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Mayor of the City and District of St Albans, Councillor Matt Fisher, joined the 2026 AGM of the St Albans and District Footpaths Society on 22 June and was highly complimentary about the work of the Society as it nears its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Mayor recognised the breadth of work undertaken by the Society's members who help maintain, improve and protect footpaths as well as offering at least two walks a week to its 100 members.

Having himself chosen to highlight the powerful role of volunteers during his time in office, the Mayor offered his 'sincere gratitude' for the work the Society does to walk, protect and improve the footpaths of St Albans and beyond. He referred to how the Society's 'stewardship' role connects all members with the countryside and with each other; and how much can be achieved when 'expertise and enthusiasm' come together. He wished the Society well for the future.



The AGM was held at St Mary's Church Hall in Sherwood Avenue. Members heard Chair Alison Hannah report on a successful year with sound finances and good work undertaken. Most Officers would continue in their roles for another year and a new Vice Chair was voted in.

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**Photo Caption**

*Mayor of the City and District of St Albans, Councillor Matt Fisher, is presented with the Society's bestselling walking guides by Footpaths Society Chair Alison Hannah.*

NOTES

St Albans and District Footpaths Society has been in operation since 1967. It offers weekly walks to its members but also does important work to help improve, protect and enhance the footpaths of St Albans and beyond. The Society is known for its friendly welcome to new members.

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