

Wickham Market Parish Council

Environment and Leisure Committee Meeting of 12 June 2023

Item EL 23.11 Report by Footpaths Warden

Activities undertaken

1. I have walked the 21 Footpaths and 3 Bridleways within the Parish and noted any issues on access and waymarking.
2. I have set up a database listing all the PROWS (Public Rights of Way) in the Parish according to the Definitive Map with details of location, condition, waymarking and any issues.
3. I have met with the SCC PROW Officer for WM Parish (Debbie Adams) to clarify my role, contact and reporting procedures and undertaken a risk assessment
4. I have contacted adjoining Parish Councils/Meetings to link with other Footpath wardens. To date, have only met Pettistree warden.
5. I have met with Anne Westover and Anna McGowan (SCC Officer dealing with the Circular Walks scheme) and have walked several alternative routes to replace the existing Blue (Gallows) route on the Parish circular walks.

Future activities proposed

1. Replacement of rusted metal posts on FP20 (Walnuts Lane to Thong Hall Road) with wooden posts in store at Cemetery Bier House
2. Replacement of eroded wood post at Church Terrace on FP14
3. To produce a plan to improve FP11 (Church Terrace to Spring Lane) by removal of kissing gates, improve accessibility and develop a local circular route returning via FP9 (George lane)
4. Further work on Parish circular walks to agree a new Blue route and arrange publication online and in print.
5. To work with Cllr Dempsey-Grey to develop a Parish walking group.

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