



We Need your help!

When the team established the trail back in 2018, we wanted to preserve the route for generations to come for residents of Telford to enjoy the green spaces for the next fifty years and beyond. We therefore welcomed “Champions”, volunteers who would adopt a section of the trail, monitor the signage and report back any issues. We are very grateful to all who have given up their time to help in this way.

Inevitably, individuals’ circumstances change and in the last few months we have lost some volunteers. This has coincided with the development of the Coronation Walks which, in total, have added a further seventy five miles to the routes within the town. We are therefore looking to recruit new champions to assume oversight of both the T50 and the 23 Coronation Walks.

The role is not onerous: we ask that you walk your allotted section or walk three or four times a year and email your findings, both positive and negative. Check that the waymarks are visible, posts are in place and there are no obstructions. We recommend that you take secateurs to trim back any encroaching vegetation (the summer months regularly see the rapid growth of brambles and nettles) and we have found that wet wipes eradicate any grime on the waymarks.

I send a reminder email out usually at the beginning of Spring, Summer and Autumn, encouraging each champion to walk their section and report back.

We certainly don’t expect our champions to do any major maintenance work. We are fortunate to have a very able in-house resource and also rely on various Friends groups who already look after several Local Nature Reserves through which the T50 and Coronation walks pass. Of course, Telford and Wrekin Council support us with tasks beyond our capability.

There’s no requirement to adopt a whole Stage of the T50, although some champions are willing to commit to this. A few hundred metres or a favourite area, particularly if it’s close to your home, are just as valuable. The Coronation Walks are no more than five miles, some much shorter, so could be an easier commitment.

Please contact me if you have any queries or would like a chat about the role. We do appreciate our volunteers’ contributions.

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