

Copythorne Parish Council

August 2017 Footpath Survey

Copythorne 2 Footpath: 2947 1365 Road U137 near White Hart Inn to 2937 1359 A31 Southampton Road.

From Road U137 north of Cadnam roundabout to Road A31.

From Road U137 near White Hart Inn southwards along grass path enclosed approx. 4ft wide then unenclosed across grass to Road A31.

Cuts off a corner on what is now Southampton Road. Starts alongside a house at 2946 1364 initially a narrow track before emerging in what used to be unenclosed grassland. Since 2012 fenced grassed area (front garden) associated with Wingfield Farm House. Issue raised Copythorne Parish Council 28th July 2015:

Common Land at Cadnam: Further to minute 26, the County Council had confirmed the registration of common land around Wingfield Farm at Cadnam. However, in their capacity of registration authority, they were unable to address any issues regarding 'illegal' fencing.

Whilst it appeared that the fencing in front of Wingfield Farm might be contrary to common land rules, members felt that the Parish Council was not in a position to pursue this further. An individual resident could, however, take legal advice and raise the matter with the appropriate authorities.

Style leads back on to Southampton Road (which runs parallel to A31) Finger posts at both ends of path total length 435 feet.

Last survey September 2016, the chopped down tree branches placed across the narrow track SU 29461364 rendering it not obviously a footpath ~~have now been removed~~. Further along garden refuse has caused narrowing of the footpath

Copythorne 9 Footpath: 2948 1430 Cadnam Green to 2984 1396 Romsey Road (A31)
From Cadnam Green, to junction with Road A31 north of Cadnam.

From unenclosed grass of Cadnam Green, along 5ft. grass headland of arable field on north side of hedge, over stile, along undefined track across pasture north of stream, over 2.5ft. brick footbridge and southwards along 4ft. Wide grass headland of arable field on east of stream, through gap, southeastwards along grass track across pasture on south side of wire fence, through kissing gate, then along undefined track across narrow pasture enclosed between hedge and wire fence, and through kissing gate to junction with A31.

The path follows a diverted route between 2966 1413 and 2971 1408.

Finger post approx halfway along Cadnam Green, through a series of a few galvanised kissing gates. Cross Cadnam River over footbridge, path continues between Cadnam River and the Motorway before going under the motorway. On the southside the footpath follows back along side the motorway until approximately opposite where it was diverted along the north side.

Then follows along a field edge until emerging alongside a house on to a track which joins the A31.

As of August 2017 the section of land north of the motorway between the motorway and the Cadnam River which in the previous year had been heavily infested with Himalyan Balsam a non-native plant. Had recently had the Balsam "pulled". The area is/was subject to an outstanding ASBO.

The gravel track leading to A31 has Japanese Knotweed growing on the west side. This has been reported to Catherine Chatters, Hampshire and Isle of Wight non - native invasive species expert who was already aware.

"There are quite a few places where Japanese Knotweed is growing between there and the White Heart pub. I intend to contact the householders about those areas of knotweed this autumn, to make sure they are aware of the knotweed. However, I have not yet tracked down the owner of the knotweed population referred to. Do you have any idea as to whom this track belongs"

Copythorne 13 Footpath: 2975 1385 Road to 2983 1379 Old Lyndhurst Road.

From Road A31 Northwest of Cadnam, to junction with Road U137.

From A31, over culvert, over stile and Southwest along unenclosed earth path 3ft wide across grass field on south side of hedge, along 12ft wide gravel road between hedge and workshop buildings, and then over culvert to junction with U137.

Tarmaced pavement running alongside service road accessing industrial units, total length of 339ft. Starting at A31 2976 1386 adjacent to Texaco (nee BP) Garage running past M&J Mobility to come out on the Old Lyndhurst Road 2984 1379 Finger posts at either end

Finger post at Old Lyndhurst Road end damaged currently resting against fence as reported last year.

Tarmac pavement uneven due to tree root. Vegetation on East side overgrown necessitating walking in roadway.

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