

Gislingham Footpath Warden Report for the PC Meeting 21st July 2025

SCC PROW Change

I have just been informed that Ken Larcombe will be retiring at the end of July and Kevin Verlander, an experienced PROW Officer will be taking over.

Reports

I have received reports regarding FP39 (High St, opp the pub to go past the newish small woodland) that it was overgrown. SCC contacted the owner of the woodland and after a recent inspection, most has been cut away to give a clear path.

It was also reported that FP35, school to the Charity Meadow, overhanging hedge. I inspected and it is not that bad, so I will be cutting back myself.

Dog Mess

This was mentioned to me that FP30/29/28, which goes around the field from Coldham Lane to Morleys Lane has been an area not cleared up by dog owners.

I inspected it last week and found over 30 dog poos on this route. I preceded to spray paint and added some little signs to identify and ask the offenders to pick up. I even left some poo bags on the notices. I am yet to check again for a progress report. I posted on the Gislingham Facebook page and Jeff also added to the Messenger Facebook page, so I am hoping that the offenders have seen the messages and taken heed and picked up. I believe it is only a few dog owners involved, as much of the dog poo is very similar. As most of the offending mess is at the Coldham end of the FP, I believe the dog owners are from that end of the path, as from past experience when I was a dog owner, my dogs tend to relieve themselves early on their walk.

I also found a dog mess on the Charity Meadow. As from my Facebook message, dogs should be kept on leads on the Charity Meadow, so the owner would have realised their dog had messed. Sprayed and a sign left.

FP Posts/Signs

I have brought up the delay in resiting the fallen/damaged posts with Ken, but due to the SCC maintenance schedule, this has now take a back seat, so hopefully when all the FP's have been cut, we may get these posts erected/replaced.

Other Info

FP 21, which goes over Mr Kemps land, someone had removed the FP discs on the post, so I have replaced them.

FP22, farther along the path around the field, the post has fallen over, so I will need to resite. The ground is too dry to do this at present.

I have had to cut back some brambles on FP36 (Bowling Alley), as they have overgrown.

Ken has dropped off some more FP posts so that I can erect as necessary.

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