

NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – AUG/SEP 23

Footpath Officer:

A quiet couple of months for practical work with about 6 hours work carried out. The Footpath Officer strimmed FP4 (Dene – Police House), and carried out some waymarking tasks to reduce the number of HCC Problem reports (some of which were spurious). The majority of the latter have now been removed.

We were scheduled to have the annual HCC contractor cut in August, however I have been advised that this has slipped into at least September. This is a blessing in disguise, as it will clear the late summer growth, and thus reduce our effort in the autumn.

The broken stile at the start of FP4 (Dene towards the Police House) has been replaced.

Flytipping in a layby adjacent to FP 32 (Stockbridge Road) was reported and quickly cleared by TVBC.

I am liaising with the OWPC RoW lead with regard to repairing/replacing a broken stile on FP 23 (north of A343 opposite Parishes Hall)

Lengthsman Tasks carried out in Jul/Aug

I tasked the Lengthsman with only 1 hour of work in July which was to carry out a quick strim of FP 4 (Dene – Police House), however this was not carried out as the Lengthsman was off sick for a while (Footpath Officer eventually cleared this task). The Lengthsman reinstated a fallen/obscured marker post on FP 32 (Stockbridge Road north to Abbots Ann boundary).

Lengthsman Tasks Set for Sep

Clear nettle growth on north end of FP 21 (Old Industrial Buildings south of A343)

Lengthsman Budget and Forward Look

The single hour in August will bring the remaining budget down to £419.75. This gives us good headroom to do some autumn work,

depending on weather, and then clear drains/grips in the later autumn when the water table is still low in advance of the winter.

In October, I intend to continue to focus on the “usual suspect” road storm drains and grips in preparation for winter, and the FPs off School Lane (FPs 2 and 3)

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