

Minutes 14th April 2025 – Appendix B

BEECH PARISH – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY INSPECTION – 20 & 27 MARCH 2025

v2, 15 April 2025

Footpath/Bridleway		Feature	Condition	Comment	Conclusion
703	Wellhouse Rd – Wivelrod	Footpath sign post on Bridleway 704	Broken	Metal sign, unrepairable.	HCC to replace with wooden waymark post - Done
704	Wellhouse Rd – Thedden	Surface for c150m north of Homelands	Collapsed, single file surface, exacerbated by drainage problem.	Heavily used by walkers and riders. Possible levelling and resurfacing with scalpings needed to improve it, accommodating drainage.	Potential capital project for HCC, possibly with shared cost (with BPC). Surface and drainage would be re-built with limestone to HCC construction standards. To be taken forward with HCC and landowner.
		Northernmost 500m	Waterlogged, deep mud in winter	Not severe enough for intervention at HCC expense.	Potential surface improvement project at BPC expense. To be taken forward with HCC and landowner.
707	Thedden – Bentworth Rd	All	Good	Open field	No action
709	Bentworth Rd – A339	At field edge	Deep mud in winter, but parallel dry path in woodland for walkers	Relatively lightly used	No action
		In Thedden Copse	Good		
710	A339 – Great Wood	Across field at A339	No demarcation of footpath route	Could walk around field edge when crops are standing	Ramblers to have HCC write to landowner
		In Great Wood	Water pipe crossing footpath	Trip hazard	Ramblers to have HCC write to landowner
		In Great Wood	Broken finger post at top of hill		Ramblers to replace finger post for HCC
		Great Wood – Brick Kiln Lane	Good	Open field (in Alton Parish)	No action

714	A339 – Medstead Rd shortcut	Two stiles at each end of Wyards Farm land (at A339)	OK	Could replace with kissing gates (£850 each) with landowner's permission (at BPC cost).	Wait to see if 'Land at Wyards Farm' is allocated for housing development (if so then footpath may be re-routed at this point).
		Two stiles on land associated with 25 Medstead rd	One stile is damaged	Could replace with kissing gates (£850 each) with landowner's permission (at BPC cost).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ramblers to have HCC ask landowner to repair damaged stile. 2. Wait to see if 'Land at Wyards Farm' and/or 'Land at Spring Stables' are allocated for housing development (if so then entire footpath and stiles may be re-routed or upgraded at developer cost).
		Spring Stables fields	Poor surface churned up by horses	Would be better if the footpath along the field edge were to be roped off from the horses.	BPC to discuss with landowner.
711, 769, 770, 781	Within Bushy Leaze and Ackender Woods	All	Some very muddy sections, often churned by horses	Open pathways, easy for walkers to skirt around sides of muddy sections.	No action
712 & 769	Pertuis Ave – Medstead Rd (along northern edge of Ackender Wood)	At 712/769 junction on the corner of the horse field	Large muddy section, permanently undrained surface depression	Difficult for walkers to negotiate for much of year, informal 'bypass' through woodland.	Potential capital project for HCC, possibly with shared cost (with BPC). To be taken forward with HCC and landowner.
		All of 712	Required overhead (3.75m) clearance for bridleway not maintained	Various size/thicknesses of obstruction/vegetation. Ownership of the bridleway land and immediate verges likely not to be Forestry England, but the various adjacent landowners.	Ramblers to cut back what they can (using power tools if available). HCC to write to the adjacent landowners requesting clearance of larger overhanging branches. (NB Potential need and funding for bridleway surface improvement if

					'Land at Whitedown Lane' planning application is approved.)
702	Kings Hill – Wivelrod Rd	All	Good	Hedges recently trimmed by farmer. Needs regular light vegetation clearance by Ramblers.	No action
703	Wivelrod Rd – Wellhouse Rd	All	Good	Open field	No action
713	Medstead Rd – Wellhouse Rd	All	Good	Crosses recreation ground. Southern section needs regular light vegetation clearance.	No action