



Solihull MBC L.A.F. Meeting Report

Period 3 - Jul/Aug/Sept 2025



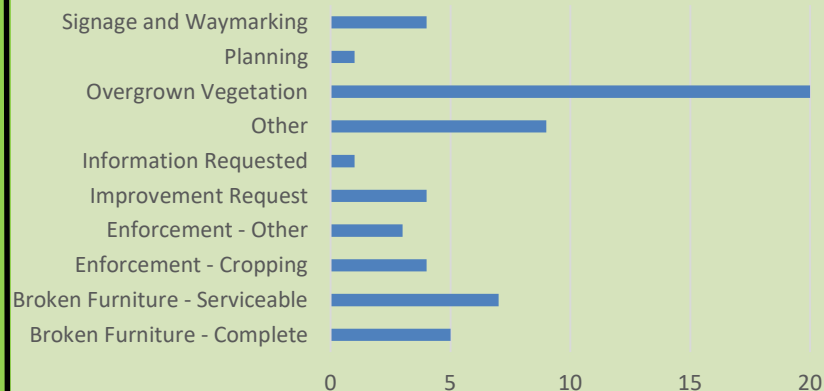
PROW Team

The PROW team sits within Highways and works hard to keep the PROWs safe and open throughout the year. This includes following up on all service requests, arranging and carrying out maintenance on all PROWs including strimming and all structures, project management, enforcement, volunteer support, management and promotion of recreational routes. Mapping, DMMOs and diversion requests, advising on planning applications, responding to FOI requests, administration, asset management and reports. Workload is prioritised by safety first.

Maintenance work

- Ad-hoc maintenance of the PROWs continues on a reactive basis, requests for new/repairs to furniture, i.e. missing fingerposts and stiles/gates.
- We are awaiting the grass to start growing before beginning the autumn trim. The warm summer may mean that this doesn't get as bad this year.

Incoming Service Requests Jul-Sept



Improvement works

- Repairs to boardwalk
- Repair to bridges
- Repair to gates and stiles
- Repair to marker post
- We are looking to reopen several closed footpaths soon

Outstanding Service Requests

- 20 queries outstanding from the whole quarter.
- Of these 0 are "red" classified – most urgent
- Remaining outstanding enquiries are mainly broken furniture, which is in progress.

Contribution of volunteers

We continue to work with and are thankful for the contributions of our group of volunteers. Solihull Bramblers Works carried out:

- M138 trees cut back and safety check
- SL43 Pathway checked, large overhanging branch removed
- M177 huge clearance work on the bridleway
- M221 chicken wire removed
- SL62b pathway checks and trees cut back
- SL27 Overhead brambles cleared (dog rose & blackthorn)
- SL51 checking bridge condition & coordinating repair
- M263 Boardwalk damage checks

Diversion orders

- SMBC led diversion at **SL78** Illshaw Heath.—this pathway should be reopening following bridge repair works.
- Request for diversion **M121** Hampton Manor—a permissive route has been put in alongside M121.
- Request for diversion **M169** Heronfield Cottages— no request received to date. M169 still in use.
- Request for diversion **M166** Brook farm—awaiting report from ecology – likely that diversion will stay in place due to surroundings.

Service requests

- 58 service requests received since 1st July 2025

Impact of schemes on Network

- **HS2**
15 PROWs affected with closures and diversions. Work continues to keep diversions and open pathways safe around the site.
- **M42 Jct 5A**
Work has now begun to reopen some of the pathways affected by the junction works, with some pathways looking to be reopened in November.

DMMOs

- Ongoing - 5 requests