

## **Wickham Market Parish Council**

### **Environment and Leisure Committee Meeting of 09 October 2023**

#### **Item EL 23.26 Report by Footpaths Warden**

##### **Activities undertaken**

1. Clearance work on FP29 (buddleia) Churchill to Snowden.
2. Clearance work on FP11 Pightle to Spring Lane
3. Clearance work on FP9 (mainly Spring lane end)
4. New way marker post on FP9 where footpath divides from tarmac path
5. Difficult communication with SCC on footpath signage

##### **Questions for the committee**

1. FP9 George to Spring Lane divides at its lower end with one section (tarmacked) going to Barhams Way and the other (grass) to Spring Lane. The section to Barhams does not appear to be on the definitive map as a PROW and could therefore be vulnerable. Do we need to take steps to register it?
2. There is a need for residents to be able to report footpath issues locally other than the SCC highways portal. Could we have a footpaths@WMPC email which I could access and which could be advertised?
3. ESDC (via Sally Noble) have indicated that capital grants may be available for equipment to allow WMPC to carry out maintenance on footpaths (not just PROWs) throughout the Parish. Can I put together a costed proposal document to take this further?

**Simon Harrington**

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