

Wickham Market Parish Council

Report by Footpaths warden to Full Council November 2024

Rights of way work programme planned



1. George Lane (FP9). Spring lane/King

Edward Drive. Work to start soon to cut back hedges (pictured) alongside path to achieve 1m clearance from centre path line.

2. Little Lane to Broad Road roadside path.

Work to start soon on cutting an unofficial path along wide roadside verge between Broad Road and the point where Little Lane joins the B1078 road. This will provide a new safe circular route close to the village.



3. Fowl's Watering to White Bridges (FP17).

Cut back growth just before bridge/weir and sort out signpost (pictured) at 4 way junction at edge of The Oaks.

Rights of way work undertaken

- 1. Restricted byway Co-Op to Walnuts lane (RB19).** This has been cut back to achieve the required 3m width and area of bramble growth dealt with.
- 2. Little Lane (BW7).** Regular maintenance and cutting back of large 'mile-a-minute' growth.
- 3. Ashe Road/Main Road pavement/verges.** Strimming of this area has taken place and request to SCC highways made to clear growth off pavement from Deben Bridge to end on Ashe Road in order to provide a useable pedestrian/mobility route. The Main Road verge is maintained to prevent obscuring safety and village gateway signage and advertising.
- 4. Churchill Crescent to Snowden Hill (FP29).** Side growth cut back.
- 5. Potsford Wood footpath to B1078 (FP2).** Cut back growth to make path accessible at B1078 end. Requires further work to improve visibility for walkers emerging onto B1078.

Rights of Way obstructions

The Parish Council has no statutory powers in relation to rights of way obstructions. Issues should always be reported to the Highways authority using the Suffolk Highways reporting tool at <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

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