

Wickham Market Parish Council

Report by Footpaths warden to Full Council September 16 2024 Agenda item FC24/85

1. Public Right of Way widths and heights

The recommended widths and heights for different types of PRow are

	Width	Height
Footpath –	2.0 m	2.2m
Bridleway –	3.0m	4.0m
Restricted Byway –	3.0m	4.0m

2. **The George Lane** footpath to Spring lane/King Edward Drive (FP9). As well as regular maintenance to keep the hedges and verges from obstructing the path, there is a need for substantial cutting back of hedges bordering Meadowside properties where the hedge is encroaching on the path. (See photos)



To achieve recommended footpath width, there should be 1m clearance on both sides from the centre line of the path.

3. **Paving at Medical Centre.** Although not a footpath the paving around the centre has been reset by ESC to remove trip hazards as part of the resurfacing of the car park. Thanks to Cllr Chenery for his intervention.

4. **Restricted byway Co-Op to Walnuts lane (RB19).** This has been cut back to achieve the required 3m width. Tree planting along this PRow creates problems for maintaining required width and height.
5. **Regular maintenance.** The role of the Parish Footpath warden is not to replace the work done by SCC teams but to monitor and intervene where growth is a problem between SCC cuts and locations that SCC does not cover. Although I try to walk the Parish PRows on a regular basis it is always useful if issues are reported to footpaths@wickhammarketpc.com as well as to the Suffolk Highways reporting tool at <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

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