

Footpath Report 28th April 2025

SCC Upgrade

I had been notified by James Pickering that SCC have planned to upgrade FP 35 which is adjacent to the school towards the Charity Meadow, FP 36, aka the Bowling Alley, Broadfields to Mill St and possibly FP32 Coldham Lane to the Lovell's Estate. I attended a meeting with James and Mika Ellis the school admin manager to go through SCC proposals. The work is to be carried out during the school Easter holiday.

I have checked these FP's and can report that they have all been completed and a brilliant job has been done. I have sent an email to James.

I have attached some photos to show the improvements.

FP Signs/Posts

I have now added another one to the list FP35, next to the school. The metal directional sign is missing. SCC have confirmed that this will be done. Mind you, we are still awaiting all the other replacements.

I have realised that there is no post at the junction of FP52/53, which is just off Burgate Rd, where one path goes towards Mill St, the other goes around the field to the end of Mill St, so I will ask Ken Larcombe for some more posts.

Following an email and photo from Sharlene, I have checked the post that was seen behind the play area. As suspected, this is from FP39, which is opposite the pub. I have emailed Ken Larcombe to get the contractors to reinstall

FP Conditions

I have walked several FP's recently and due to the very dry weather, they are all in good condition. However FP54 which runs adjacent to Mill St, I found that two trees have fallen across the FP. One is about 5'6" above the path, which SCC have now confirmed that this will be removed, the other further along the FP is about 6" above the FP, which I am still awaiting what SCC actions will be.

I have cleared the bridge of brambles over FP14A, which is from Mellis road towards the bridleway. I have also remarked several posts with the FP number.

FP Cutting

I submitted a quote from Richard Adams, so wondering what the decision is regarding cutting the PC Footpaths? The footpaths will require the first cut during May.

Annual Village Meeting

I will shortly provide a report for this event.

Litter Pick

Although not actually a footpath comment, just to confirm that I have booked the hall for the Autumn Litter Pick for Sunday 26th October. This one will not include the Cubs and Scouts, however, if they live in the village they may participate. We will need to do a different poster, so that it shows that this is a village event.

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