

Footpath Number	Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem	Ref. No.
	<p>No significant issues to report. Overall, paths are kept clear and passable. Bevills Estate have kindly maintained the Rookery permissive paths on the recreation field, permissive paths along the back of Tawneys Ride and alongside Clicketts Hill. The Parish remains very grateful for this generous provision of access to the Bevills farmland.</p>	
Walks Leaflet	<p>The Dedham Vale AONB and the Stour Valley Project officer, Katherine Davies, has been liaising closely with Cllr Gill Jackson on a 'Walking in Bures' leaflet. Funding for the publication has been halted during the pre-election period but 3000 copies should become available after 12th December. These will be for general distribution through AONB networks and at events. The Parish will also receive copies for the station, the church and retail outlets.</p> <p>A dedication to Dennis Ambrose has been added to the leaflet following a suggestion made by Hugh Turner who has been the Bures PROW officer in the past.</p> <p>Cllr Gill Jackson has received a finalised copy of the walks leaflet for Parish Councillors to view at the BSMPC meeting. 3000 hard copies to be printed in total. All the hard work on the part of Gill and Katherine that has gone into this publication is greatly appreciated.</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. Funding options are being explored to develop a 'Spingold' board (by Design and Print, Nayland) in the style of the riverside information boards already in place.</p>	
Green Access Strategy	<p>Suffolk County Council published its draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan, the Suffolk Green Access Strategy and invited public comment to be submitted by 20th September. It outlines ways to improve the county's network of public rights of way and to identify changes that will "improve provision for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those with mobility problems". The plan is intended to last until 2030 but will be subject to periodic reviews over that time. I submitted comments including the hope that more safe connections and corridors could be established between existing routes.</p>	

	<p>To that end, I hope that conversations may be had with Bevills Estate in the future to develop safer links between the footpaths on Cuckoo Hill and Assington Road up to Bures Green. Members of the public have raised concerns particularly about the albeit short but hazardous road walk alongside Fysh House Farm.</p>	
	<p>Items of Interest re: Bures Hamlet PROWs</p>	
FP33	<p>From Colne Road up to the Mount Bures level rail crossing. An unveiling ceremony of the plaque for the now-named Phillips Path took place on Sunday 6th October 2019, kindly organized by Hildegard Hill of Mount Bures The ceremony was attended by members of the late Pauline Phillips' family and residents of Bures and Mount Bures parishes. Nigel Chapman, the chair of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project, officially unveiled the plaque. A walk then followed along the footpath across the Cambridge Brook valley returning to Bures Hamlet for refreshments at the Eight Bells P.H.</p>	
B1508	<p>A request has been received (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. Ruth provided a series of photographs showing the existing roadside verges between Mount Bures and Bures Hamlet. Clearly these are not suitable for pedestrian use. 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 was included as an item for discussion on the agenda for the November BHPC meeting. The request for a pedestrian crossing at the Millennium Bridge is going to be revisited.</p>	

Jan Aries 19th November 2019