

Calne Without Parish council
8th March 2021
Agenda Item 12
Footpaths Working Group Report

1 Introduction

The Footpaths Working Group was formed in June 2020.

The Group has the following objectives, timescales and reporting set out in the Terms of Reference:

Objectives

- To carry out an audit of the existing paths, cycleways and bridle paths, identifying the routes and structures along it and any barriers to its use.
- To recruit volunteers to help carry out the audit and assist in the maintenance and improvement of the network.
- To identify places of historical or landscape importance to the Parish.
- To promote the use of paths by residents and visitors and to identify projects to encourage the use of the asset.

Timescales

The Working Group will aim to recruit volunteers and carry out the audit of routes during the summer 2020 provided that Government advice prevailing at the time allows this to happen.

Reporting

The Working Group will prepare an initial action plan to present to the Parish Council detailing its strategy and Councillor responsibilities for the recruitment of Volunteers and the methodology for the audit. The Working Group will use the resources provided by Wiltshire Council to guide their work.

The Group's work has been restricted by the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and rules and perhaps the scale of the task was not appreciated in the first instance.

2 Footpath Survey

The detailed results of the survey so far are attached at Appendix 1.

31 paths have been surveyed so far and while most are in good condition there are stiles that need attention and signposting that needs improving or replacing.

The Parish Council will need to work with Wiltshire Council Rights of Way team to establish how any issues found will be dealt with and improved, for example signage work is best done by Rights of Way officers with experience. If the Parish Council is able to recruit

members of the public who would be willing to become countryside volunteers and carry out works to keep paths in good condition, they will need to undergo training by the rights of way team first.

The Council had received a request for assistance with work to upgrade stiles to kissing gates from a landowner back in June. The request was for 5 kissing gates but only one of the locations was actually within the Parish the others being in Calne Town. The Council responded that it wished to carry out the footpath survey and set priorities for improvements before responding to the request, the Council may wish to revisit this. The original request is shown at Appendix 2.

3 Conclusion

As the group has been so restricted in its work over the last 9 months it may be advisable for the Council to review the timescale and reporting plan for the Group and update the Terms of Reference accordingly.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Council review the progress of the Working Group and set a programme for the future work.**
- 2. That the Council revisit the request for assistance with improving a stile on footpath CALW35 to a kissing gate, if the works have not already been carried out.**

Appendix 1

Calne Without Parish Council

Footpath Audit 2020/2021

Date	No	F/B	Location	Comments (eg. blockages, repairs needed, stiles/gates – with location)	Points of interest
Oct	1	F	Golden Gate Derry Hill to path 2A 790m	Good, no issues.	
20/2/21	2a	F	Church Road/Old Road to south of Bowood House, 1.24km	Good, some nettles (vine.boxing.sunflower) . Can get very muddy in the wooded section approx ((truffles.disprove.synthetic)	
	2b	F	Junction 51A west to Pinhills Lane Plantation, 200m		
	3	F	Path 10 ,Pinhills Farm to Pinhills Lane plantation,670m	Good, some nettles at (flashback.stubborn.prompt) but relatively easy to use with a little, care even in shorts.	
Oct	4	F		Good, no problems	
Oct	5	F	Path 11 along disused railway north east,560m	Good,Permissive Path from CALW5 to CALW10 in good condition	
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	7	B	U/C 7005 Calstone South Farm towards Labour-in-vain Hill, 1234m	Good	
	8	B	Path 43 Calstone Wellington towards Labour-in-Vain Hill, 804m		
Sept	9	F	U/C 7005 South Farm, Calstone Wellington to Horscombe Bottom, 1.371km	Good but needs better signing	Access to Morgans Hill and conservation area
	10	F	Wenhill Cottages leading South West,320m	Good	
	11	F	London Road near to Studleybrook Farm South East along old railway to old canal and junction with path 12 and 1, 1.3km	Good but stile broken (flick.bootleg.fragment), could be fixed with a hammer and 6" nails.	
	12	F	London Road NE of Studleybrook Farm to Berhills Farm and junction with path 11 , 1 650m		
	13	F	London Bristol Trunk Road west of Black Dog Station NE to Langley Burell road. 1200m		
	14	F	Langley Burell Road C.113 SE Swerves Farm, 656m		
1/21	15	F	Lickhill NW across Fisher's Brook to Bremhill near Lower Whitley Farm. 1094m	Cowage Brook bridge good (inherit.rate.campsite). Stile good at (resources.customer.headline). Gate good at (lanside.incline.taken). Missing stile here.Boken stile, no fence at (winemaker.sung.lentil). Three deer spotted here. Fishers Brook bridge very good at (backed.priced.villager). Broken stile , much rubbish at (ordering.trunk.forgive) very muddy. Stile good at (northward.avid.engineers). Stile good at ((imagined.teaspoons.entrusted), path goes on to Calne central.	CALW58, CALW66 CALW15 Is a good walk from the centre of Calne and links with Bremhill PC and on to Mauds Heath Monument and the Dumbpost Pub.

