

NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – NOV 23

Footpath Officer:

A much busier month of practical work with 11 hours of clearance work carried out by the Right of Way Officer and Cllr James. This was mainly focused on RB 37 (Spring Pond Drove) with side and overhead ingress cut back to allow horses to ride along it again. FP4 (Dean – Old Police House) has had further cutting back. FP 19 (Ducks Lane – Splash) and FP 20 (Five Bells Lane – Bent Street) were strimmed to clear autumn nettle growth.

I have also opened up the drain holes on the bend by Stewarts Bridge to reduce pooling on the road opposite Gerrards Farm.

A volunteer from the Hollom Down Road area has carried out mowing/cutting on the major Drive Roads (RBs 34 and 36). It would appear that the annual HCC contractor cut did take place earlier in the Summer.

The RoW officer visited Jacks Bush to look at the complaint made by a member of the public at the October NWPC meeting that the pedestrian footway was impassable. Photographs were circulated to Councillors.

The RoW and Cllr James met with representatives from the Justice Department to discuss the viability of using “Unpaid Labour” on three potential tasks. These being (a) Vegetation clearance on RB40 (A30 – A343) (b) Pavement clearance – Jacks Bush (c) railing painting near Stewarts Bridge. Response awaited, and a chasing email has been sent.

RoW officer has asked Mr Tilling to quote for a simple enhancement to the new stile at the start of FP4 (The Dean).

Lengthsman Tasks carried out in October

A busier task sheet for the Lengthsman with 5.5 hours of work in October. This was to trim FP 3 (Knockwood – School Lane) and FP 2 (School Lane north). Work to clear and open up the six big road drains on Farley Street between Stewarts Bridge and Winton House and the drainage grip opposite the Pump Station at the Heathman Street/Stockbridge road junction was completed in good time prior to the recent rain.

Lengthsman Tasks Set for November

RoW: Cutting away a tree branch that is falling onto FP 4 near Knockwood Lane.

Roads: Checking the road drain under the bridge at Bent Street and opening up grips just to the north of this bridge to help reduce water pooling on the road at this point.

Lengthsman Budget and Forward Look

The work in November will bring the remaining budget down to £236.25. This still gives us headroom for further work on drains/grips going through the winter, and capacity to respond to unforeseen tasks.

Iain James