

SOUTH WILTS GROUP RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

Footpath committee Meeting 22nd June 2009

Present - J Rolt, U Milner-White, P Dashwood, N Cowen, N Martin, G Read, J Hawkins

Apologies - N Dunnell, M Callow

VOLUNTEER WORKING PARTIES

Heavy -April	Redlynch 25 Wooden Kissing Gate erected, path cleared Redlynch 26 Stile repaired	22 hours
May	Sutton Mandeville FP 5 2 stiles rebuilt path cleared and way marking	10 hours
June	Broad Chalke FP 27 Kissing gate installed 7 steps rebuilt *	24 hours

*Nick reported that the health walking group that regularly use this path had already sent their thanks.

Light - April	Winterslow 57	200 metres cleared	18 hours
May	Sedgehill and Semley 26	150 metres cleared	15 hours
June	Ansty 6 and 2	100 metres cleared	18 hours

1. MATTERS ARISING

1.1 Letter from Gordon Norris 10/12/08 - Re BR 8 Fovant - problems with fencing, vehicle use and planning application. Online comment made to Planning Inspectorate, who are considering an appeal against planning permission refusal, asking for care to be taken to preserve line and width of BR should appeal be won.

1.2 Claim for addition of new path at Newton Tony. Email of support sent as agreed at last meeting. (see 3.1 below)

2. AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Footpath Reports - 9015 - 9027

9015	26/03/2009	Alderbury	FP 42	182 222	P Dashwood	Fingerpost needed
9016	04/04/2009	West Dean	FP 6	238 273	P Dashwood	Problem with line + crop blocking
9017	02/04/2009	Laverstock	FP 16	163 293	P Dashwood	Fingerpost needed
9018	02/04/2009	Laverstock	FP 20	163 294	P Dashwood	Way mark post needed
9019	12/04/2009	Bowerchalke	FP 4	020 234	P Dashwood	Path blocked by barbed wire
9020	15/04/2009	Durnford	BR 20	138 367-143 346	P Dashwood	Cross field path ploughed up
9021	15/04/2009	Netherhampton	FP 1	115 281-125 287	P Dashwood	Path ploughed + Way marks needed
9022	14/05/2009	Grimstead	FP 11	218 271 to 221 273	G Read	Crop blockage
9023	14/05/2009	Grimstead	FP 16	2147 2705 to 2143 2748	G Read	Crop blockage
9024	14/05/2009	Grimstead	BR 22	2320 2685 to 2370 2655	G Read	Crop blockage + pointers removed
9025	14/05/2009	Grimstead	FP 5	1) 2304 2748 and 2) 2355 2734	G Read	Broken Stiles
9026	19/05/2009	Redlynch	Byway 37	around 230 193	N Martin	Completely impassable by walkers
9027	06/06/2009	Ansty	BR 5	948 245-953 251	P Dashwood	Various inc blockages

Nick reported that several of the crop blockages have been rectified. Ansty is an area for future Heavy Gang work.

2.2 Projects

2.2.1 Redlynch/New Forest National Park - One more wooden kissing gate installed at Redlynch (see April heavy gang).

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND AGREED RESPONSES

3.1 WC 01/04/09 Claim for addition of path at Newton Tony - Support for this registered.

3.2 WC 09/04/09 + Others. Diversion of Newton Tony 11 Order revoked and file closed.

3.3 WC 05/05/09 Bulford Restricted Byway 24 Diversion Order made and 16/06/09 Order confirmed.

3.4 WC and Planning Inspectorate 06and12/05/09 Findings of Public Inquiry re Salisbury 105 Greens Court to St Ann Place- Order confirmed with minor modifications. Ursula attended this inquiry and has taken the findings to read fully.

3.5 WC 02/06/09 Addition of path at Broad Chalke FP 43 Order made to add path called the Cut.

3.6 WC 09/06/09 Figheldean 6 Reclassification to Byway Order made

3.7 WC 10/06/09 Claim for addition of path off Piggy Lane Salisbury. No comment to make, historical evidence looks weak.

3.8 Planning Inspectorate 11/06/09 Bridleway 29 Amesbury Findings of Hearing - Order confirmed.

3.9 WC 12/06/09 Temporary Closure of Byway 20 Amesbury up to 6 months. Nick says this is for public safety during construction work.

3.10 WC 19/06/09 Durnford 24 - a new path by the church has now been added on the correct line.

3.11 WC 19/06/09 A resident of Firsdown has applied to have the definitive map modified to make the byway Firsdown 5 known as the 'roman road' re-designated as a footpath. This application is accompanied by a large amount of paperwork. On a quick assessment the committee thought we should appose the modification, however John Hawkins who is familiar with the area and the on going issues involved will read the claim and advise the committee whether this action or any other is needed.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Graham noted that a farmer had taken a case to the European Court to try to have the condition to care for rights of way on their land removed from the single payment. He had failed in this claim so persistent offenders could still have money stopped should they not comply with this requirement.

Graham has agreed with Philip Rabbetts to help put in some way mark posts in Grovelly woods area.

Graham commented that no movement had been made on making Macks Lane a byway since the order was confirmed following the inquiry.

Patricia has noted that Woodford 6 that leads to the Monarchs Way needs a heavy strimmer to clear.

6. **NEXT MEETING** Monday August 10th 2009 at 2.00 PM in the Wilton Depot Meeting Room. This date may alter due to holidays etc.