	16	F	Path 40 leading to Low Lane and junction with path 30 500m		
	17	F	From path 2A Bowood Lake crossing lake and on to path 51A, 950m	Good, well signed Bowood path	
	18	F	From Pillars Lodge to Pinhills Farm 600m	Access to CALW18 from CALW51A cannot be identified (no signpost, stile or marker)	
	19	F	From path 51 at Pillars Lodge to Rookery Farm, 804m		
20/2/21	20	F	Rookery Farm to Broad's Green, Stockley Road, 2.413km	Section from (masking.totals.shadowed) to approx (tiredness.scatter.shed), Numerous electric fences crossing path, currently switched off. Handrail at ditch bridge broken (stem.generated.spinner). Hedge at stile approx (tiredness.scatter. shed) needs trimming.	
	21	F	From Lyneham-Melksham road A.3102 to Heddington Wick, 731m		
	22	F	From path 36 north of Broad's Green to Heddington Road opposite Scott's Farm 804m		
	23	F	From path 74 south of Marden Farm south east to Rough Leaze Farm, 630m		
	24	F	From path 19 Rookery Farm north to Calne Borough boundary, 146m		
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	26	F	From the junction Broad's Green-Stockley road with Heddington road at Stockley Hollow leading south west to Heddington Parish boundary and Paddock Farm,537m		
	27	F	From Heddington road south of Scott's Farm to Blackland Farm and path 33, 2km		
	28	F	From Heddington road south of Methodist Chapel leading south east and then north to path 27 with spur south to 37, 1005m		
	29	B	From path 76 north Blackland Park past St Peter's church to London-Bristol road at Park Farm, Blackland, 402m		
	30	F	From junction Heddington road with U/C 7005 north east across 31 and 33 to 29 south of St Peter's church, 1.09km		
	31	F	From U/C 7005 opposite Dykes Farm leading north across 30 to 33 with branch south east to 27 at Blackland, 1.096km		

