

## **Elmswell Footpath Officer report**

My monthly walks continue come rain or shine and the weather seems not to have too much of an effect on numbers – a poor day can often bring out more walkers than a pleasant one. Generally speaking, attendance is up and we continue to make new friends attracted by word of mouth and by the regular advertisement in the Newsletter.

I was pleased that the Elmswell Amenities Association has continued with the payment of the fee allowing us, with the agreement and co-operation of the owner, access to the former set-aside land at Mutton Hall where the change in Government policy meant that the walks there could no longer be made available to the general public free of charge. This allows us to retain some of our most interesting circular routes to the East of the village.

The walks continue to be open to all comers and have proved time and time again to be a 'way in' to the community for new residents. I think Elmswell Parish Council deserves praise for continuing to support them, including by covering the cost of insurance as well as advertising.

Cllr Dick Burch