

Bures St. Mary PROW report (September 2020)

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	<p>Very little to report on footpaths on this occasion. As a point of interest, there have been some comments about cyclists using PROWs. Currently it is not a criminal offence to cycle on a public footpath but doing so without the permission of the landowner is likely to be considered as trespassing. However, it is an offence to cycle on a public footpath if a Traffic Regulation Order or a no-cycling by-law is applied.</p>	
	<p>Ciaran Griffin (Voluntary Footpath Warden Little Cornard Parish Council) approached Bures St Mary Parish Council to start some preliminary discussions about the creation of a footpath to link the two parishes. No progress to report.</p>	
<p>FP2</p>	<p>Bures/Sudbury Road lay-by to Dorking Tye. The crossfield section of this long footpath has been ploughed up. The landowner has two weeks to reinstate a visible footpath so I will revisit next week and report to Suffolk Highways if this has not been done.</p>	
<p>FP3</p>	<p>Bures/Sudbury Road lay-by to Assington Road via Corn Hall. An extensive field margin of maize for pheasant cover makes it very difficult to locate the exit from the crossfield path. A corridor should be provided through the maize. If this still has not been done when the above issue is checked, this obstruction will also be reported.</p>	
<p>BWY5</p>	<p>Footpath leading from the end of the Croft to the kissing gate on Sudbury Road. Concerns have been raised by an elderly resident who relies on this footpath as the only access to her property. Cllr Finch will report at the meeting about plans to resurface this byway.</p>	<p>Ref: 284156 21/07/2020</p>
<p>FP11</p>	<p>Footpath from Moat Farm along the Assington Brook to the ford at the foot of Arger Fen. There is a plank crossing over the Assington Brook with no handrail. The crossing can get quite slippery so a handrail has been requested. This report has been received and is awaiting a decision.</p>	<p>Ref: 280011 08/06/2020</p>

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FP18	The final easterly section of the path from Clickett Hill to Smallbridge Hall. The damaged fingerpost at the entrance to Smallbridge Drive has been replaced.	
	A new free walking initiative called 'Finding Your Feet' has made a tentative start in the village. This provides an opportunity for new walkers to join a small socially distanced group for gentle strolls around Bures. It is primarily intended to help those needing the opportunity for low impact exercise and some social interaction after the COVID-19 lockdown. This takes place currently every Wednesday afternoon from the Bures Common for one hour, led by Jo Bryant, an Engagement Officer for Braintree District Council. Posters are on display around the village and it has been advertised on Beautiful Bures (Facebook).	

Jan Aries 9th July 2020