

Harwell Parish Council
Harwell Annual Footpath Walks
Sunday afternoon, 8th June 2014

All footpaths were walked, except X2.

The walkers were:

- Deidre and Clive Holes
- Alison Brisland
- Bill Jackson
- David Marsh
- Debbie Turner

Reports from the walkers:

Walk 1: Passable the whole way. Fallen tree blocking the way 20m from link road, but could get round it. Fly-tipping of plastic 'wendy house' on right hand side, just after A34 bridge.

Walk 2: Path up the side of the caravan park was fine, some nettles at edges but walkable in shorts.

Walk 3: Overgrown in places, very similar to report from 2012, no obstructions, signs ok.

Walk 4: Pathway clear, fine for both walkers and rider. Fir tree at Reading Road end has some quite low hanging branches.

Walk 5: Pathway clear.

Walk 6: Not accessible.

Walk 7: Completely overgrown with nettles. Permissive/diverted path round the edge of the field is blocked.

Walk 8: Walkable, mostly now tarmacked.

Walk 9: Walkable.

Walk 10: Walkable in shorts, though a neighbour commented that there are too many nettles on the School Lane section.

Walk 11: Pathway clear and walkable. At the Manor Green end, lots of low hanging branches which required quite a lot of ducking.

Walk 12: No issues.

Walk 14: Quite a lot of low hanging branches/fir trees growing into the pathway, particularly along the stretch of path by the Hart. At Kings Lane end, neighbour (to left) has planted several laurel-looking shrubs from the end of their fence to pavement. Fence alongside Crispin garden completely replaced. Corrugated fencing in middle part

of footpath on right hand side (walking from Kings Lane) collapsing and broken - v. dangerous.

Walk 15: Nothing to report.

Walk 16: Very rutted at the cross-roads with the Icknield Way on the Harwell side.

Walk 17: Signage at Reading Road needs repainting; estate agents' sign board attached to it & dwarfs it. Signage at Campus end almost invisible because of overgrown shrubs and nettles.

Walk 18: The Barrow end fine, edges strimmed. Where road surface changes (caravan park end) verges are very overgrown and starting to narrow the track, though walkable in shorts, unless a car tries to pass.

Walk 19: Nothing to report.

Walk 20: Fine, though some brambles from side of basketball court beginning to fall across the fencing. No cycling sign at Westfield Road end, quite obscured by bushes.

Walks X1 and X3: Fine.

Walk X2: Not walked.