

Bures St. Mary PROW report September 2021 - Jan Aries

Footpath Number	Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem/ Items of Interest	Ref. No.
	All the footpaths in the Parish have been checked. Not surprisingly, there has been an ongoing need to keep nettles and verges under control. Now that some fields/crops are being cut by landowners, field margins are also being cleared which is helpful for walkers.	
<b>QLS</b>	<p>Letters again were delivered to Bures Green residents seeking their opinion about submitting Hollow Lane to the QLS scheme. No objections and some verbal support received. The Parish Council voted at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to submit St Edmunds Lane and Hollow Lane.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council decided not to proceed with Arger Fen due to public opposition. The formal notification to the public by SCC commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> August with notices in the national press. Letters were delivered to the households and landowners on St Edmunds Lane and Bures Green. The notices were posted on the Parish Council website and displayed in the noticeboard. The deadline for public representations to the SCC will be 13<sup>th</sup> September. (Please note, it will be <b>many</b> months before the QLS Wave 3 is actually implemented across the county).</p>	
<b>Discovering Suffolk</b>	No further developments to report about the two-year project called Discovering Suffolk based within the Green Access Team at Suffolk County Council.	
<b>Highways Cutting Schedule</b>	The annual cutting allocation by Highways for the Parish does need to be reviewed. In comparison with the much more generous Essex cutting allocation for Bures Hamlet, it appears to be somewhat inadequate. At the moment, COVID-19 restrictions still seem to be delaying any progress in this matter.	
<b>Permissive Paths</b>	<p><b>From Friends Field to Fysh House Farm</b></p> <p>To ensure that walkers understand the permissive status of the path leading from Friend's Field to Fysh House Farm, notices have now been mounted at either end of the route.</p> <p>No other significant issues to report on this occasion.</p>	