FOOTPATHS 1, 2, 7, 8, 13 & 18 INSPECTIONS - DAVID RIGBY, JULY 2019

Path 1 (057/1) – Heads west from north of Goldenhayes, off Bartley Road to the New Forest Boundary, east of Nicholas Corner on Brockishill Road (SU31067 11849 to SU30461 11787)

This Bridleway starts as RoW Ref 166/17 within the Parish of Netley Marsh. It then becomes RoW 057/1 as it enters the Parish of Copythorne. It goes generally westwards for 637m until it reaches the New Forest boundary. Gates and signage at both ends are sound. Small section of fence, near the middle of the path has fallen slightly towards the path but this is not impacting use.





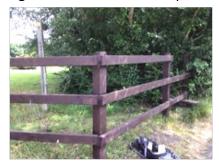


Gate at eastern end of path

Fence issue in middle (facing E) Gate at western end of path

Path 2 (057/2) – Runs diagonally in a north-east direction from Wingfield Farmhouse to Roselands, both at the south-eastern corner of Southampton Road, Cadnam (SU29368 13584 to 30461 11787)

A short footpath of 128m that runs north east across the front garden on Wingfield Farmhouse before disappearing into a small area of woodlands behind 1 Rockram Cottages and Roselands. Whilst not marked across the garden the fingerpost in the garden of Wingfield Farmhouse directs you correctly to an area of woodlands. A pile of debris sits behind 1 Rockram Cottages (just off the footpath). A pile of logs and other items sits alongside Roselands (on the footpath). The fingerpost at Roselands is partly hidden. Debris issues may need to be dealt with once a planned HCC cut in August 2019 has been completed.



Stile & post at Wingfield



Brambles at Wingfield



Behind 1 Rockram Cottages



Logs etc next to Roselands



Finger post at Roselands

Path 7 (057/7) – Runs south-easterly from Kluang, Chinham Road, Bartley towards Bourne Road, ending at parish boundary (SU31192 12830 to 31430 12732). Continues as part of Parish of Netley Marsh to Bourne Road (166/18)

Stile & finger post at start of this 261m footpath are in good order but unfortunately the recently replaced finger post is pointing in the wrong direction (SW rather than SE). No defined path across the first field to metal gate at entry to second field where there is no finger post or stile to assist. Path should run along RHS of hedgerow in second field but vegetation prevents using a direct route. Having reached far side of the second field at Parish boundary the stile is in good order but a partially fallen tree & heavy vegetation prevents continuation along Netley Marsh section of path. Issues affecting path in Copythorne will be relayed to HCC RoW team. Issues affecting path in Netley Marsh have been passed to their Parish Clerk.





Stile & post, Chinham Road



Gate obstructing access



Path actually runs to RHS here





Stile at end of Copythorne path Vegetation on Netley Marsh section

Path 8 – Runs South from just west of Coach & Horses PH on Southampton Road to join Path 18 (SU30004 13398 to 29961 13271)

This 128m footpath starts just to the west of the Coach & Horses pub and is accessed over a stile into an open field. Stile and finger post are in good order. There is a clear path across the field. At the far end there is another stile, in good order. A bridge of wooden railway sleepers, again in good condition, leads on to Path 18.



Stile & post at North end



Stile at South end



Bridge at South end

Path 13 – Runs south-easterly from Petrol station on Southampton Road, Cadnam towards Old Lyndhurst Road (SU29752 13850 29834 13788)

This footpath is – at just 102m – the shortest in the Parish and is by far the easiest to walk, comprising as it does of a tarmac path running between the petrol station and Underoaks on Southampton Road, past the premises of M&J Mobility through to Old Lyndhurst Road. Finger posts at both ends are in good order, with no obstructions on whole length of path.





Post at northern end of path

Post at southern end of path

Path 18 – Runs in a north-westerly direction from near Brookfield, Beechwood Road, Bartley to just behind Foundry House on Southampton Road, Cadnam (SU30464 12875 to 29682 13465)

This bridleway, known locally as "Green Lane" runs for 989m. it is gravel underfoot throughout it's length, wider in some places than others. Finger post at eastern end near Brookfield is in good order. Forestry Commission low barrier gates block vehicle access at two points along the bridleway. Finger post at western end behind Foundry House is also in good order.







Post at eastern end of path

Forestry Commission gate

Forestry Commission gate



Post at western end of path