

The past year has seen a good amount of repair and renewing of bridges and finger posts. The latter showing their age, the wooden posts rotting at the base making re-erection impossible by a Footpath committee member. We therefore have to wait our turn for a new one to be supplied and fitted by Highways.

We also have two stiles that give us cause for concern on the Blue Route from the A1120 and onto the A140 from the field.

It was brought to the Parish Councils attention at the November meeting that the Finger Post on Blacksmith's Lane was pointing in the wrong direction. Councillor Woods reported in the Recorder the reasons for the change. In these days of transparency we have to get these matters addressed. We know it is hard to understand why we now have to walk across a field of crops when most of us have been walking around the edge of the field for as long as we can remember.

The two village walks led by Tony Stevens have continued to be well attended and amazingly both been blessed with good weather.

Spring always brings the problem of fast growing vegetation, nettles and brambles being the worst. If you have a problem gaining access to any of our footpaths please get in touch with any parish councillor and we shall do our best to clear the way.

Thank you to Lindsey Stone for always having the kettle on at the end of the walk when we can rest our feet but continue our conversations.

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