

2021-22 Footpath report

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This report covers the small collection of Rights of Way in the parish – footpaths and bridleways.

Over the past 12 months some improvements have been made to the village's Rights of Way, but there are still issues needing resolution. The path joining the end of Weavers Field to the A14 footbridge is now of a good quality, but has been finished in an odd way (with two endings), and the path on the other side of that bridge was repaired in a very haphazard way.



This path (from the footbridge to Huntingdon Road) is now a poor neighbour to the resurfaced path and the local access road bridleway. We have been fortunate that it has not flooded in the past 12 months, but this is likely to happen again without action. Improving this path would be desirable, but it is reliant on the County Council reaching an agreement with the adjoining landowner. The bottom of Washpit Lane, joining to the new local access road, is now in the process of officially being converted to a bridleway.

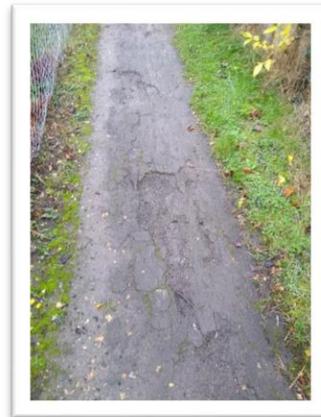
As a consequence of the A14 works, there have been a number of changes to the paths and bridleways between Girton and Madingley. Some have been rerouted and one has now disappeared, but the official map is yet to be updated. Cambs CC are awaiting Highways England to amend this officially. In addition, one path has been ploughed up and allowed to grow over. The path is still accessible, but we must be careful not to allow the right of access to be prevented.





The path from Thornton Close to Whitehouse Lane has been improved by the removal of a post in the middle of the path, but it will not be until August for this to be further improved by the Darwin Green developers completing the work so that the streetlights can be turned on.

The small path from Church Lane to High Street could also benefit from some surfacing work and, in my opinion, the removal of an unnecessary barrier at the High Street end.



To find out all the Rights of Way in Girton and the rest of the county I encourage all interested to look at Cambridgeshire County Council's definitive map, which is found on their website at: <https://maps.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>