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| **Footpath**  **Number** | **Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem/**  **Items of Interest** | **Ref. No.**  **Date reported** |
|  | No new significant issues to be reported regarding the condition of the Parish’s footpaths. Some longstanding defective signage, as previously reported, still to be resolved, subject to ECC budget restraints. Little change to the report submitted in March |  |
| **Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)** | The Service Level Agreement is due to be activated in the new financial year. The Parish Contractor will be instructed to cut PRoWs as necessary and, most importantly, as the budget allows. The ECC Highways will no longer provide any mowing or strimming service. It is anticipated that nettle and bramble clearance by volunteers will still be required to keep the paths accessible, especially during the summer months. |  |
| **FP1** | **Off Bombose Lane around Bombose Farm** The fingerpost remains obscured from sight by dense hedging. 21/04/2023 This will be checked again during the next scheduled inspection. No action deemed necessary at this time (Essex Highways report a problem update) | 2777380  15/05/2022 |
| **FP5** | **From the BR22 Ferriers Lane in a westerly direction towards Hornes Green**  The spring which cuts right across the footpath just beyond the Ferriers Barns has become quite boggy. The bricks are now sinking into the mud and no longer provide a firm crossing. The previous report has since been removed from the Essex Highways report a problem site, presumably as it is not a priority issue. | 2831201  17/03/2023 |
| **FP13** | **Footpath off Fishpits Lane opposite Polstead Farm leading along Lamarsh Park**  There is no fingerpost at this point or any indication that this is a PRoW. 14/02/2023 Work is now scheduled to be carried out but not yet completed at the time of this report. | 2777141 15/05/2022 |
| **FP14/BWY15**  **Footpath**  **Number** | **Footpath from Ravensfield Farm to Polstead Farm**  New finger post in position.  **Byway from Ravensfield Farm to Hornes Green**  New finger post in position  **Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem/**  **Items of Interest** | 2777139  15/05/2022  **Ref. No:**  **Date Reported** |
| **BWY 25** | **From Broadoakes Colne Road to Wood Cottages Balls Road**  This track has a longstanding problem with significant flooding, sometimes rendering the track totally impassable to walkers. The report online has now been removed and, at the time of this report, the flooding has subsided and the track is passable. The Byway will need regular monitoring throughout the year. | Ref:22812590  03.01.2023 |
| **FP27** | **A crossfield path from the road south-west of Daws Cross towards Rye Fenn**  Previously left to grass, the field has now been ploughed over for some time and the footpath has not been reinstated. It is impossible to locate the definitive line of the PRoW across the field. 06/01/2023 an initial assessment was carried out.  The details of the report submitted in January have since been removed. As there is no finger post and no visible track on the ground across a cultivated field, a report has been re-submitted. | Ref: 2812586  03.01.2023  (taken down)  Ref; 2844743  11/05/2023 |
| **FP28** | **A crossfield path cutting off a wide bend in Brambles Lane towards Rye Fenn**  The entrance to the gate leading into the field is overgrown with brambles. These have been trampled flat but the access will need further monitoring over the summer. Quite a remote path which simply cuts across a bend in the lane and not especially significant. |  |
| **FP33** | **Opposite Brook House on Hall Road leading to the Mount Bures level crossing**  Mount Bures Parish Council have, in the past, instructed their PRoW warden to keep the path clear. Bures Hamlet Parish Council have offered to contribute to the cost. It may be that a more specific arrangement should be put in place as FP33 will be covered by the ECC Service Level Agreement once it is activated. |  |
| **FYI** | **Quiet Lanes Suffolk**.  The Wave 4 Lane application ( Smallbridge Entry, Mill Hill) has been approved. Signage will be collected 18th May from Ipswich Depot. |  |
|  | Warmer weather and regular rainfall mean that the side growth on many footpaths becomes quite dense and difficult to get through.  Corridor paths, i.e., paths which are narrow and flanked on either side by hedges or fences will need some management over the summer. Volunteer help will be necessary to keep costs down.  **Needing extra attention**  FP7 from ‘Beautiful You’ along Secretaries wall- this has recently been cut back at the time of this report  FP8 from Ferriers Cottage up to the ’White Dragon Archery’ on Colne Road  FP21 From Masters Farm down to the Cambridge Brook- pinch point at the bridge crossing prone to over grown nettles.  FP23 From Craigs Lane alongside Hobbs Well  BWY 25 Off Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm  FP30 From Colne Road alongside Parsonage Grove to the railway crossing  FP33 From Colchester Road up to the Mount Bures railway crossing |  |

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