ROTHERFIELD GREYS PARISH MEETING - MONDAY 13 MAY 2024 CHILTERN SOCIETY FOOTPATH REP REPORT

I attempt to walk all the paths in the parish several times a year. This winter being wet there has been lots of mud and after a late start all vegetation is growing wildly so some incursion into paths is inevitable but walkers can brush past new growth.

At last year's meeting the fallen fence west of Sam's Wood on path 330/01 was reported as hazardous. The land is for sale and despite requests the fence is still there. I have reported it on CAMS and am seeing the OCC Public Rights of Way Officer on Friday so will follow this up.

Path 330/35 west of Rocky Lanes Orchard has been a continual problem with broken stock fencing, falling wooden fencing, overgrown vegetation in the narrow section near the road and many dead trees and ivy blocking the path. OCC fixed the tree root problem in September and in April the Chiltern Society Path Maintenance Volunteer team spent over 50 manhours working extremely hard sorting this path out. It should be a good path to walk now.

During the year the CSPMV team cleared the permissive paths on either side of the road going down the hill from the war memorial to Rocky Lane. Another tree promptly fell on to it and we cleared this in January.

A walker had reported that the stiles on path 330/17 were high and difficult for short people to climb over. (No solution but these are robust, well maintained stiles).

Path 330/57 had been reported as overgrown. CSPMV have spoken to the landowner and plan to tackle it soon.

Any issues with paths can be reported to the Parish Council and be passed on to me by email.

Gill Franklin