

HOLT PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL FOOTPATH REPORT 2015

Methodology: O/S 1:25 000 Pathfinder Map, Definitive Map

	Path No.	Description	Observations	Photos of problems
	1	<u>FOOTPATH.</u> From the north-east corner of the Midlands, road U/C 6058, leading north and north-east to the Allotments known as New Zealand. Approximate length 274 m. Width 2.7 m	No issues	
	2	<u>FOOTPATH.</u> From the north-eastern corner of The Midlands, road U/C 6058, at its junction with path No.1, leading north-west then north past paths Nos.8, 7 and 6 to the Atworth Parish boundary at Great Chalfield, between the cricket ground and Lady's Coppice.Approximate length 780 m.	No Issues	
Holt	6	<u>FOOTPATH.</u> From path No.2 leading north-west to the Great Chalfield road, U/C 6019, at the south-west corner of the cricket ground. Approx length 137m Width 0.4m	FP 6 field has been ploughed and it is very boggy at the bottom of the field.	

Holt	7	<u>FOOTPATH.</u> From the western corner of the Midlands, road U/C 6058, leading north-west past the Leather Dressing Factory, then north across path No.8 to its junction with path No.2 at the Brook.Approximate length 686 m.Width 0.4 m.	No issues	
Holt	8	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From road U/C 6020, south of the Manor house, leading south-east and east across path 7 and south-east to it's junction with FP 2. Approx. length 137m. Width 0.4m	No issues	
Holt	31	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From the Bradford Leigh road C224, north-west of Holt House, leading east to FP34 with a short spur leading north-east to the Bradford Leigh road C224. Approx. length 329m. Width 0.6m Oct 2014 part of Path formally extinguished. April 2015 Parish Council put in DMMO to re-route outside boundaries of properties in Leigh Road – this part of the route has now become overgrown	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clear route from C224 to junction with FP 34 – route regularly used 2. At Junction of FP 31 and FP 34 at the field entrance the way marker and stile are completely obscured and overgrown = 	

Holt	34	<p>FOOTPATH: From the B3105 at it's junction with B3106 W of the bridge leading north to the West of Manor Farm across the B3107, then north-west and north west to the South Wraxall Parish boundary joining south Wraxall FP23. Then from point 70m further west of this point, leading north-west for 150m to re-join FP23 at the parish boundary. Approx. length 1760m. Width 0.61m</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The stile at the Staverton end of the FP was in good condition if a little overgrown (cleared). The sign was in poor order but robust in structure. 2. Route of path across field was not totally clear due to long grass. New fenced in area has been created with style to access. Maize crop growing at time of walking (July) and impossible to walk through to reach the other side – had to take detour up green lane to the right of the maize. 3. Stile on the other side of the crop had correct way marker. 4. Route to reach the B 3107 obvious – stile to road in good order if a little overgrown (cleared) 5. Crossing the road – the FP sign is completely obscured by large shrubs NEEDS STRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF BRANCHES 6. Proceeding towards Hunts Hall Farm - the way is fairly clear but fields not easy to walk as ploughed and left fallow.. 7. Going towards S Wraxall the way was fairly clear (walked end Aug 15). At junction with S. Wraxall FP 23 there was NO clear way 	 <p>FP junction of Holt 34 and S. Wraxall 23</p>
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			marking – stile was in hedge (see pic) Way markers required at this point as it is not clear which side of the hedge the FP is. FP POST AND WAY MARKERS REQUIRED	
Holt	36	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From path No.34 leading north-west to Hunts Hall Farm and thence south-east and north-east to the Bradford Leigh road, C.224. Approximate length 549m. Width 0.6m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wooden Foot bridge at 1st field where path splits is in good order and way marked 2. Path to Hunts Hall farm navigable and stile in good order (added way marker) 3. The area has been recently strimmed and the route back to the C224 presented no problems. 	
Holt	38	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From the junction of the Bradford Leigh Road C224 with Great Chafield Road U/C6019 (point A) leading north-west and west to road C231 100m south of the brook. (point B) Approx. length 777m. Width 06.m.	Path completely blocked by crop on first walking July 2015 – walked again end Aug and there is an obvious path across the field. The FP sign at the South Wraxall end C231 was hanging off the post -repaired.	

Holt	39	<p>FOOTPATH: From the junction of the Bradford Leigh road C224 with the Great Chalfield road U/C 6019 (point A) leading north to the Atworth Parish boundary at Little Chalfield (point B). Approx. length 732m. Width 0.6m</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No proper identification of where the footpath actually runs – it is the sunken lane between the 2 fields Footpath at time of walking (July 2015) completely impassable – fallen tree at start of FP and also further along – green growth inc giant hogweed is waist high – STRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF OFFENDING TREES REQUIRED It is obvious that the correct line has been blocked for some time and walkers have been using alternative route along the east side of the path to access the bridge and proceed towards Gt. Chalfied 	 <p>blocked FP 39</p>  <p>blocked FP 39</p>
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Holt	40	<p>FOOTPATH: From the junction of the Bradford Leigh Road C224 with the Great Chalfield road U/C 6019 (point A) leading north-east to the Atworth Parish boundary at Great Chalfield thence east and south-east along the south side of the brook to the Great Chalfield U/C road 6019 (point B). Approx. length 1006m. Width 0.4m</p>	<p>The way is totally clear – well used path. Fingerpost at start is in poor condition and part of the kissing gate is missing. SEE PHOTO</p>	 <p>FP sign FP 40 poor condition</p>
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Parish	Path No.	Description	Observations
Holt	12	<p>From the western corner of The Midlands, road U/C 6058 at its junction with FP 7, leading south west keeping south of the car park and north of the hedge boundary to the ditch where north north west and west south west to FP 13. Then from FP 16, west of Holt Farm, south west to Bradford Leigh Road C. 224.</p> <p>Approximate length 343m. Width 2m</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fingerpost sign at junction with FP 7 in reasonable condition. 4. Path has been diverted at start of GFS car park and is constructed of loose stones until re-joining original path at wooden stile into field. 5. Wooden stile at is in a reasonable condition with a way marker. 6. Path in field to west of GFS car park is not visible and it would appear that walkers are using the path inside the Recreation Ground instead. 7. Wooden stile at junction with FP 13 is in reasonable condition with a way marker. 8. Path then in good condition to where it joins FP 16 at Ground Corner. Additional way markers/signs would be useful for walkers navigating around the houses in Ground Corner. 9. FP 12 then splits from FP 16 at metal kissing gate by 76a Ground Corner. No way marker or signs at this point. 10. Path leading to junction with C. 224 is overgrown but visible. 11. Access to C. 224 is via gap in hedgerow. Fingerpost Sign in reasonable condition.

