

Footpaths Report – November 2024

Footpaths around the parish continue to be well used by residents and visitors alike.

Broken waymarker posts on Footpaths 5 and 19, reported earlier in the year, have now been replaced.

Footpath 11. There have been further problems regarding Footpath 11 behind Firecrest Nursery on Hall Road. Despite previous correspondence over the past two years between the Parish Council and SCC Rights of Way regarding this path becoming overgrown, the path once again became overgrown and virtually impassable during the summer, resulting in a number of complaints from residents and walkers.

Footpath volunteers carried out some minor clearance work to make the path passable on 3rd September and it was noted that by 17th September SCC had finally carried out strimming and clearance of this path, this having been initially reported on their Rights of Way reporting tool 2 months earlier, on 16th July.

Footpath 1A. A safety hazard was noted by Footpath Wardens on this path in September. The remaining partial frame of the old kissing gate had started protruding from the ground, on the footpath behind the school. This was in two places with quite sharp protrusions, creating a hazard (trip/stab), where this section of path is well used by walkers and school parents/children. This was addressed by digging around both sections and then using an angle grinder to remove around 3 inches length of metal at each point, then filling in. There is still metal some down there presumably bedded deep in concrete, so in years to come some of the frame may work its way up again however for now it is made safe.

The Fynn Valley Walks Group, supported by All Saints Church, has continued to hold weekly guided walks around the area throughout the year, with around 12 to 15 walkers, both from within and outside the parish, joining us on most weeks. The Group has also held occasional themed walks, including a Dawn Chorus Walk in early May, wild plant themed walks in spring and autumn and a Historic Churches Walk in September.

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