

Bures Hamlet PROW report (January 2020)

Footpath Number	Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem/ Items of Interest	Ref. No.
	Footpaths and bridleways have all been affected to some degree by the heavy rain of the past two months. Some routes have been rendered temporarily impassable.	
Walks Leaflet	<p>Following many weeks of planning and redrafting the 'Walking In Bures' leaflet, funded so generously by the Dedham Vale AONB and the Stour Valley Project, was launched at the Christmas Bures Market and is now in general circulation.</p> <p>A dedication to Dennis Ambrose was added to the leaflet following a suggestion made by Hugh Turner who has been the Bures PROW officer in the past.</p> <p>Hugh also asked if a walks board could be commissioned to be erected in memory of Dennis on the recreation field near the Community Centre car park. Gill Jackson and Jenny Wright have worked with Design and Print of Nayland to produce a Spingold board in the style of the riverside information boards already in place. The board will feature the walks and a map with information, a QR Code for walkers to download and a link to the parish council website where a copy of the walks leaflet will be held. Jenny Wright has been able to secure joint funding for this through a Locality Budget Grant from our Suffolk County Councillor, James Finch and from a Councillor's Community Grant from Wendy Scattergood the District Councillor for Bures Hamlet.</p>	
Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)	<p>This is a signed agreement between the P3 group and the Community Action Team at Essex County Council, which determines commitment from both sides through an informal agreement.</p> <p>The partnership is between the highway authority and participating local councils and voluntary groups and aims to give local people the resources and skills to enable them to become actively involved in the improvement and promotion of their local Public Rights of Way network (PRoW). Advice has been sought from Nicholas Leeson as to how membership of this scheme might benefit the Parish.</p>	

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FP5	<p>From Ferrier's Farm to Horne's Green (a field margin path, leading to a cross-field path through some scrub and into a wood, then onto a well-kept grassed lane to the road)</p> <p>In the summer the Parish Council agreed to the diversion of this footpath to avoid the difficult and often impassable section through the wood. It was previously reported that Nik Leeson from Essex Highways expected the orders to be sealed within a matter of a few weeks. We are still awaiting confirmation that the formal administration has been completed. Work is unlikely to begin on establishing the new route until drier conditions prevail.</p>	
FP21 (Mount Bures FP2)	<p>Footpath from Masters Farm down to Cambridge Brook crossing</p> <p>Strictly speaking, the incident occurred on the Mount Bures side of the Cambridge Brook. On December 10th/11th strong winds brought down a branch across the footbridge. However, following joint consultation on the part of both parishes and Bakers Hall Farm the obstruction was removed when conditions allowed and damage to the handrail has now been repaired. However, the Mount Bures P.C. Chairman has also recommended that Essex County Council should inspect the footbridge with a view to more extensive examination and has submitted a PROW report online.</p>	
BWY 25	<p>Track leading from Balls Road to Broad Oaks Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm</p> <p>Essex Highways carried out extensive repairs on this byway last year at the Balls Road end.</p> <p>The track is under water again where the ditch has significantly breached the repaired bank.</p> <p>An initial assessment has been carried out and Essex Highways are working to gather further information to determine what action, if any, could be taken. The flooding is very</p>	Ref: 2635922

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	significant and no remedial work, if any, is expected while these wet, muddy conditions persist.	
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FP33	A request has been made for an official Essex County Council finger post to be erected at the Colchester Road end of the footpath.	
FP30	From Colne Road next to Parsonage Grove crossing the railway to The Paddocks. The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the Network Rail Public Inquiry for Level Crossings Reduction in Essex regarding the fate of the above 'passive crossing'.	Crossing E54
B1508	Progress on the request (14/10/19) from Ruth Woodman of Linden House Mount Bures to reconsider the provision of a safe pedestrian route from Mount Bures into Bures Hamlet. A Local Highways Panel request was submitted 09/07/19 re: improvement of the Mount Bures junction, the change of the speed limit along the B1508 heading into Bures Hamlet to a 40mph buffer zone with improved pedestrian access. This proposal is on the Schemes Awaiting Funding List and the next stage is to consider the speed survey results	

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