



Footpath Officer Terms of Reference

The council will appoint two footpath officers who can be members of the Parish Council or members of the community.

Their primary objective is to monitor the condition of the rights of way within the parish and liaise with Hampshire County Council's Countryside Access Team.

To fulfil this objective the footpath officers will:

- Walk the footpaths regularly with secateurs to clear ivy etc from fingerposts.
- Clear brambles & nettles when negotiating stiles.
- Report to Access Team any missing or broken fingerposts or unsafe stiles.
- Report dangerous holes or fallen trees on footpaths to the Parish Council. These will then be sorted through the Access Team, the Landowner, volunteers, or by the Parish Council with the Lengthsman Scheme.
- Investigate any problems with rights of way that are notified to the Parish Council.
- Annually identify the priority cutting list for the Access Team.
- Liaise with landowners to ensure that rights of way are maintained in good order. Checking that paths across arable fields are being cut.
- Putting up Direction Markers on fences where the footpath is not clear. (Authorisation from the access team will be issued for this).
- Identify work to be carried out by the parish lengthsman.
- Provide the Responsible Financial Officer with written estimates of any expenditure they wish/expect to incur in the coming year no later than 30 September so that they be incorporated into the annual budget.