

Footpath Officer's Report 9th February 2017

Reports from the Public

Report received regarding condition of PROWs WC99, WC100, WC102, WC107, GN6 and GN14. A number of missing fingerposts have been identified. WC100 needs clearing again in the vicinity of Bourne House.

WC68 was closed for a few days by Balfour Beatty in order for them to reinstate a broken balustrade. It has since been reopened.

WC110. The parish has been formally notified of a modification order to reinstate footpath WC110 which runs from Meeks Well Lane along the side of the property known as Rowan House, to Ashes Lane. Balfour Beatty are responsible for ensuring that the path is reinstated.

Ongoing issues

WC75 is still blocked by fallen trees. The Lengthsman's team has been badly hit by the ongoing Man-flu epidemic and this has seriously curtailed the work they were scheduled to do, however, this work is now back on schedule.

WC87. This footpath runs from the C1257 at the top of The Paddocks drive, across the flood meadow to meet with WC1. There is no finger post at the junction with the C1257, and no way marker post at the junction with WC87. In fact there is no sign of WC87 at all. It seems to have disappeared.

Missing or damaged signage.

The Lengthsman has commenced work replacing this, and will be continuing it throughout the forthcoming year. He has just taken delivery of a new stock of way marker posts.

New signage has been installed at the following locations:

New way marker signs at junction of WC9, WC9A and WC19.
New way marker post at junction of WC26 and WC24
New way marker signs at junction of WC26 and WC28.
New way marker post at junction of WC26 and WC31.
New way marker post at junction of WC26 and WC30.
New way marker signs at junction of WC26 and WC29A
New way marker post at junction of WC26 and WC32.
New way marker post at junction of WC28 and WC31.
New way marker post at junction of WC34 and WC35.
New way marker signs at junction of WC27 (Leaping Stocks) and WC28.
New way marker post at junction of WC27 and WC32.

Missing or damaged way markers:

Junction of WC9A and WC15.
Junction of WC15 and WC16.
Junction of WC26 and track into E&I William's yard
Junction of WC26 (Tump Lane) and WC34.
Junction of WC26 (Tump Lane) and WC42 (Blackstone Kiln Lane).
Junction of WC26 (Tump Lane) and WC42A

Junction of WC42 (Blackstone Kiln Lane).and WC42A
Junction of WC35 and WC49.
Junction of WC35 and WC52.
Junction of WC34 and WC37.
Junction of WC73 and WC74.
Junction of WC74 and WC79.
Junction of WC74 and WC62 (Meeks Well Lane).
Junction of WC75 and WC78.
Junction of WC62 (Meeks Well Lane) and WC72.
Junction of WC72 and WC61 (Ashes Lane).
Junction of WC61 (Ashes Lane) and WC72A (Pritchard's Lane).
Junction of WC61 (Ashes Lane) and WC70 (Coffin Slide)
Junction of WC61 (Ashes Lane) and WC73.
Junction of WC35 and WC36.
Junction of WC26 (Tump Lane) and WC27 (Leaping Stocks).
Junction of WC27 (Leaping Stocks) and WC37
Junction of WC49 and WC53.
Junction of WC35 and WC53.
Junction of WC19 and WC18.

Missing or damaged finger posts:

Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC16
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC19.
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC26 (Green Lane).
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC27 (Leaping Stocks).
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC35.
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC40 (Sawpitts Lane).
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC73.
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC75 at Rambler Cottage.
Junction of U71235 (Doward ring road) and WC81.
Junction of B4164 and WC89 (entrance to Danterland).
Junction of C1257 and WC87 (entrance to The Paddocks).

Lengthsman Report

Report received on replacing signage

Status of paths

The following paths are blocked:

WC47 - Blocked at Rockleech
WC54 - Blocked from junction with WC57 down to Sandiway Lane
WC55 - Blocked from Sandiway Lane by wooden / wire fence and 6ft hedge.
WC87 – has 'disappeared' and needs to be reinstated.
WC95 - Blocked by hedgerow at junction with lane opposite Tuck Mill.
WC96 - Blocked by domestic fence
WC101. Blocked near Daf-y-Nant House.

The following paths are passable but require maintenance:

GN1 - Fence falling across path and encroaching undergrowth by Kennel Cottage
GN5 - Partially blocked by fallen tree near junction with lane near Sellarsbrook Park

GN9 - Stile needs repairing/replacing
WC1 - Overgrown between Leisure Park and Ferrie Inn
WC37 – Overgrown below May Cottage
WC34 – Overgrown and impassible for much of its length.
WC46 - Electric fence across stile
WC50 - Badly eroded in places
WC52 - Overgrown and impassible for much of its length.
WC68 - In places the wooden steps have broken and need to be replaced
WC75 – Blocked by fallen beech tree behind Rambler Cottage
WC102 - From the U71230 road access footbridge the first stock fence has no stile.