

## FOOTPATHS 4, 17, 501 & 502 INSPECTIONS – STEVE HERRA – SEPTEMBER 2019

**Path 4 (057/4)** This path heads east from near South Brook Farm on Newbridge Road then south east through Newbridge Inclosure towards Coppithorn Hill House and on to the A31 opposite Copythorne School (SU29845 15049 to SU30807 14873).

The stile marked in yellow on the attached map has two wobbly posts. Whilst not posing too much of a problem at the moment, another wet winter could make this dangerous.



**Path 17 (057/17)** Path runs from the end of Newbridge Road (just east of Newbridge Farm) initially east towards Copythorne Common and then broadly southwest (parallel to the M27) before joining Path 4 to cross the A31 (SU30006 15580 to SU 30751 14929).

No issues found.

**Path 501 (057/501)** This footpath runs east from Furzley Road (near Crook Hill) and ends at a footbridge which crosses the Cadnam River behind Newbridge House, where it joins Bridleway 502 (SU29356 15440 to SU29787 15550).

The path goes past Newbridge Island Farm (image 1) where the hard track disappears and you walk across soft ground until you reach a boardwalk (image 2). A little further on the soft ground track takes you to two areas of very boggy ground (images 3 & 4) which are both impassable and difficult even with wellington boots (presumably that is why the other boardwalk had been installed). At no time did I see a finger board along this track. Until you reach the bogs, the track is easy to navigate but only for a short distance. I looked into the hedgerows for any evidence of fingerboards which had been taken down but there was nothing.



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3

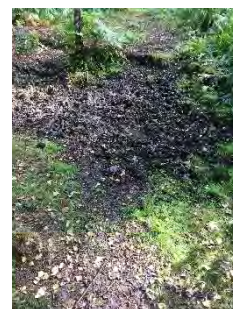


Image 4

**Bridleway 502 (057/502)** This bridleway runs from the footbridge at the eastern end of Path 501 along the northern boundaries of Newbridge House and Cranmere Cottage and joins Newbridge Road (SU29787 15559 to SU29907 15517)

Nothing untoward found.