

# **LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

**6 MARCH 2023**

## **FOOTPATH WARDENS' REPORT**

Footpaths around the parish have been well used throughout the winter. With the weather staying relatively dry, conditions underfoot have been better than in recent years.

Follow up on items from our last footpaths report in September:

Footpath 16. We are still awaiting any action from SCC regarding the poor condition of the broken gates and stile at either end of this path (both reported in 2021).

Footpath 1A. The footpath through the churchyard remains uneven, with the tarmac surface showing signs of breaking up in places, although there has been no noticeable deterioration since our last report. No further contact from SCC since this was reported on 25/3/2022 (ref 356541) and an automated reply was received acknowledging the report.

Footpath 14. After several complaints by members of the public to SCC during the summer and some correspondence with the PC, this path was eventually cleared in autumn 2022. SCC have confirmed that this path is on their schedule for 2 cuts during the summer, so we will monitor this over the spring and summer months.

Footpath 11. The strimming of this path has finally been carried out over the winter, having not been done at all during 2022. Again, this is on SCC's list for cutting so we will monitor over the coming summer.

Other Items:

Footpath 17. Following the work being carried out on the railway, a member of the public had reported this path on the SCC Rights of Way site on 7/2/2023 as being in an unsafe condition and that it *'has been disturbed, exposing buried wire fencing that is a major trip hazard to walkers, runners, dogs.'* The path was checked on 14/2/2023 and found to be safe and passable, this issue having been resolved.

SCC have recently replaced the three broken waymarker posts - on Footpaths 1 and 2 (both ends of Sandy Lane) and at the junction of Footpath 8A with Lodge Road (outside Brimar House).

In November, our footpath volunteers' group carried out pruning and clearance of vegetation and hedges along Footpath 1A behind the school, where this path had become quite narrow in places. As always, our thanks go to our small band of willing volunteers for all their help with this work.

The Fynn Valley Walks Group, supported by All Saints Church, have continued to hold weekly guided walks around the area throughout the autumn and winter. These have been particularly well attended during January and February, with between 15 and 20 walkers, both from within and outside the parish, joining us on most weeks.