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	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.	
<b>Suffolk Walking Festival</b>	This is an annual event offering 120 guided walks and events across the county from short strolls to long hikes, history walks to food walks, photo walks to art walks. It runs from 9 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> May. Tickets are available from <a href="http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk">www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk</a>	
<b>Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)</b>	<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).</p> <p>Advice has been sought from Shirley Anglin, PRoW and Localism Officer. She wrote:</p> <p>The Parish Paths Partnership scheme would support any volunteers that you have in the parish that wish to undertake improvement works on the PRoW network. I support them by giving them the training, tools and equipment that they need to undertake the tasks that they identify. The idea is that they are only giving up their time and efforts.</p> <p>Works might include installing waymark posts, replacing small bridges, doing minor fixes to steps/handrails etc and cutting of vegetation.</p> <p>As you are in the devolution pilot I would expect the parish to provide the materials.</p> <p>As there is no team of volunteers and we use the Parish contractors to carry out most minor works, membership of the PPP3 scheme doesn't currently seem to offer any real benefits.</p>	

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<b>FP5</b>	<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>The final paperwork for the diversion as agreed of FP5 has been put online. Representations about or objections to the Order must be made by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. If there are no objections, the footpath diversion will become official 28 days from the date of confirmation of the order.</p>	
<b>FP21 (Mount Bures FP2)</b>	<p>Footpath from Masters Farm down to Cambridge Brook crossing Essex County Council have removed the wooden handrails from the footbridge following damage to the bridge earlier this year. It has now been fitted with metal handrails and it looks as if the bridge itself did not require any actual repairs.</p> <div data-bbox="443 810 848 1353" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The fallen tree remains to the side of the footbridge but it does not cause any problem or danger to those using the path.</p>	

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<b>BWY 25</b>	<p>Track leading from Balls Road to Broad Oaks Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm</p> <p>This track remains severely flooded and is unlikely to drain and dry out for many weeks. No work, if any were to be undertaken, can take place until conditions improve. It remains to be seen if Essex Highways consider further expenditure on this track to be best use of their resources.</p>  <p>This byway is used by farm vehicles and horse riders which obviously add to the breakdown of the path's surface. An adjacent stream regularly breaches its banks and water drains onto the track from the neighbouring field which is higher than the track itself. It may be that I could suggest that Essex County Council might consider applying for a footpath diversion for walkers only if no lasting remedy can be found.</p>	Ref: 2635922
<b>FP13</b>	<p>Footpath off Fishpits Lane opposite Polstead Farm leading along Lamarsh Park</p> <p>A fingerpost has been requested under the Devolution Scheme. Awaiting permission to proceed.</p>	2652997 02/03/2020
<b>FP14</b>	<p>Footpath from Ravensfield Farm to Polstead Farm</p>	2652994 02/03/2020

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Footpath Number	Damaged old-style concrete fingerpost. Awaiting permission to replace under the Devolution Scheme. Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem/ Items of Interest	Ref. No.
<b>FP30</b>	The link from the Paddocks to the Colchester Road. The surface of the pathway has been deteriorating over time with a raised manhole cover presenting as a trip hazard. David Finch (County Councillor) invited any special requests for footpath repairs at the last Parish Council meeting and a request was duly submitted for this section of FP30. The path has been marked up for works in due course.	
<b>FP30</b>	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
<b>FP33</b>	Phillips Path. Colchester Road to Mount Bures level crossing A request has been made for an official Essex County Council finger post to be erected at the Colchester Road end of the footpath.	
<b>FP1,3 &amp;4</b>	These three truncated footpaths lead into Ferrier's Pits but have never been extinguished in the hope that at least one of the paths might be re-opened with a diversion order. Nik Leeson (PRoW Essex County Council) is currently investigating as to whether there would be funding to create a safe path around the Pits.	
<b>B1508</b>	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. The speed survey results have been circulated and do not recommend the creation of a 40mph 'buffer zone'. The Parish Council might like to reconsider requesting an alternative 'corridor' for pedestrians to walk between Mount Bures and Bures Hamlet.	

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