

## **NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – MAY 24**

### **Footpath Officer:**

A very busy month for practical work for the RoW officer, as the wet weather eases, and Spring growth starting in earnest.

Footpath strimming has been carried out on:

Footpath (FP) 2 (School Lane – Parish Boundary)

FP3 (School Lane – Knockwood Lane)

FP4 (Knockwood Lane – The Dene)

FP 7 (Trout Lane – Wisdom Lane)

FP 14 (Berry Court)

FP 15 (Church Hill)

FP 17 (Church Hill – Aylwards Way)

FP 19 (Splash – Ducks Lane)

FP 20 (Five Bells Lane – Bent Street)

FP 21 (Bent Street – A343)

A section of FP7 (Wisdom Lane) was reopened and re-signed having been overgrown for a number of years.

An access issue at the start of FP 32 (Kentsboro) where a RoW had been blocked by a new barbed wire fence and gate has been resolved and FP access is now possible.

The RoW Officer responded to a member of the public who requested a major intervention involving use of crushed stone to cover tree roots on a section of FP 18 adjacent to The Mill. The RoW Officer's view was this was impractical and way beyond the capability of local resources.

A quote has been sought from a local contractor to add an additional (lower) step on a stile on FP 19 (Splash – Ducks Lane). The RoW will

try to obtain some match funding for this from HCC, but on past experience this is unlikely to be granted, and I will present it to NWPC for consideration in due course.

### **Lengthsman Tasks carried out in March/April**

Side ingress cutting on FPs 3 and 4 (Knockwood Lane – The Dene)

Reinstatement of a timber post and finger board at the end of FP 5 adjacent to The Manor.

No tasks were set in April whilst the FY 24/25 budget was being set up.

### **Lengthsman Tasks Set for May**

RoW Strimming of the Eastern section of RB 37 Spring Pond (3hrs)

### **Lengthsman Budget**

The budget for FY 24/25 remains £1000, with an hourly rate of £23 this gives us 43.5 hours of work. This year, we are unlikely to have the annual HCC contractor cut, and therefore I will need to use more of this on RoW clearance than in the past. As the year progresses, there is a possibility that additional NWPC funding may have to be called upon.

### **Miscellaneous**

The NW “Womble Team” has carried out a number of litter clearances this month on Village roads removing (so far) four sacks of litter.

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