	32	F	From Bishops Cannings road at Mill Lane near Waggon and Horses south west to 29 east of St Peter's church, 402m		
	33	B	From path 68 at Calne Borough boundary leading south west and then south east across 30 to north western end of 76 at Blackland, 700m.		
	34	F	From junction of U/C 7007 and U/C 7008 near Methodist Chapel, Theobold's Green leading north west across Bishops Cannings road at Blackland Mill, 823m		
	35	F	From London-Bristol road east of Waggon and Horses Cottages leading north west along bank of River's Brook to the Calne Borough boundary north of Quemerford Farm, 686m		
	36	F	From path 20 leading south across Broad's Green-Stockley road to Heddington Parish boundary towards Paddock Farm, 914m		
Sept	37	B	From eastern end U/C 7002 at junction with 28 leading east to Bishops Cannings road, north of Heddington Parish boundary, 1.280km	At junction with CALW 28 the waymark for this bridleway is hidden in the trees and needs clearing. The first section is tarmac and is being used by cars, vans, motorbikes, quad bikes for access to an industrial site which is not allowed	
Sept	38	B	From southern end of U/C 7005, west of St Mary's, Calstone Wellington, leading south west past Calstone Barn, across Bishops Cannings road and 37 to Heddington Parish boundary, 1410m	Good. Possible to take a footpath to St Mary's church across stiles	Visit possible to a lovely church at Calstone
	39	B	From U/C 7005 at Calstone Wellington leading south past St Mary's Church then south west to Heddington Parish boundary on the Wansdyke, 274m east of Smallgrain Plantation, 1.344m.	All gates in good condition. Needs signage to St Mary's church.	
	40	F	From U/C 7005 at Manor Farm leading north past Calstone Mill to 43, 457m		
	41	F	From 40 at Calstone Mill leading south east across U/C 7005 to the spur to East Farm, 457m		
	42	F	From junction of path 50 with U/C 7005, leading NE to U/C 7007 at Sprays Mill, then east across path 40 to		

			junction with 41 with a spur at U/C 7005, south of Calstone Mill.		
	43	F	From U/C 7008 east of the allotments, leading south east past 40 and across U/C 7008 to its junction with 8 at Calstone Wellington, 457m		
	44	F	From U/C 7008, 146m east of the allotments, leading north across 45 to its junction with 46 and 47 at Green Lanes, 548m		
	45	F	From U/C 7007, 182m north of junction with U/C 7008 leading north east to 8 at Green Lanes, 686m		
	46	F	From U/C 7007 at Theobald's Green leading east by way of diversion and continuing north east across 45 to junction with 47 and 45 at Green Lanes, 548m		
	47	F	From U/C 7007 south of Hayle Farm, leading south east and east to 8. 548m		
	48	F	From U/C 7005, east of Blackland Farm, leading north east to Bishops Cannings road, about 45m south east of junction with 76. 402m		
20/2/21	49	F	From Heddington Wick road, leading east along Wansdyke, past 52,36 and 26 to Heddington road, spur leading north east to C.247. 1.206m (Roman Road)	Stile at junction with Stockley Road needs repair (appraised.rooster.plugin), Stile at (personal.unveils.equity) damaged and electric fence across path. Stile at (essay.arena.wobbles) damaged and electric fence across path. Stile at (carting.gentleman.etchings) damaged and electric fence across path. Stile at (foal.crowned.pinging) damaged.	
	50	F	From Bishops Cannings road, south of Blackland Mill, leading south east to U/C 7005 at junction with 42. 731m		
	51	B	From Calne Borough boundary leading south west to Lyneham-Melksham road, at Pillars Lodge. 3.93km	Good	
1/8/20	52	F	From Broad's Green-Stockley road, opposite Stockley Farm, leading south west to Wansdyke path 49, on the Heddington Parish boundary. 512m	No signpost at (excavate.lines.give). Stile and footbridge at approx (munch.tillings.chips) couldn't be identified.	
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	54	F	From 37 south of Stockley Copse, leading south to Heddington Parish boundary, east of Harley Cottages. 310m	Stile at start of this walk is missing. Field not cleared and forced to walk through crops.	
	55	B	From old Roman Road on Bishops Canning Parish boundary leading north east and north	Good condition	

