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Volunteers wanted to help survey walking routes

Surveying works on a series of walking routes in north Powys are to be carried out by the county council.

Powys County Council's Countryside Services Team will be re-surveying walking routes that use public rights of way in the Dyfi Valley and would like to hear from volunteers interested in helping with the surveys.

Three years ago, the council's Countryside Services Team and Natural Resources Wales finished opening up the walking routes in the Dyfi Valley as part of a project called 'Darganfod Dyfi' or 'Explore Dyfi'. The project included neighbouring counties of Ceredigion and Gwynedd in the lower Dyfi Valley, roughly centred around Machynlleth.

There are five walks in Powys, ranging in length from under four miles up to seven miles. Four of the walks are circular near Derwenlas, Ceinws and Llanwrin and the Centre for Alternative Technology while the fifth exploring the countryside from Machynlleth to the Dyfi Osprey Project and taking in much of the Powys length of the Wales Coast Path.

Cllr Jonathan Wilkinson, Cabinet Member for Countryside Services, said: "All of the walks give an experience of the varied countryside of the valley of the Dyfi and its surrounding uplands, taking in woodland, forest, farmland, valleys, streams, hills and villages.

"There are distant views from many places on the walks eastwards into Powys and westwards down to the coast at Ynys Ias and Borth, and also to Cadair Idris. These walks are well-worth exploring.

"The time has now come to re-survey the routes and organise any maintenance works that may have become necessary since they were first opened. This is likely to include repairs and improvements to gates, footbridges and signposts.

"We would like to hear from volunteers interested in helping out with the survey and other practical path projects."

If you are interested in helping with the surveys, email the council's Countryside Services Team on rightsofway@powys.gov.uk if you want to find out more.

Full route details and guides can be found on the Natural Resources Wales website, including walks in the neighbouring counties.

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