

Favourite Footpaths - The Results

OVERALL WINNER

Grizelda Graham (Central Section)

I accepted an invitation to walk to Woodstock from Oxford “across the fields” - yes, it can be done*. Emerging from Frogwelldown Lane onto Springhill (420/14/20). I saw views which took my breath away. As Amerigo Vespucci said, “If there’s a paradise on Earth, it can’t be far from here”.



Grizelda Graham: Begbroke towards to Woodstock: A view to take your breath away

* The route is via the Oxford canal towpath to Duke’s Cut, then footpaths and bridleways to Yarnton, Begbroke, Bladon and Woodstock (back to Oxford on a bus). Happy to provide details if anyone would like them.

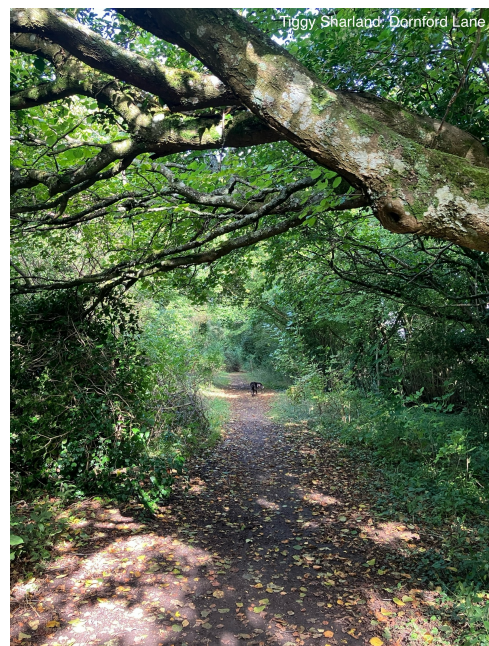
RUNNERS UP

Tiggy Sharland (Northern Section)

Some lovely paths to choose from, but you can’t beat historic, peaceful Dornford Lane at this time of year for berries, hips and old man’s beard.



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Sarah Watkinson (Central Section)

Families meeting at the beautiful crossroads between two Bladon footpaths which connect School Lane and Heath Lane where many Bladon school pupils live. It is almost like a village green, away from the busy road. I walk there most days at all seasons and times and it is always new.

**Suzanne Osborne (Central Section)**

One of my favourite footpaths is 'The Track' (152/6) between Purwell Farm and Cassington. The extensive rolling views as you emerge from Purwell Farm looking west towards the panorama of the Evenlode valley are superb.



Suzanne Osborne: Across the Evenlode Valley

David Foster (Central Section)

A favourite walk is from Orchard Field Lane towards Begbroke, picking up the path running parallel to Shakespeare's Way. All the pathways in this area are special, but this one through the crop field captures the season, and the light setting in the evening is wonderful. The wildlife is varied and visible, with deer, hares and birdlife plentiful. Truly beautiful.



David Foster: An early summer walk near Bladon



David Foster: A deer close to the edge of the wood near a Bladon footpath.

Anne Bradley (Southern Section)

This is where we walk and exercise nearly every day, enjoying the changing seasons, weather and light. Our walks are also social occasions as we meet friends and strangers along the way. It is rare for us not to chat with someone on this busy route through the beautiful countryside.'

