

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

3 JULY 2023

FOOTPATH REPORT

1. Footpaths continue to be well used around the parish. Wet weather in April and early May followed by hot conditions in June had resulted in some paths becoming overgrown in places. Cutting and clearance of the paths was patchy – at the time of writing some paths had been cut while others remained outstanding. Footpath wardens had been able to carry out some strimming and cutting back during this period, concentrating on Footpaths 1A, 3 and the permissive path between Richards Drive and Holly Lane, as these are some of the most frequently used paths around the village centre.
2. Following last year's problems with Footpath 11, where SCC failed to carry out scheduled cutting, this has once again been an issue. A member of the public reported this path to SCC on 19/6/2023 as being overgrown and almost impassable in the area behind Firecrest Nursery and between the paddocks at Heath Farm (ref 408536 and 408556). SCC had closed these reports the same day and given them the status of 'works ordered'. At the time of writing (24th June) the path was checked and this work is yet to be done.
3. It was noted that a member of the public had also reported the poor condition of Footpath 1A through All Saints churchyard on 24/4/2023 (ref 400727), citing the uneven condition of the tarmac surface. This was first reported to SCC in March 2022, however no response was received at the time (see previous footpath reports April 2022 and March 2023). SCC had given the latest report the status of 'updated customer' on 23/6/2023 although it is not known what their response was.
4. The Fynn Valley Walks Group, supported by All Saints Church, continues to hold weekly guided walks around the area which have been well attended throughout the spring, with around 20 walkers, both from within and outside the parish, joining us on most weeks.

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