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	<p>Footpaths and bridleways have rapidly dried up after a warm, dry April. There have been many more local walkers out exploring the Parish footpaths during the Covid-19 lockdown. Happily, this has given many of our residents the opportunity to discover the delights of our surrounding countryside.</p> <p>A small number of fingerposts were awaiting repair or replacement but understandably these have been put on hold during the pandemic. Hopefully these maintenance works will be attended to in due course through the Devolution Scheme. Reliable signage is important to keep walkers on the right track and to keep the landowners happy!</p>	
Suffolk Walking Festival	This annual event, unfortunately, had to be cancelled.	
Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)	It had been hoped that Shirley Anglin, PRoW and Localism Officer might have attended the AGM to explain the P3 Scheme in more detail. This may be re-arranged for later in the year subject to Shirley's availability.	
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>No confirmation of the proposed diversion has been received. Concerns were raised by Alphamstone and Lamarsh Parish Councils at a very late stage in the proceedings and it is believed that a letter of objection was then submitted to the Definitive Maps Team at Chelmsford. The Officer leading this case suddenly retired from the post before the completion of the Order and any further progress was halted because of the pandemic. Complaints were also made because no notices of the proposed diversion were displayed anywhere on FP5 within the Parish of Bures Hamlet. It was announced only in the Witham Times which was not considered to be a local newspaper. I raised these concerns with the Definitive Maps Team by email but to date no acknowledgement has been received.</p>	

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FP21 (Mount Bures FP2)	The handrail was repaired following damaged caused by a fallen tree. The fallen tree has recently been cleared but the actual walkway on the bridge now requires attention. Warning notices on are display. This is awaiting assessment.	Ref: 2661038 31/03/2020
BWY 25	Track leading from Balls Road to Broadoakes Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm The flooding on this track has now cleared but no doubt will reoccur with any further heavy rainfall. The problem now is that the previous repair work to the surface of the bridleway has been badly rutted by agricultural vehicles driving through the flooded section.	Ref: 2635922 Ref: 2663642 02/05/2020
FP13	Footpath off Fishpits Lane opposite Polstead Farm leading along Lamarsh Park A fingerpost has been requested under the Devolution Scheme. Awaiting permission to proceed.	2652997 02/03/2020
FP14	Footpath from Ravensfield Farm to Polstead Farm Damaged old-style concrete fingerpost. Awaiting permission to replace under the Devolution Scheme.	2652994 02/03/2020
FP30	The link from the Paddocks to the Colchester Road. The surface of the pathway has been resurfaced but inexplicably a small uneven section around a manhole (which was marked up to be repaired) was left untouched.	
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
FP33	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. Awaiting approval to proceed.	

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FP1	The surviving section of FP1 leads off Bombose Lane around the perimeter of Bombose Farm. The entrance to the footpath is marked by an old concrete fingerpost which is set deep in a roadside hedge. It may be possible for the Parish contractor to cut the hedge back to reveal the fingerpost but it would be better to re-site the post in a more visible position on the verge. Permission to do this has been sought via the Devolution Scheme.	
FP1,3 &4	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. No further progress on this matter.	

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