

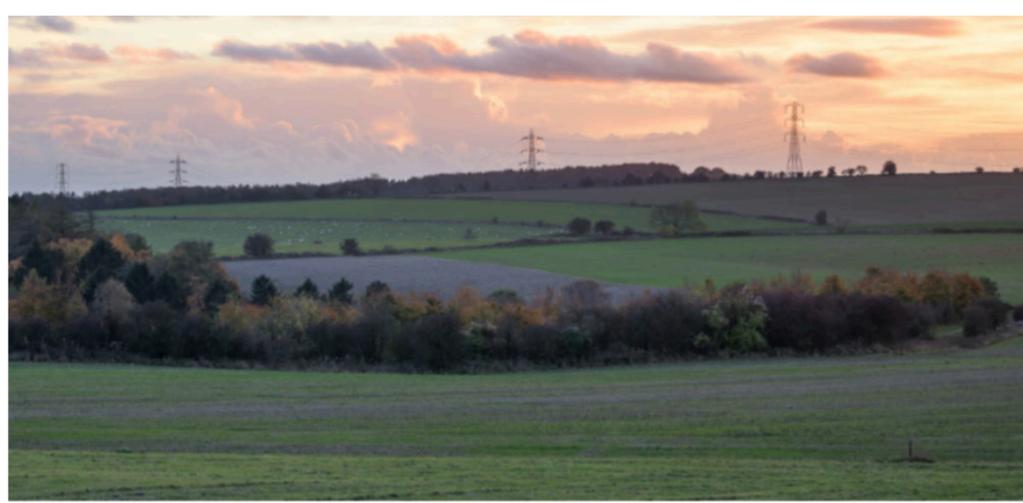


Welcome to our latest news.

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Early signs indicate that 2023 will see a lot of overseas visitors coming to the Cotswolds. Many of these are walkers coming to enjoy hiking in the Area of Outstanding Beauty. The limestone villages, drystone walls and the TV series 'Father Brown' often results in the comment "this feels like a film set". Local businesses can only benefit from their custom. Meanwhile, there are several projects to improve paths and gates to make paths more accessible.

The 2023 Winchcombe Walking Festival will showcase the area.



Visual impact of removing pylons

The National Grid have announced aims to reduce the visual impact of National Grid's overhead line running over the Cotswold Plateau and along the Cotswold Way.

The section of pylons (approx 7km) between Postlip Mill and Dowdeswell Wood is planned to be removed. The transmission line runs parallel to the Cotswold Way National Trail for much of its length. Laying underground cables requires heavy machinery and for a while there will be a lot of upheaval. Each end will require a sealing compound where they rejoin the overhead transmission lines and one will be sited near Postlip Mill. Once completed the landscape will be restored.

If you wish to find out more come to our Walking Festival.

New street signs

This overdue project to erect signage around the town to encourage walkers to use new paths and walk to and from the GWSR railway station continues. The signs have resided with GCC Highways since July 2021.

Despite several enquiries to GCC Highways from interested parties, we still have no date!



Riverside Path - going, going, nearly gone

Recently, Rights of Way, a representative of the landowners and WWaW met to discuss the erosion of the riverbank.

Technical plans are being prepared to protect the riverbank with large boulders which will be back-filled. The project will require serious planning if it goes ahead, as getting heavy materials to the site will cause some damage to the approach.

Meanwhile, funding for this expensive project will need to be sourced. WWaW hope the County and Borough Councillors will pro-actively help to find the funding. The path is well used and helps walkers circumnavigate the congested town centre.

We are in discussions with Cotswold National Landscape about future footpath improvements in Winchcombe. Our idea is to continue extending all weather paths to create a continuous section around the town. The Riverside path has proven to be very popular and we would like to build on its success.

Thank you to our supporters

Many local businesses continue to support us and we are very grateful. They contribute to the running costs of the website and offer their knowledge and resources to make the Walking Festival a success. We continue to promote Winchcombe and the surrounding area for walking. The large number of walkers we attract help support businesses in the area.

