



Solihull MBC L.A.F. Meeting Report

Period 3- Oct/Nov/Dec 2025



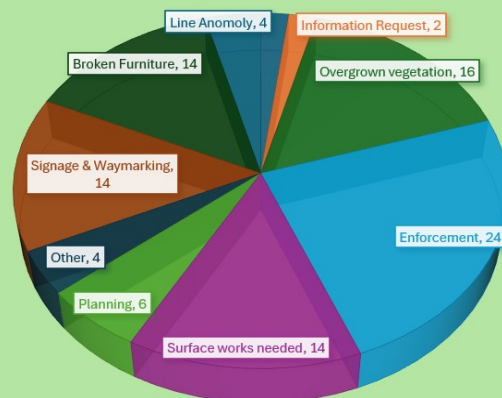
PROW Team

The PROW team sits within Highways and works hard to keep the PROWs safe and open throughout the year, which consists of 250km. 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, continued requests for new/repairs to furniture, i.e. missing fingerposts and stiles/gates. We have a new ad-hoc vegetation maintenance contractor who's initial work has been very thorough.
- Strimming not completed following little growth.
- 131** sections of paths ~ **42,000** linear metres (from a total of **450** routes) on general programme.

SERVICE REQUEST BREAKDOWN %



Improvement works

- Repair to boardwalk
- Repair to bridge
- Repair to gates and stiles
- Repair to marker posts

Outstanding Service Requests

29 queries outstanding:

Priority 1—Most urgent (Red) - 2

Priority 2—Amber 11

Priority 3—Green 16

Contribution of volunteers

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

Works carried out:

SL51	Completing bridge repairs/rebuild
SL58	Clearance work with chainsaw
SL25	reinstalled fallen finger post
SL56	fallen fence dismantled and removed
SL12	tree branches cleared to get through easier
SL12	Separate visit to clear tree with chainsaw
M138	Vegetation clearance to widen the footpath by the river
M101	Gate reinstalled at Marston Green burial grounds

Diversion orders

- Request for diversion **SL81/SL82** Hockley Heath – on hold awaiting formal application.
- SMBC led diversion at **SL78** Illshaw Heath.—repairs to bridge complete, new gate installed, awaiting removal of waste and resurfacing of footway.
- Request for diversion **M121** Hampton Manor—on hold awaiting formal application
- Request for diversion **M169** Heronfield Cottages—on hold awaiting formal application and maintenance issue
- Request for diversion **M166** Brook farm—on hold awaiting formal application and maintenance issue

Service requests

- 55** service requests received October—December 2025

Impact of schemes on Network

- HS2**
13 PROWs affected with closures and diversions. Early work on the legal processes being undertaken on diversions, closures and signage
- M42 Jct 5A**
8 PROWs affected with closures and diversions. Final work on the legal processes being undertaken on diversions, closures and signage.

DMMOs

- Ongoing - **5** requests