

Footpath Officer's Report 6th September 2015

Reports from the Public

No reports have received since the July parish meeting.

Ongoing issues

The situation regarding the gate erected across Hewlin's Lane (WC41) adjacent to Delburne Farm remains unresolved. After an unsatisfactory meeting with the landowner in July I referred the matter to the Localities Steward. Despite repeated requests for feedback I have not received any response from him. The matter has now been escalated to David Atkinson, who apparently is aware of the problem.

Prichard's Lane (WC72A) has been made subject to a six month closure order by Balfour Beatty. The latest information that I have is that BB are waiting for an estimate from Tarmac before commencing any work. This closure is causing immense stress to local residents as it severely restricts access to their property.

The parish council was not informed about the closure of this byway. This, together with the complete lack of response from the Localities Steward regarding Hewlin's Lane does not give me confidence for the future.

Lengthsman Report

The Lengthsman has carried out work on the following footpaths:

WC60 (from the corner of Ashes Lane down to Old Court Farm) – clear footpath of long grass
WC37 (from Beaumont House down to Sawpitts Lane) - clear encroaching vegetation
WC73 (from Beaumont House down to The Cider Press) - clear encroaching vegetation
WC74 remove fallen trees, and clear encroaching vegetation

WC74 is an ongoing project as there is a lot to be cleared!

Status of paths

16 paths require maintenance work and 7 are blocked.

The blocked paths are as follows:

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.
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 - Stile needs repairing/replacing
WC1 - Overgrown between Leisure Park and Ferrie Inn
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 stile
WC50 - Badly eroded in places
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.