

Annual Parish Meeting Report 2020

Footpaths: We continue to strive to keep our parish rights of way open and accessible. This would be far more challenging without the help and input of residents, who regularly report on such obstacles as fallen trees, broken path furniture, ploughed-up routes, etc. We achieved a major triumph this year: a right of way which had erroneously been wiped off the OCC's Definitive Map has now been reinstated, which is marvellous news. Once again, it would have been more difficult to reach this happy conclusion without the help and support of residents: thanks are due to them and everyone who enjoys and appreciates our beautiful countryside.

Fishponds: The Fishponds site is maintained as a recreation space for all, with the exception of horse riders, cyclists and motorcyclists. It has areas of wetland, open water, wilderness and grassland, and supports a wide variety of wildlife. With the help of working parties as well as a regular cohort of litter-pickers and supporters, we have tried to retain the feel of a nature reserve without allowing too much of the undergrowth, self-seeding trees, sedges, etc., to take over. We will be looking into new ways of managing the site in the future for the benefit of biodiversity as well as for visitors: this will undoubtedly be a challenge but one which we are happy to embrace.

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