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	<p>Most footpaths continue to be well-used with some muddy conditions persisting in usual areas well-known to walkers.</p>	
<p>QLS</p>	<p>Bures St Mary Parish Council members decided at the meeting on Thursday 20th January that they are happy to support this submission and they agreed to fund the designation of Smallbridge Entry as a Quiet Lane. There are two Highways poles on Smallbridge Entry which may be suitable to support the signage but these are subject to a Highways inspection to assess their condition and position. In the event of these poles requiring replacement, there may be a cost of £190 per pole but all costings are very provisional at the moment.</p> <p>The QLS team were informed by 22nd January that this decision has been made during a public meeting and that the Parish Council is happy to proceed with the submission.</p> <p>It was also decided to ask Nayland with Wissington Parish Council to reconsider allowing the Quiet Lane to continue in their parish along Mill Hill to Woringford Bridge. The members were provided with maps and photographs to reassure them the impact on their parish would be negligible. Jan Aries attended the Nayland with Wissington Parish Council meeting on 16th February and the members agreed to the extension of the Quiet Lane to Woringford Bridge. It is understood that Woringford Parish Council will now apply for Quiet Lane status for Church Hill on the Essex side of the Woringford Bridge.</p> <p>The SCC public consultation for Wave 4 Lanes will take place in due course.</p> <p>Wave 1 & Wave 2 Quiet Lane Designation takes effect from the 9th March 2022. Assington Parish Council have a successful designation in Wave 2 for the Woringford Road which runs from Rose Green to the Arger Fen ford.</p> <p>The Suffolk Highways Engineer has completed his assessment of the responses from the Highways consultation on all W3 lanes(Hollow Lane, St Edmunds Lane). A small number of objections were received, but the good news is that QLS have been advised that all W3 lanes will be recommended for designation. SHA are currently preparing the formal report to the SCC Cabinet member for transport which forms the basis of the Designation Notice.</p> <p>Once the legal designation notice has been published, probably by the end of March, then W3 parishes will be able to collect and install their own signs.</p>	

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Highways Cutting Schedule	No progress to report.	
Discovering Suffolk	The QR disks for the two-year project called Discovering Suffolk organised by the Green Access Team at Suffolk County Council have been attached to all PRow finger posts in the Parish. Unfortunately, shortly after being put on the fingerposts, two disks were removed from two fingerposts sited either end of the footpath running around Fysh House off the Assington Road. This has been the only incident of vandalism.	
FP1	Little Cornard/ Workhouse Green (FP5) to the Sudbury Road This footpath joins the Little Cornard FP5 along Slough Lane. It is little used and this was not helped by the absence of any footpath signage. The path was visited by the Access Officer several years ago, but he was reluctant to allocate any funds to such a low priority route. The fingerpost on Upper Lane has now been installed. Waymarker posts along the route would also be of some benefit. Provision of these is the responsibility of the Parish Council, not Suffolk County Council.	00337995
FP8	Fysh House Farm to Clicketts Hill (Wind Whistle Ridge) The finger post at the Clickett Hill end of the track has been repaired but unfortunately was not fitted with a QR disk for Discovering Suffolk by the installation team.	00347035
FP9	Fysh House Farm to Over Hall Cottages The roadside finger post at Over Hall Cottages was damaged when the hedge was being flailed. A new fingerpost has been requested so that a 'Discovering Suffolk' QR disk can be applied to the post. This remains on the works schedule.	0033954

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BWY 10	<p>From the Assington Road by Fysh House to Moat Farm (Moat Lane) Where the lane descends into the valley, there are regular problems with flooding, rendering the lane difficult for walkers to navigate. Horse riders churn up the surface of the lane as well. The Access Team have explained that, as this is not a priority route, they are unable to resolve the issue.</p>	003474460
FP3	<p>From Sudbury Road lay-by to Assington Road via Corn Hall. Agricultural Determination DC/21/05947. Formal approval for the erection of two agricultural units opposite 'Burnetts' on the Corn Hall Estate was not required. The application claimed incorrectly that the development would not be seen from a PRow. No mitigating measures have been ordered to reduce the impact of these buildings on the landscape. No further response to the Parish Council's concerns. The justification for this decision was that there is already a modern agricultural building on site which is also incorrect.</p>	

The following two photographs were recently taken from the PRow FP3, showing the proximity of the site under preparation to the PRow. It also demonstrates how exposed the area is within the wider landscape. A private letter has been sent to the Babergh Planning Dept. questioning the integrity of such a decision to dismiss the need for mitigating measures to minimize the visual impact on the landscape.

Bures St. Mary PROW report March 2022- Jan Aries

