

NWPC RIGHTS OF WAY AND LENGTHSMAN – OCT 19

The ROW officer carried out the following during Sep:

Strimmed Footpath 7 (Wisdom Lane – Trout Lane)

Strimmed FP 19 (Splash/Ducks Lane)

I have confirmed with the Senior HCC Access Warden, that the replacement of some of the poorly maintained stiles on the path that runs from School Lane north to the A343 is still to go ahead. The number has unfortunately reduced from three to two, but is it likely that HCC will remove the third stile completely. The work should be carried out in late October/early November.

The annual HCC Contractor cut was carried out in early September. It cut back RBs 35, 36, and 37 which are the Drove Roads between Hollom Down Road, the B3084 and Wallop Drove, together with FP 4 (Dean – Police House) and FP 23 (A343 north to OW boundary). The work was carried out to an excellent standard. FP 4, which has historically been a difficult path for us to maintain, is now in really excellent shape.

Lengthsman Tasks Carried out in Sep

Completed Rill Clearance (3.0 hrs)

Cut back Restricted Byway 34 (south of A343 near Hollom Down) (4.0 hrs)

Sightlines: B3084/Five Bells Lane (0.5hrs)

Total 7.5 hrs = £142.50

Lengthsman Tasks set for October

Sight lines: B3084/Five Bells Lane 0.5 hr

Sight Lines: Exit from the Square onto Heathman Street 0.5 hr

Strim new growth FP2 (School Lane) 1 hr

First pass opening up grips and clearing leaf fall in road drains:
Heathman Street/Farley Street (2hrs)

Lengthsman Budget and Forward Look

Up to and including the October tasking, and taking into account carry forward from FY 18/19, we have enough left in our allocation for a further 20 hours of work. With the growing season over, I would see almost all of the Lengthsman work being used on road drains/grips, with the possibility of clearing fallen branches/trees if required. I would like to have some surplus left towards the end of the year, either to carry forward, or to use for a specific stile repair task.

Miscellaneous – Status of Footpath – Heathman Street/Church Lane

This was raised at the September meeting. I have taken this forward with the HCC Access Warden, who has passed it to the HCC Mapping Team for action, in order to take this onto the HCC “Definitive Map” as a footpath Right of Way. I am pleased that this has moved to this stage so quickly. This will clear the way, potentially, for HCC to take some action to improve the wearing course, although, of course, no timescale has been given.

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