



PRESS RELEASE

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Deputy Mayor joins Footpaths Society members at 2024 AGM and praises the work of the Society as ‘an asset to your city’

Councillor Jenni Murray, Deputy Mayor of St Albans, described St Albans and District Footpaths Society as ‘an asset to your city’ when she joined members at the Society’s AGM on 10 June.

Councillor Murray was pleased to find out more about the activities of the Society and spoke warmly of its work to: encourage walking; ensure that local footpaths were well looked after, checked regularly and improved; and that new footpaths were negotiated when appropriate. The Society had continued to invest in the Hertfordshire countryside by paying for kissing gates to ensure maximum accessibility to the area’s countryside.

The main business of the Society’s AGM was to elect members to the Executive Committee and agree the accounts. Under a change to the Constitution, the Society agreed that the post of Chair could be held for up to six consecutive terms of one year instead of three. The Society’s Chair, Alison Hannah, was elected to continue as Chair for a further period of one year. A motion of thanks to Alison was warmly supported.

The Society's two walking books continued to be very popular and were available in many local outlets. Sales allowed to the Society to invest in footpath improvements and give to local charities which shared the Society's aims.



Councillor Jenni Murray (right) was presented with copies of the walking guides: *24 Footpaths Around St Albans* and *24 Footpath Walks in Hertfordshire* by Footpaths Chair Alison Hannah.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. St Albans and District Footpaths Society has been active since 1967 and is committed to enjoying, protecting and enhancing the footpaths of the area. It offers walks each week for its members and undertakes a wide programme of work to ensure footpaths are protected and improved.
2. The Society offers a warm welcome to new members. Its membership fee is £3 a year.

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