these being the condition of the seat in the bottom corner and significant growth along certain areas as you walk round.

Overall condition remains at Category C.





### **1c. Allotment Path**

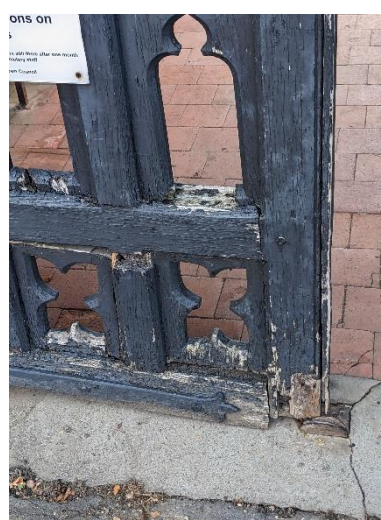
The path was found to be in reasonable condition mainly due to the dry conditions.

Overall condition remains at Category C.

### **1d. Cemetery Path**

The pavement at the entrance continues to show wear and tear and the gates still remain in a condition that requires repair. The path through the cemetery looked fine at the point of the visit.

Overall condition remains at category B.



### **1e. Bleachfield Street Swing Park Access**

Found to be in a similar condition to the last visit in April.

Overall condition remains at category B

### **1f. Westbury Park**

The main entrance as you walk down the slope is nearing an unacceptable condition for anyone in a wheelchair or with a buggy. The rest of the area is in reasonable condition.

Overall condition is now at category C.

**FUTURE  
REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Funding for improvement of Jubilee Fields roughcast area.**
- 2. Further inspection of all paths if we experience significant rainfall prior to next formal inspection.**
- 3. Formal inspection of total area in 6 months.**