

FOOTPATH & ENVIRONMENT REPORT

May 2026

FOOTPATHS

- Definitive description of Dullingham footpaths:
On 20th March, Cllr Murden, Park & Algar walked FP22 at the end of Dullingham Ley and checked the FP definitive descriptions of FPs 23, 24 and 25). Once proposed edits for all our paths are finalised by the PC these can be sent to the Definitive Map officer with a view to adding to the file for submission at the next statutory review. **Action: JM to walk some of the other paths and check the descriptions before finalising our edits to the definitive list. Ongoing over the next few months.**
- FP21 (part alongside Ten Wood): overgrowing. Mark Peck (Footpath Officer) has confirmed that this land is owned by James Mason. Mark inspects it annually. He is aware that it is becoming overgrown. **Action: JM to inspect late spring/early summer 26.**
- Display board of footpaths: Post supplier identified, proposal for area to be covered by the map to be finalised. **Action: JM has discussed this with the supplier. New quote received April 26 – to be discussed as an agenda point at May 26 meeting.**
- FP16 & 17 (Stour Valley to Dullingham Ley) are not being satisfactorily maintained (definitive statement states they should be 1.2m & 2.8m. Thorny bushes on both sides and narrowness makes the paths almost unwalkable when muddy. There is about 20-30 metres of flooding after rainfall **Action: JM will monitor and report to Mark Peck if situation worsens.**
- FP9 (Woodditton Rd end of Watery Lane: metal public footpath sign has been knocked over. This has been reported on the East Cambs portal. **Action: JM will follow up.**
- Flooding on FP 27 (sports field end): this is seasonal but in the last month it has been necessary to climb over the metal farm gate to avoid the flood. JM wrote to Hope Hall early spring 26. HH replied that they will rectify when the weather improves. **Action: JM will follow up in due course.**
- Fallen tree on FP 18 (Stour Valley Path): What3 Words: charred.tables.removeable. JM has reported on East Cambs portal.

ENVIRONMENT

- Plastic pollution (tree guards) on Brinkley Stud land adjacent to Dullingham Ley road and other land in the village. Rob has contacted Brinkley Stud. **Action: follow up when weather improves.**

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