

Kirton Footpaths Summary 2019

Introduction

There is approximately 5.38 miles of public footpaths including 1.7 mile permissive footpath (around the brickworks lake) in the boundary of Kirton Parish Council (KPC). All paths within the boundary bar one can be easily accessed from within the KPC boundary and for ease of reference have recorded them as though starting from the church (except for the permissive path). The path that is not easily accessed from the centre of Kirton is the one that runs on the edge of Kirton Wood from Egmonton Road until it leaves the KPC boundary near Norton Wood. Part of the path does fall outside of the boundary that cuts through part of the wood, whereas the footpath follows the wood edge. I have classed this as a single footpath for convenience.

Below the paths have been recorded with the labels A to G. In recording the length of these paths the distance is from the church to the boundary, with the exception of the circular brickworks lake path and the Kirton Wood path, which is the distance from Egmonton Road to where it leaves the KPC boundary near Norton Wood.

KPC decided that these paths will be walked at least annually (but hopefully quarterly) by at least one of its member, to ensure the condition is maintained as outlined within the district council guidelines. Residents and walkers should also be encouraged to reports deficiencies in these paths. Any problems noted will be reported to the land owner or the county council as appropriate.

As a follow on of this report it is intended to produce a series of short walks based upon these paths. The distances will range from under 2.5 miles to over 6 miles. All would be graded easy, with little gradient except for some minor slopes within the brickworks area.

Paths

	Distance	Description	Date	Condition
A	0.56m	Sandfield Lane to the foot bridge (FB)	Aug 2019	Good
B	0.47m	Before Hall Farm signposted on right	Aug 2019	Good
C	0.36m	North along Walesby Lane, signposted on left. Head towards hedge, then keep to its left.	Aug 2019	Good
D	0.25m	North along Walesby Lane, signposted on left. Head towards hedge, stay right of hedge head North	May 2019	Poor
E	1.36m	Kirton Park to brickworks towards Laxton road	Jul 2019	Good
F	1.70m	Brickworks permissive path round lake	Jun 2019	Good
G	0.68m	Kirton wood: Egmonton road south to boundary	Dec 2019	Poor

	Date Walked	Remarks
A	Aug 2019	<p>Generally good although if continuing to Boughton, the small distance from Doncaster farm buildings to Boughton pitches was overgrown.</p> <p>Subsequent walks revealed the overgrowth has been cut back</p>
B	Aug 2019	<p>Tall marker post not fixed and query in correct place.</p> <p>Subsequent walk has shown a medium sized sink hole as you proceed along the path to Walesby Road.</p> <p>Both these will be reported to Newark Council</p>
C	Aug 2019	Footpath continues to Bog Lane, Walesby and is usually well marked.
D	May 2019	<p>The continuing of this path to Tuxford Road (Walesby) was in a poor state, not well marked and overgrown. Path not used that often, which may explain its condition.</p> <p>Land owner will be contacted if this does not improve.</p>
E	Jul 2019	Nice path well marked out.
F	Jun 2019	Was fairly overgrown, but subsequent walks noted the path was cleared within a couple of weeks.
G	Dec 2019	<p>Path was walked until it met up with the brickworks path.</p> <p>Posts and signs are missing, hidden in undergrowth or in disrepair, and this has resulted in incorrect paths being used by walkers / horses. The only part of the path that is clearly marked is around Kirton Wood itself. A reasonable amount of work is required to improve this footpath.</p> <p>The path will be examined again in better weather and persons /council notified as to the issues</p>