

ANNUAL FOOTPATH CONDITION CHECK 2023

Location: eg footpath B1	Condition: Good, Acceptable, Poor	Signs: condition/appropriateness with recommendation for improvement	Issue: eg width <1M, overgrown, dog fouling, inappropriate use (horse, vehicle), hazard eg livestock, trees	Who	Actions
B1 Village hall to Stirtloe Lane	Mainly Good (passable with mobility scooter)	- Sign missing and signs obscured by vegetation - Finger post at junction of B1 and Stirtloe Lane is in good condition	- Sign required at junction with B4 and the footpath around the Valley at GR195673, Round About Buckden sign - Vegetation obscuring 'Roundabout Buckden' signs at junction of B1 and footpath from Cranfield Close between the bungalows through to Cranfield Way at GR196671 - Metalled surface of path on Cranfield Close eroded at junction of the two paths at GR196671 - Tree root damage from GR196671 and where path becomes grass - Fence to east of path, as it leaves Cranfield Close, has fallen down; not causing an obstruction - Overhanging vegetation on grass/earth path - Exposed tree roots potential trip hazard; quite obvious	- CU/MS - MS - MS - None - MS - MS - None	- Replace missing sign at GR195673 - Cutback vegetation at GR196671 - Report to Cambs CC <i>reported 23 Nov 23</i> - No action required - Ask AB about ownership of fence <i>request sent</i> - Ask AB about overhanging vegetation <i>request sent</i> - No action
B2 Stirtloe Lane towards Diddington	Good (passable with mobility scooter if you have radar key for gate)	Signage is appropriate and clearly visible			

B3 Diddington Brook to Mill Road	• Good from junction with service road going NE • Poor/acceptable going from the service road to join D5	Signage is appropriate and clearly visible	• Significant overhanging vegetation from junction with D5 to service road • Path surface very eroded and muddy towards junction with service road particularly at GR205665 • North of service road evidence of tree clearing with vehicle damage to path • 3 large tractor tyres dumped just off the path at GR209667	• CU • CU • MF • MF	• Ask Thornhills about cutting back vegetation • Include information concerning likely state of footpaths on the next revision of the footpath map • Monitor for further activity in case path is damaged • Check if still in place then report as fly tipping
B4 Lucks Lane to B1	Fair (passable with mobility scooter)	The finger post not fully visible	• Overgrowth of Leylandii hedge in garden of 44 Lucks Lane at GR194672 obscuring finger post • Path's metalled surface between Lucks Lane and Morris Close cracked due to tree root upheaval • Overhanging hedge obscuring light • Incursion of brambles narrowing path between Morris Close and junction with path B1 • Fallen fence panel; potential future hazard	• CU • None • None • HM • HM	• Visit owner 44 Lucks Lane to cut back hedge to reveal sign • No action • No action as has been cut • Cut back brambles • Remove fence panel
B5 Shooters Hollow bridleway	Good	Some work required	• Missing sign at far end of caravans • Vegetation obscuring signs • Sign worn on bridge	• MS • MS • MS	• Replace missing sign <i>completed</i> • Cutback vegetation <i>completed</i> • Replace sign on bridge <i>completed</i>
B6 Hardwick to Taylors lane	Acceptable	Acceptable	• Slight nettle overgrowth		• No action

B7 to Grafham	Poor in parts	Work required	• Sign missing at Taylor's Lane end • New building now built to left of path – some overgrowth between that and caravan, bumpy under foot • Drainage issues from junction with B8 • At junction with B8: • new post put in but falling over, no signs on it • post with signs also falling over	•RS •MS •None •RS	• Replace missing sign at Taylor's Lane end • Report to Cambs CC <i>reported 23 Nov 23</i> • No action required • Replant signs at junction with B8
B8 to Brampton Road	Good	Acceptable	• Overhanging branch near junction with B7 • Sign on Brampton Road slightly obscured	•None •None	• No action required • No action required
B9 connects B3 and B12	Acceptable	Acceptable			
B11 Mere Lane	Good	Good			
B12 OVW south	Good	Good			
B13 OVW north	Good except under A14 bridge	Work required	• Severe bank erosion under A14 bridge • Sign missing to indicate where to go while travelling south on the route (100 yds from end of roadway)	•CU •MS	• Raise issue at 6 December meeting with Ouse Valley Trust and Cambs CC • Replace missing sign

B14 B3 to OVW	• Good where parallel with service road (passable with mobility scooter except for exit at end of service road) • Acceptable to poor from where path turns eastward along fence surrounding intake works	• Good, some vegetation obstruction • Information board in good condition	• Vegetation overgrowth narrows path along edge of intake works • Vegetation overgrowth east of footbridge • Path flooded east of footbridge • Path does not coincide with map; should follow field margin now on higher ground • Vegetation obscuring 'Roundabout Buckden' signs eg on footbridge at GR211662 • Ouse Valley Way (D2) flooded to south • Redundant tree guards causing an environmental hazard south of path where parallel to the Anglian Water service road	•CU	• Raise issue at next Quarry meeting • As above • As above • As above • As above • As above • As above
B15 Waterworks	Good	Work required	• Sign missing at junction with permissive path	•MS	• Install sign at junction with permissive path <i>completed</i>
D1 Manor to Boughton farms					CG
D2 OVW	Good	Good			
D5 western end B3	Fair	Good	• Path narrows in places due to bramble growth; much of which has been cut back • Path surface is worn towards the junction with B3 and can become very muddy	•CU	• Raise issue with Thornhills • As above
D6 southern end B2	Good	Good			
D11 N to S Lodge					CG

D12 Vicarage Lane to A1					Not checked
D13/15 Vicarage Lane to Highfield Farm	Good	Work required	• Sign required at junction D13 and D15	• MS	• Install sign at junction of D13 and D15 <i>completed</i>
D14 Diddington Wood	Acceptable	Some work required	• Sign needed at junction with D15 'mute.position.nooks' • Post needs replanting at • Post wonky, needs reinforcement 'celebrate.manuals.clasping'	• MS/RS • RS • RS	• Purchase and install sign at 'mute.position.nooks' • Replant post at 'chum.doormat.boils' • Reinforce post at 'celebrate.manuals.clasping',
D18 St Lawrence's Church					CG

Who Key

Initials	Name
CU	Caroline Underwood
HM	Handymen
MF	Madeline Fraser
MS	Melanie Storey
RS	Richard Salmon
None	As no action required