

## **Publicity Officer report**

### ***Walk articles for the Macclesfield Express***

Articles of recent walks for the Macclesfield Express are being sent every week to appear in the said newspaper on Wednesday of the following week. This is a very worthwhile way of reaching a wider readership and is a good way of promoting the activities of the club.

This year we have had articles published in the newspaper on all but two weeks.

Please continue to supply articles of your walks to the publicity officer. To try and get a balance that will appeal to the reading public, articles should ideally be around 250-350 words in length and include, if possible, some history of the area you are walking in, and not a series of directions. Please also send a photograph taken on the walk in the form of a JPEG format. Please don't mention individual names in your article without their permission.

Walks which take the group somewhere different to areas we walk regularly are very much welcome.

There is a limit of the number of words I can send to the newspaper as the pro forma is a maximum of 400 words.

### ***Lost ways***

Of the forty three 'lost ways' discovered in our area, twenty four paths have, either suitable alternatives, or may not be worth pursuing for a number of reasons including dead ends or built over.

I have researched a further nineteen possible 'lost ways' and have studied historic maps to come up with evidence of the existence of each of these paths. I intend doing further research on historic maps in Macclesfield Library.

The paths worth further investigation fall into the following parishes;-

Gawsworth	1 path
Nether Alderley	4 paths
Pott Shrigley	2 paths
Siddington	1path
Over Alderley	1path
Macclesfield Forest	1 path
Lower Withington	1path
Marion	2 paths

Eaton	1 path
Wildboarclough	2 paths
Wincle	2 paths
Bosley	1paths

Note – A couple of these paths are currently through active aggregates extraction sites.

The next step would be to discuss, and if necessarily, visit each site with the appropriate ECR footpath inspector for that area, to consider the way forward.

I would suggest that we need a bigger team and would request that someone with a legal background would volunteer for the next stage in making a ‘claim’ to reinstate appropriate paths.

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