

## **Carlton Footpath Group**

### **Annual Report 2011-12**

John Piggon reported that he had walked every public right of way in the Parish of Carlton over the previous three weeks, and they were all fully waymarked and clear of obstructions. The opening of the extension to footpath S90 and associated improvements in November had been well attended, and these paths were now very well used. Members of the CFG had led guided walks along the new and improved paths for the opening ceremony and over the following weekend.

There were problems outside the parish, in particular at Shackerstone Station where footpath S68, part of the Leicestershire Round, had been closed because of an unsafe footbridge. The temporary closure order had now expired, and it was understood that Leicestershire County Council had initiated legal action.

Physical improvement works to footpath S51 had been completed, except for the kissing gate and footbridge at the junction of S51 and S48. A minor diversion and physical improvement works had been completed at the western end of S48 near to Spinney Grange.

A diversion order and improvement works at Bosworth Mill on S69 had been agreed several years ago, but the necessary works had still not been implemented – once completed these proposals would make this popular route more convenient and stile-free (except for the footbridge over the Stony Brook) between Carlton and Market Bosworth.

John Piggon and the Clerk had made a bid for funding from the Bosworth Community Forum to provide kissing gates on S68 past Carlton Grange, but this had not been successful. It would be desirable to install kissing gates on S68 between footpaths S75 and S77, but this would depend on grant funding.