

Footpath Officer's Report 11th October 2015

Reports from the Public

No reports have received since the September parish meeting.

Ongoing issues

There has been no movement regarding the gate erected across Hewlin's Lane (WC41) adjacent to Delburne Farm. Nothing more has been heard from Balfour Beatty. I am hoping that the Localities Steward will be able to shed more light on this when he attends the parish council meeting on Tuesday 13th October.

Prichard's Lane (WC72A) remains closed. I am waiting to hear the results of Balfour Beatty's engineer inspection which were expected on the 9th October.

The Chairman and myself walked WC1 between The Ferrie Inn and the Paddocks to assess the work needed to make the path more attractive. We decided on a course of action which needs to go to the lengthsman.

During a recent walk to inspect the clearance work carried out by the lengthsman on WC72, WC73 and WC74 (which was done most efficiently by the way), I found the following signage either missing completely or in very poor condition:

- No way marker post at junction of WC26 (Tump Lane) and WC34.
- No way marker post at junction of WC34 and WC35.
- No way marker post at junction of WC35 and WC49.
- No way marker post at junction of WC35 and WC52.
- No fingerpost at junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC35.
- No way marker post at junction of WC34 and WC37.
- No fingerpost at junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC73.
- No way marker post at junction of WC73 and WC74.
- No way marker post at junction of WC74 and WC79.
- No way marker post at junction of WC74 and WC62 (Meeks Well Lane).
- Wonky way marker post at junction of WC62 (Meeks Well Lane) and WC72.
- No way marker post at junction of WC72 and WC61 (Ashes Lane).
- No way marker post at junction of WC61 (Ashes Lane) and WC72A (Pritchard's Lane).
- Almost illegible way marker post at junction of WC61 (Ashes Lane) and WC70 (Coffin Slide)
- No way marker post at junction of WC61 (Ashes Lane) and WC73.
- No fingerpost at junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC40 (Sawpitts Lane).
- No way marker post at junction of WC35 and WC36.
- No way marker post at junction of WC27 (Leaping Stocks) and WC28.
- No way marker post at junction of WC26 (Tump Lane) and WC27 (Leaping Stocks).

The lengthsman has already detailed some of these defects in his P3 report for September.

Lengthsman Report

The Lengthsman has carried out work on the following footpaths:

WC74 is now open as all trees across it have been cleared away.

Status of paths

14 paths require maintenance work and 5 known to be 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.

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

WC34 – Overgrown and impassible for much of its length.

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

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.