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Public Rights of Way (PRoW) report - Christine Supiot, Public Path Inspector (PPI)

As volunteer PPI for WSCC I have in April walked all the Public Rights of Way in Bramber Parish in April for maintenance inspections.

WSCC are responsible for maintaining the signs, the surface and vegetation from ground growth and obstructions. Landowners are responsible for gates and side vegetation. I have to report on on things as I see them on the day of inspection. The inspection months are rotated to reflect the different seasons. Between inspections any issues are best made via the website following the links to RoW > report a problem.

Bramber has a new area RoW ranger Louise Gandolfi based at Clapham Dept.

In general the paths are in good condition (compared with other counties) and we have a large network of RoW's , up to the top of the Bostal.

There is some increasing erosion on some of the BWs on the Downs due to water and the increased use by MTBs over recent years.

There is evidence if illegal equestrian use of FP 2779 & 2296-1 (the open field between the A283 & river). You may want to consider placing some signs.

There are many low priority issues in my report i.e. worn wooden finger posts I have only listed the main ones here but am happy to receive any questions.

A SUMMARY OF MY REPORT

Main issues:-

- I stressed to need for summer clearance (late last summer) of the walks for all and its declining surface, its getting too bumpy for mobility buggies
- They have the flood issue behind Riverside on file.
- Stile in Maudlin lane needs replacing, Recommend with a kissing gate and steps
- Missing steps to kissing gates on Maudlin Lane and roundabout
- FP 2294 between farm, Lower Maudlin Farm gate and kissing gate, add the summer clearance and kissing gate into twitten floods needs infilling
- FP 2933 south of BW bridge part of safety fence missing
- BW 3171 - I cleared width of brambles at entrance with Coombes Road to improve access
- FP 3204 north of bridge - brambles between path and river. I trimmed some overgrowth from the homes the home owners need to be careful to trim any shrubs from their gardens

Regards

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