

Date 22nd May 2024

Public Rights of Way report for Lingwood and Burlingham Parish 2024.

I have carried out a survey of the following footpaths as required in the May/June monitoring schedule of the Public Rights of Way within our Parish.

The survey was conducted on the 19th, 20th & 21st May and the report is as follows:

Footpath (FP) 1. North Burlingham/Burlingham Green – 21st May – This is a well-maintained footpath which is cut regularly by a local resident.

FP 2. Old Dairy Farm/Belt Plantation – 21st May – The recognized public footpath is overgrown and difficult to walk, as most walkers, if not all, use the purpose-built path constructed as part of the North Burlingham Woodland Walks. This path runs alongside the recognised footpath, separated by a well-defined hedge.

FP 3. Church Road/A47 – 19th May - Good. Due to the work on the A47, a section of the footpath is closed. This footpath was cut by BADCOG on Monday 13th May.

FP 4. Post Office Road/Church Road – 19th May - Footpath is in good condition. The pedestrian kissing gate have not been replaced on the north side of the footpath that leads onto Church Road, and the pedestrian kissing gate on the southside that leads onto Post Office Road is broken. The footpath was cut by BADCOG on Monday 13th May. Missing, broken pedestrian kissing gate reported to NCC (ENQ900267636 & ENQ900267637)

FP 5. Pack Lane/Blofield Road – 19th May - The section of footpath from Pack Lane to Blofield Road is uncut and unused. This footpath leads nowhere as is therefore rarely used.

FP 6. Chapel Road/Station Road – 19th May - No finger post on the Station Road side of the footpath, and there are sections of the footpath that are overgrown. Missing finger post and overgrown vegetation reported to NCC (ENQ900267638 & ENQ900267640)

FP 7. Lodge Road/South Burlingham Road – 20th May – Good – nothing to report.

FP 8. Norwich Road/Parish boundary FP 2 Beighton – 20th May – The footpath is in a very good condition and had only just been recently cut. However, a

pedestrian kissing gate is missing on the western side of the footpath. Reported to NCC (ENQ900267644)

FP 9. Norwich Road/Buckenham Road – 19th May - Most of the footpath is in good condition with the exception of the section between the houses where sections were overgrown. I have cut back the vegetation using a scythe and loopers, making walking the footpath a lot more enjoyable. At a later time, I'll cut back some of the scrub with the hedge trimmer. The hedge/scrub either side of the path is becoming a problem here as it's starting to encroach further out to where people walk. These needs a good cutting back in the autumn/winter.

FP 10. Buckenham Road/Parish boundary FP 11 Strumpshaw – 19th May – Good, however there are no finger posts at either end of the footpath. Reported to NCC (ENQ900267643)

FP 11. Pack Lane – 19th May - Good – nothing to report.

This concludes the monitoring of the Public Rights of Way for the period May/June 2024

The following issues have been reported to NCC via their website reporting system:

FP 4 – Missing pedestrian kissing gate - ENQ900267636.

FP 4 – Broken pedestrian kissing gate - ENQ900267637

FP 6 – Missing fingerpost - ENQ900267638

FP 6 – Sections overgrown - ENQ900267640.

FP 8 – Missing pedestrian kissing gate - ENQ900267644.

FP 10 – Missing fingerpost - ENQ900267643

Any other actions comments: It was good to see someone had been proactive and cut the section of footpath along FP8 from Station Road to Spencer Close, which can quickly become overgrown and a problem when wet.

Your Sincerely

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