

Green Infrastructure Group October 2021

Introduction

The next meeting will be held on 18th October. This is an interim report.

Annual Footpath Survey

This has now been completed and is attached to this report. Certain paths continue to cause problems. In particular stretches of the Ouse Valley Way, we will be contacting the Great Ouse Valley Trust about these issues .

Great Ouse Valley Trust

The latest newsletter has been received. This is on the Buckden Parish Council website.

Tree Planting

We have been informed that a landowner will be planting 60-90 trees on what is known as Bill's Field. This is a field between Stirtloe Lane and the new Lucks Lane development. This is likely to be planted in November.

Tree survey and work

We are in the process of commissioning the work recommended by the Tree surveyor. If you wish for further details, please ask the Clerk for the quote specification.

Planting in the village

Following consultation with our Biodiversity adviser we will be doing more hedge planting in the High Street and perennial wildflower planting along the Morris Close footpath.

ANNUAL FOOTPATH CONDITION CHECK 2021

Location: eg footpath B1	Condition: Good, Acceptable, Poor	Signs: condition/appropriateness with recommendation for improvement	Posts to get	Issue: eg width <1M, overgrown, dog fouling, inappropriate use (horse, vehicle), hazard eg livestock, trees	Actions
B1 Village hall to Stirtloe Lane	Poor	Acceptable		PS · Mild cracking in pavement from along the Bowls Club to the bridge · Large cracks from playing field to where B1 meets B4 · Photos 1 & 2	B1.1 Approach VHT to see if they are intending to remedy the issues Report to CCC
B2 Stirtloe Lane towards Diddington	Acceptable	Acceptable		PS · In need of general cutting of nettles along path from beginning of Cranfield Way to Stirtloe House	B.2 Usually maintained well and will die back in winter

B3 Diddington Brook to Mill Road	Poor	Acceptable		PS · Water pools all along the path during rainy weather and persists in places through summer and good weather · Issue caused by dam at the bridge on B15; EA responsibility · Photo 3 (From Diddington end of path 150 metres from water board Road)	B3.1 Approach EA to see if they are intending to remedy the issues
B4 Lucks Lane to B1	Poor	Acceptable	1	PS · Tree roots erupting on the path · Generally the tarmac is very poor · Path used by wheelchair users and people with disabilities on a daily basis · Osiers end hedge completely blocking street lamp · Photos 4, 5 & 6	B4.1 Report tree root issue and condition of tarmac to CCC B4.2 Ask Parish Clerk to write to resident about foliage obstructing street light

B5 Shooters Hollow bridleway	Good	· 2nd sign backwards to be replaced · Post needed @ 'orders, places nags' GR 17695 66976 · Sign on bridge to be replaced		MS/CU Approached from Perry Road	B5.1 Replace 3 signs B5.2 Order and insert post
B6 Hardwick to Taylors lane	Poor			LO · Overgrown with nettles, thistles and in some places brambles · Unsuitable for pedestrian use as unable to see where grass verge ends and ditch begins, (particularly in Taylors Lane) to avoid cars, HGVs and tractors · Verges need to be maintained to allow pedestrians to use verges to walk on and safely use to avoid vehicles	B6.1 Report to CCC
B7 to Grafham	Poor	Acceptable		LO · Overgrown pathway, passable for adult but not pleasant	B7.1 Report to CCC

B8 B7 to Brampton Road	Acceptable	Sign at intersection with B7 needs to be replanted		MS Narrow in places	B8.1 Replant post
B9 connects B3 and B12	Good	Good		MS	
B11 Mere Lane	Good	Good		MS	
B12 OVW south	Poor northern end Rest acceptable	Good		MS · Overgrown with nettles, passable for adult but unpleasant · Oak tree fallen across path at GR 21610 66584	B12.1 Write to Ouse Valley Trust B12.2 Report fallen oak tree (CCC say work completed)
B13 OVW north	Poor	Good	1	MS · GR 21562 67808 path very difficult as eroded in to river · Impassable due to nettles and other vegetation	B13.1 Write to Ouse Valley Trust (see B12.1)
B14 B3 to OVW	Good	· Post broken at GR 21054 66380, needs to be replaced		MS · Been cut back	B14.1 Order and insert post

B15 Waterworks	Good	· Sign to be installed		MS	B15.1 Sign to be installed
D1 Manor to Boughton farms	Good	· Sign needed at Paxton end of wood going north · Signs needed where path crosses quarry road		MS	B16.1 Add 3 new signs
D2 OVW	Acceptable/Poor	Good		MS · Sections are narrow due to vegetation growth	D2.1 Write to Ouse Valley Trust (see B12.1)
D5 western end B3	Acceptable	Good		MS · Trees and bushes low branches in places · Trees planted along path edge will cause issues in future years	
D6 southern end B2	Good	Good		MS	

D11 N to S Lodge	Good	Vegetation obscuring sign needs to be cut back at GR 18904 66299		MS/CU	
D12 Vicarage Lane to A1				Not checked as not in use	
D13/15 Vicarage Lane to Highfield Farm	Good	Replace sign GR 17734 66202	1	MS/CU	
D14 Diddington Wood	Good	- Cut back foliage after bridge - T junction with D15 post needed GR 17292 66287 - Post needs fixing in to ground and new signs GR 17047 66311		MS/CU Approached from Perry Road	D14.1 Cut back foliage D14.2 Order and insert post D14.3 Replant post and replace signs

D18 St Lawrence's Church	Good	Good		MS/CU	
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