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PRESS RELEASE

New St Albans Mayor congratulates Footpaths Society: Their work 'very much in keeping with the theme of my civic year'.

One of the first engagements for new St Albans Mayor, Councillor Anthony Rowlands, was to attend the AGM of St Albans and District Footpaths Society on 30 May. The mayor congratulated the Society on its longstanding work to walk, preserve and improve local footpaths.

Mayor Rowlands, the Society's patron, heard from the Society's Chair Alison Hannah of another impressive year: sales of its two bestselling walking guides were strong; its walking programme continued to be welcoming and varied; the Society had contributed funds for a number of new kissing gates; and its work to safeguard existing footpaths – and negotiate new ones – continued.

Mayor Rowlands said: "I was delighted to attend the Footpaths Society's AGM and hear about all the good work they do.

"Their efforts to safeguard existing paths and create new ones are very much in keeping with the theme of my civic year, All Ages Together, as a countryside walk can be enjoyed by people of different generations and backgrounds. Walking is good for both physical and mental wellbeing, so it is important to encourage this activity by providing a network of excellent footpaths."



Mayor Rowlands 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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