

ROTHERFIELD GREYS RIGHTS OF WAY March 2018 – February 2019

OVERVIEW

Rotherfield Greys Rights of Way continue to be generally clear and adequately marked. The relatively dry winter has meant that paths are less muddy than usual, and though there have been lots of high winds in recent months landowners have been quick to deal with fallen trees.

THE CHILTERN SOCIETY AND OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

After many years as Chiltern Society Rights of Way Area Secretary Stephen Fox has now passed on the role to Sue Maguire. Susan continues to work closely with the new Public Rights of Way officer at Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), Jacqueline Smith. Their enthusiasm and cooperation has ensured all the paths in the area are maintained and improved as much as time and financial resources allow. The Annual Report of the Path Maintenance Volunteers (PMV) is available separately.

The Computer system at OCC for reporting problems with Rights of Way has been improved.

SPECIFIC ISSUES

(Please refer to Definitive Map Sheet SU78 SW or Chiltern Society Maps 2 & 4)

- Footpath 1 Landowner has applied for Diversion at The Rosary
- Footpath 4 Kissing gate opposite Lane End Lodge requires regular cutting back of bramble
- Footpath 6 Rotten post replaced at kissing gate in Rocky Lane
- Footpath 17 Footpath through paddock at Lower Hernes extremely muddy
- Footpath 21 Stile needs replacing
Path not marked through Cross Lane Farm

- Footpath 27 At Grange Farm new permissive path has been negotiated with new landowner and signage is due to be installed March 2019 .
Damaged finger post at Road still awaiting replacement by OCC.
- Restricted By-way 32 Now resurfaced
- Footpath 35 Cleared by PMV but ongoing issues with poor fencing leaning into path adjacent to Rocky Lane Orchard
- Footpath 57 Long standing unauthorized diversion at Rose Farm

Lambridge Woods

Light clearance and refreshing of arrows carried out November 2018 in agreement with landowners. As this is an SSI work has to be carried out with approval of Natural England.

Greys Court

All gates installed by PMV's inspected and adjusted.

Sue Maguire has been in contact with the new Ranger at Greys Court and discussed the need for improved signage within the woods.

Permissive paths

Large fallen tree obstructing the path linking RG17 to Rocky Lane was cleared in March by PMV

FURTHER INFORMATION

Problems with Rights of Way can be reported to OCC via their website.

Alternatively please advise me on 0118 9482300 or janerwarren@gmail.com

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