			across Calstone Down to Cherhill Parish boundary, south east of Oldbury Castle. 1km		
	56	B	From Calne Parish boundary, 274m north of Abberd Brook leading north east to Cherhill Parish boundary and 22 continues 300m crossing Parish boundary as CALW 56 then south east along Abberd Plantation for 100m to Cherhill Parish boundary to 22. 1.19km		
	57	F	From Christian Malford road, 175m north of Calne Borough boundary, leading north to Bremhill Parish boundary. 1.75km		
	58	F	From 57 leading north west to Christian Malford road at Paradise Cottage. 547m	Stile at (spoken.stamp.clerk) good. Stile at (bonkers.please.split) good. Here you can see Lamas and chickens. Stile at (otter.tripling.fist) very slippery and muddy. Two stiles (spoil.crowds.series) good. Gate at (umbreela.comply.hoaxes) good.	
	59	B	Joining two lengths of path 2 in Parish of Cherhill. Leading south east and east to Oldbury Castle. 640m		
	60	B	From Hilmarton Parish boundary at the western end of 8, leading south west past Whitley Farm to Paradise Cottages on the Christian Malford road. 1.57km		
	61	F	From Calne Borough boundary at Calne Marsh leading north east past Penn Hill Farm and High Penn Farm to Hilmarton Parish boundary to join Hilmarton path 7. 2.412km		
	62	F	From Calne Borough boundary at Calne Marsh leading north east to 61 south of Penn Hill Farm. 256m		
	63	F	From the Calne Borough boundary south east of Low Lane, leading north east to Sands Farm and north west to 16. 777m		
	64	F	From the Lyneham-Melksham road at Quobbs Farm, Mile End, leading east and north east to 20. 800m		
Oct	65	F	From Studley- Stanley road at Studley Corner, leading south west across London road, then south-south west then south east for 5m around boundary of 19	Good, potential danger cyclists & pets, needs full width 2m and surfacing & signing & barrier rails at A4 end. Section north of A4 good except dog fouling, needs signing at Studley corner end. Path has been diverted around 98 Studley Corner and shown on map as going through garden at (blogging. Apprehend.gravitate.)	

