

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Footpath Warden Report – March 2024

Footpaths around the parish have remained mostly usable despite the unusually high rainfall over the winter.

Footpath 18. The lower end of Footpath 18 from its junction with The Street is prone to waterlogging due to its proximity to the river but has remained mostly passable, although the footbridge across the River Fynn has occasionally been unusable when river levels were high. As previously reported in November, the erosion of the river bank on the north side of the footbridge does not appear to have worsened, despite high river levels throughout the winter. We will continue to monitor this. Handrails on the bridge may require attention in the near future, this was reported to SCC on 29/10/2023 (ref 00427615) - to date, there has been no response from SCC.

Anglian Water have indicated that a temporary closure of Footpath 18 may be required when the sewerage scheme work begins – it is hoped that an alternative route can be provided.

Footpath 1A. A meeting was held with Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way officer on 31 st January to discuss possible improvements to Footpath 1A through the churchyard and behind the school.

Footpath 19. The broken waymarker post at the junction with Hall Road has been reported to SCC and they will replace in due course.

Footpath 14. The section alongside Sinks Pit, while passable, is difficult to navigate due to overhanging and encroaching vegetation. This was reported to SCC by a member of the public on 28/10/2023 (ref 427434).

The Fynn Valley Walks Group, supported by All Saints Church, has continued to hold weekly guided walks around the area throughout the winter, with around 15 to 20 walkers, both from within and outside the parish, joining us on most weeks.

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24th February 2024