

## Footpath Officer's Report 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

### Reports from the Public

A comprehensive list of defects has been provided by the Lengthsman. These are as follows:

#### GN5.

At U71230 road access the stile post are rotted off making it unsafe for walkers. The stile has been moved to one side awaiting replacement. Also there is a fallen tree blocking the line of the footpath. Action: PFO to visit.

#### WC1.

At road access from the B4229 the metal gate is missing. Action: PFO to visit. At the church the finger post is laid on the ground. Action: I believe we are awaiting instruction from the PC to repair this post.

#### WC55.

The stile at U71234 road access is unstable and may want replacing. One of the stile posts is being used as a gatepost at present. Action: PFO to visit.

#### WC68.

Between the C1257 and B4164. The step retaining pins are above ground level and could cause a trip hazard. Action: PFO visit.

#### WC89.

At Danter's corner the finger post is tied to a road sign. We can fix this with a metpost.

#### WC93.

The footpath discs at the start of the footpath just up from The Crown are on a post/branch in the hedge and constantly being obscured by foliage. Action: PFO to visit.

#### WC94.

At road access to The B4137 the stile has no way marker discs. Action: PFO to visit.

#### WC95.

The part of the footpath that goes through the wood entering from the B4137 has been obstructed by cutting from power line clearance. Action - contact Western Power Distribution to arrange for their contractors to come back and clear.

At the road access from the U71201 the actual finger on the footpath fingerpost may need replacing. Action: PFO to visit.

#### WC96.

The footpath fingerpost has disappeared from the road access area and the footpath is blocked by brambles at the back of an agricultural building. Also the assumed line of the footpath is obstructed by the fence round a domestic building. Effectively the footpath no longer exists for walkers. Action: PFO may need to visit site and confirm legal line of footpath.

#### WC99. (This probably refers to WC102)

From the U71230 road access footbridge the first stock fence has no stile. Walkers are required to leave the line of the footpath to go through a field gate or climb over the fence. Action: PFO to visit.

### WC103.

At the road access from the U71232 the Footpath Finger post is missing and we can find no sign of the footpath. Action: PFO to visit.

### **Status of paths**

Of the paths inspected so far, 18 require maintenance work and 9 are blocked. I have not yet had time to inspect WC94 but reports indicate that this path is blocked on both approaches to Losito Stud.

The blocked paths are as follows:

WC32 - Blocked at Little Mascot and at Goldway farm.

WC47 - Blocked at Rockleech

WC54 - Blocked from junction with WC57 down to Sandiway Lane

WC55 - Blocked from Sandiway Lane by wooden / wire fence and 6ft hedge.

WC73 - Blocked by overhanging growth and rubble.

WC74 - Blocked by several fallen trees.

WC94 - Blocked at Losito Stud

WC95 - Blocked by hedgerow at junction with lane opposite Tuck Mill.

WC96 - Blocked by domestic fence

The paths which are passable but which require some maintenance work are:

GN1 - Fence falling across path and encroaching undergrowth by Kennel Cottage

GN5 - Partially blocked by fallen tree near junction with lane near Sellarsbrook Park

GN9 - Style needs repairing/replacing

WC1 - Overgrown between Leisure Park and Ferrie Inn. Finger post at Church needs replacing.

WC24 - Path from Quarry Road to Yew Tree Cottage is in need of some serious maintenance.

WC35 - Overgrown between Lanivet and Pear Tree.

WC37 - The 'dog leg' that runs down the side of Greston to the main Doward road needs clearing as well as south from WC36.

WC38 - Needs trimming between WC37 and WC34

WC46 - Electric fence across style

WC49 - Hedges need trimming either side

WC50 - Badly eroded in places

WC52 - Undergrowth needs clearing between boundary fences.

WC68 - In places the wooden steps have broken and need to be replaced

WC70 - Tree across path

WC79 - Unmarked and not found

WC81 - Junction with Wye View Lane blocked and signs obscured.

WC89 - Finger Post needs fixing

WC102 - From the U71230 road access footbridge the first stock fence has no stile.

The Lengthsman has the following tasks on his list:

WC1 – Replace Finger post at St Dubricius Church and clear undergrowth.

WC24 – Clear undergrowth from path

WC37 - clear undergrowth and overhanging hedges from Doward road up to Leaping Stocks road

WC41 – Clear undergrowth and fallen trees from path

WC52 - clear undergrowth from path.