

Parish of Worth Matravers and Harmans Cross

Right of Way Officer's Annual Report

The winter weather has taken its usual toll on the ROW network, with water courses gouging out channels in footpaths and gateways being hard to access due to large muddy pools of water, in addition to collapsing styles.

The newly refurbished Priest Way is however a delight to walk and is a great benefit to users in Worth Matravers, Langton and Swanage. Thanks go to the PC and all other sponsors who funded this project which has been a real asset to the community.

To maintain the footpath network for the future the following will need attention to maintain the footpath network for the many walkers who visit Worth:

1. Repair of the surface to the Winspit footpath beside Happy Cottage.
2. Repair of the Quarry footpath, with a broken down style at the field end and erosion of path and the stone style which follow on.
3. A hard surface/stone to be installed at the field gates either side of Abbots Way road & the Winspit track gate near the Sewerage plant, to avoid walkers having to swing on the posts to miss the mud/water.
4. Installation of a new style at the cut through footpath leading down to Winspit.

All the above have been reported during the winter months

Thanks go to the PC, Parish Clerk and members of the community for their continued interest in Parish footpath matters. I shall continue to monitor and pursue ROW interests across the parish and to work with the PC and Parish Clerk to address problems as they occur. I would be happy to visit the areas of concern with the PC if necessary to view the problems above.

Jan Hardy,

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