

NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – JUN 23

Footpath Officer Work:

It is good to be back.

I have established communication with the HCC Countryside Access leads for the Parish. My main aim here is to try to work through the 20+ problems currently sitting on the HCC Rights of Way website map for the Parish.

Since the beginning of the month seven have either been closed, or are in the process of being closed, with a couple more in hand.

I have checked the majority of the RoW, and have strimmed/cleared the following:

FP 4 (Dene – Old Police House)

FP 7 (Wisdom Lane – Trout Lane)

FP 18 (Mill – Churchyard)

FP 23 (North of A343 to Parish Boundary) I am liaising with OWPC with regard to a stile repair needed on this path.

Over the coming week I intend to trim FP 14 (Berry Court south), 17 (Church Hill – Aylwards Way), 19 (Splash – Ducks Lane), and the southern end of 20 (Bend Street – Ducks Lane)

During my previous tenure as RoW officer in conjunction with HCC the short path from Heathman Street – Church Lane was formally adopted as a Right of Way (now NW FP 503). At that time HCC Rights of Way acknowledged the requirement for resurfacing of this path, although nothing subsequently appears to have been done. This is a similar problem to the short lane from Heathman Street – Trout Lane. I will reengage with HCC to establish to situation.

I have bought more fuel (£8.65) for the strimmer – bill will be passed to the Clerk. There is sufficient 2 stroke oil and wire to last the season.

Lengthsman Tasks carried out in May

The Lengthsman was given 13 hours of work in May across the majority of the Parish's RoW. With agreement from Cllr Bedford, the end of month invoice has been cleared for payment.

Lengthsman Tasks Set for June

I have been in touch with Shane and have agreed to re-focus his work in June to carry out sight line clearance where recent growth is obscuring safe exits from junctions.

I have given him RoW priority as the southern end of RB 34 (Spring Pond) and the western end of RB 35 (Hollom Down Road – A343)

Lengthsman Budget and Forward Look

I have re-established comms with the Sotckbridge clerk. Over the next couple of weeks I will liaise with her with regard to the budget position. Now that I am carrying out volunteer work (and I have an additional volunteer helper coming online), we may be able to return to keeping to the annual HCC allocation, without need to cover an overspend.

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