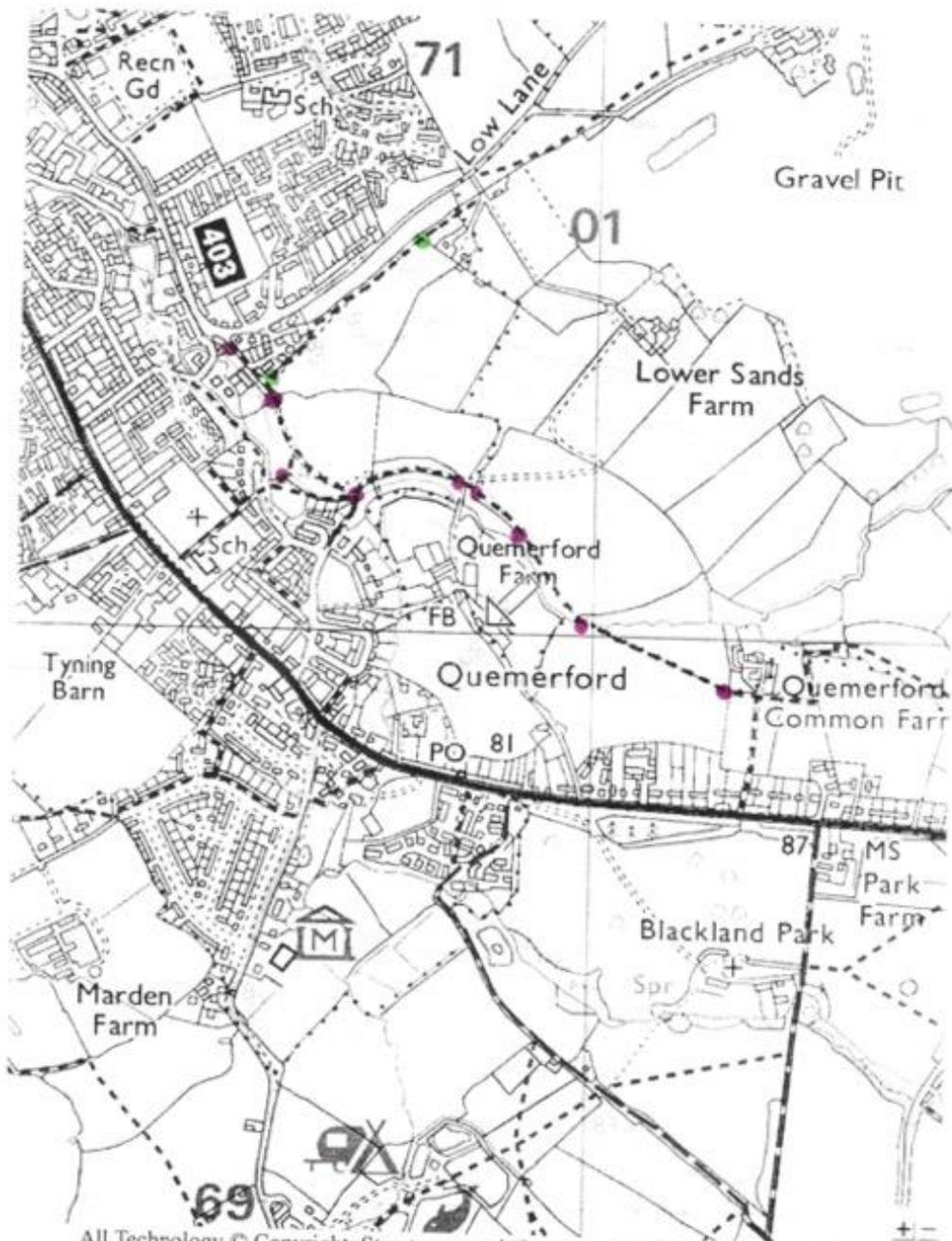
			Petty Lane, then south west 101m along western edge of Derry Hill School to Church road. 900m		
1/21	66	F	From the Christian Malford road at Paradise Cottage leading west south west to eastern end of Bremhill Path 29 towards Bremhill village. 361m	Across field good (reported. awkward.bandstand.). Footbridge very slippery (ourselves.miss.draw). Joined Bremhill PC boundary. Very good Kissing gates here (illogical.change.euphoric) by Bremhill PC.	
5/1/21	67	F	From Church road, about 250m west of the school, leading west-north west at grid ref 95867080 path continues at width 1.2m through Red Hill Estate via ShalbourneWay, leading north,south west,north west then south west to northern end Lansdowne Crescent. Path continues at width 2m leading north towards Derry Hill woods then south west to Old Derry Hill, 25m north east of the road path resumes an undetermined width. 590m	Part between Lansdowne Crescent, Derry Hill to A342 Devizes Road. Bowood appear to have done a good job in cutting back shrubs and trees. There is a large flight of steps leading down to to Devizes Road (purely.thinker.fittingly) which were pretty treacherous when Jo and I walked it a day or two after heavy rain. The steps were very muddy and still flowing with ground water. Luckily there is a sturdy handrail that allowed us to use the steps with great difficulty, it would have been impassable to many. Continuing to walk down the verge of Devizes Road was also very wet but not too much of a problem to me but Jo decided she had to walk in the carriageway which is potentially dangerous. I think the steps structure needs closer examination by Wiltshire RoW staff as I don't know if this is the responsibility of Bowood or maybe Wilts Council.	
	68	F	From the Lyneham-Melksham road, about 182m east of Wans Corner Cottage, leading east-south east, south of Hayfield Copse, and east along the Wansdyke to the Heddington Wick road south of Broad's Green. 1.124km		
	69	F	From path 55 on Calstone Down leading west, north west and west via Ranscombe Bottom and continuing outside the northern edge of the Woods near South Farm to 43 at Calstone Wellington. 2.413km	Very good condition kissing gate at exit to the field . Fully planted field making it difficult to cross to Wessex Ridgeway CALW55. Stile at end of the field CALW69 missing and broken.	
	70	F	From 69 at north east corner of Woods at Calstone Wellington, leading south west and west-south west along southern edge of Woods to 7 at South Farm. 457m		
	71	F	From 39 at Calstone Wellington Rectory leading north east to eastern end of U/C 7005 at South Farm. 320m		
	72	F	From 59, west of Oldbury Castle, leading west-north west along Cherhill Parish boundary to eastern end		

			of Cherhill 27 towards Green Lanes. 759m		
	73	F	From London-Bristol road, about 91.5m west of Soho Inn, leading south to Rag Lane, U/C 7001. 27m	No signpost or marker on either end of this path. Overgrown Leylandia hedge of 71 Old Road prevents visibility on the A4 looking east, extremely hazardous to pedestrians (shunning.cicling.code)	
	74	F	From 20, then 164.5m south of Rookery Farm, leading south east for about 183m and east-north east for about 107m to junction with 23. 290m		
	75	F	From Rookery Park Housing Estate road on Calne Borough boundary leading north west to the Stream and generally south west, south of the Stream, to 19,20,24. 238m		
	76	B	Blacklands Lane. From the Bishops Cannings road, leading north west to junction with 33. 274m		
	77	B	From U/C 7008, leading east to track on east side of 8, then leading parallel to and on the east side of 8 to the Cherhill Parish boundary. 680m		
Oct	78	F	From road C.136, Studley Lane, approx 60m to south of junction between U/C 2123 and C.136, leading in north westerly direction to 65, approx 50m to south road C/.137. 110m	Good, some overhanging branches and potential to trip on an inspection box	
	79	B	From the Devizes road, A.342, about 320m south west of junction with London-Bristol, A.4, leading south west past Pewsham House, across 82 at Nockett's Hill Farm and on south through Sherwood Moor to spur road U/C 4170 on northern edge of Tynning Plantation. 2.41km		
	80	F	From the junction London-Bristol road, A.4, with Devizes road A.342, at Derry Hill, leading west past 81, north of Great Lodge Farm, to Old Barge Repairing Depot at Pewsham Locks on Chippenham Borough boundary. 2.25km		
	81	B	From London-Bristol road, A.4, opposite "Bath 15 ", near Swan Cottages, leading south to 80, north of Great Lodge Farm. 200m		

	82	F	From Devizes road, A.342, opposite Golden Gate, Derry Hill, leading west across 84,85 and 79 at Nockett's Hill Farm, to disused canal, then south west to Lacock Parish boundary north west of Wheeler's Wood. 2.8km	Damage to footbridge over Cocklemore Brook at (goodbyes.giant.fetches). Likey Bowwod will fix.	
	83	F	From 80 at Pewsham Locks leading north east to Junction Bridge on disused canal,then north west towards Forest Farm and Chippenham Borough boundary where it joins Chippenham 16. 540m		
	84	F	From Devizes road, A.342 at Old Derry Hill near Methodist Chapel, leading south across paths 85 and 82, through Pigsty Copse to Loxwell Farm, at eastern end of U/C 4177 and on south west and west through Raspberry Copse to 85. 1.6km		
	85	F	From the junction of spur road U/C 4170 with 79, south east of Ash Hill Farm, leading north east along edge of Tynning Plantation at Raspberry Copse, along west side Horse Copse, across 82 to 84, about 218m south of Devizes road,A.342, At Old Derry Hill. 2km		
Oct 5/1/21	86	F	From London road, A.4, leading north east along Derry Woods and Close Wood to Stanley-Studley road. 1.3km	Good. Very wet in places, almost impassable in parts due to wet and muddy conditions in parts,	
	87	F	From U/C 4170, opposite path 27, Lacock, leading generally north east to 85, north west of Nethermore Farm. 710m		
	88	BY	From Byway 36, Bishops Cannings at Grid Ref SU 05876823 leading north east for 80m, north west for 60m then north east for 311m to Cherhill Parish boundary at Grid Ref SU 06006860 451m		
	89	B	From U/C 7005 south of Manor Farm, leading north easterly to south end of Bridleway 89A, to		

			the north of Calstone Mill House. 344m		
	89A	B	From the northern end of Bridleway 89 leading north past Calstone Mill House to Bridleway 89B. 53m		
	89B	B	From the southern end of U/C road 7008 leading south to public bridleway 89A. 7m		

Appendix 2



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● STILES 9

● KISSING GATES BEING INSTALLED 2