Holt	13	<p>From FP 7 at its junction with FP No. 14, near Leather Dressing Factory, leading south-west of GFS car park across FP 12 to B3107 46m North of Ham Green.</p> <p>Approximate length 274m. Width 0.4m.</p>	<p>8. New heritage style metal kissing gate at junction with FP 7 is in good condition. No way marker or sign.</p> <p>9. No discernible visible path across GFS field. At the north western corner of the new GFS car park path crosses construction road and transverses a newly formed raised bund before reaching wooden stile. The path in this area is uneven and further work is required to make it good following recent construction work.</p> <p>10. Wooden 'V' type stile in good condition. No way marker or sign.</p> <p>11. Path then crosses field to a wooden stile in good condition to join FP 12.</p> <p>12. There is little evidence of recent use between junction FP 7 & FP 12.</p> <p>13. Path then splits from FP 12 at Ground Corner and follows road south to B3107.</p> <p>14. Metal Fingerpost at junction.</p>
Holt	14	<p>From FP 18 leading north west to its junction with FP 16.</p> <p>Approximate length 230m. Width 0.4 m.</p>	<p>4. Revised path now commences approx. 100m south west of pumping station.</p> <p>5. There is no discernible path or evidence of use.</p> <p>6. Wooden stile in good condition at junction with FP 16.</p> <p>7. No way marker or sign at either junction.</p>
Holt	16	<p>From the northern end of Ground Corner leading west north west to FP 25 where east and north following field boundary, across FP 18 past FP 14, across road U/C 6020 and thence more westerly to the Bradfield Leigh Road, C 224.</p> <p>Approximate length 786m Width 2m.</p>	<p>1. Metal kissing gate in good condition at junction with FP 12 by 76a Ground Corner. No way marker or sign.</p> <p>2. New metal gate at junction with FP 25. No way marker or sign.</p> <p>3. New metal gate at junction with FP 18. No way marker or sign.</p> <p>4. New path then heads north adjacent to boundary hedge to junction with FP 14.</p> <p>5. Across wooden stile into Holt Manor owned field. Path then continues north to junction with U/C 6020 and is enclosed by fences both sides. Path on definitive map is now on the eastern side of the fence. At some points the defined path is approx. 6 metres east to the path now used. The way marker at junction FP 14 also points in the direction of the original path to where it met the metal stile known locally as 'Jacob's Ladder'</p> <p>6. New path has a wooden gate in good condition at junction with U/C 6020.</p> <p>7. Path then continues on the other side of U/C 6020 via wooden stile north westerly to double wooden stiles at gap in the hedgerow accessing C. 224 Bradford Leigh Road.</p> <p>8. There are fingerposts at both ends of this section.</p> <p>9. There is no visibly discernible path and it is only now assessable following recent harvest of crop.</p>

Holt	18	From FP 7 north west of the Tannery Industrial Estate leading south west across FP 16 to the Bradford Leigh Road, C 224. Approximate length 453m. Width 0.4m from C 224 for 40m then 2m for remainder.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Metal gate in good condition at junction FP 7. No way marker or sign. 5. Path follows new route south west. 6. Metal gate in good condition at junction with FP 16. No way marker or sign. 7. Path continues on new route following hedgerow before re-joining original path approx. 40m from junction with C 224. 8. Path between junction with FP 18 and junction with C 224 is overgrown and uneven with holes. Requires attention to improve safety. 9. Fingerpost at junction with C 224.
Holt	25	From FP 16 leading south-west to FP 12, west of Holt Farm. Approximate length 155m. Width 0.6m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Metal gate in good condition at junction with FP 16. No way marker or sign. 2. Path is overgrown but visible. 3. No way marker or sign at junction with FP 12.
Holt	41	From the junction of B3107 with B 3106 Staverton Lane, leading south-west along the south side of B3107, which it re-joins towards Forewoods Common. Approximate length 640m. Width – not defined.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no discernible visible path and no way markers or signs. 2. It would appear that new hedgerows have been planted or the road widened over the past few decades resulting in the path disappearing? 3. If you attempt to find the path on the field side of the hedgerow there is again nothing visible and access is blocked by a thickly vegetated treeline approx. 500m from the junction B3107 and Staverton Lane. 4. It remains to be proved that this path has been walked for at least the last 20-years?
Holt	44	From road U/C 6062, west of the Church, leading south-west to B 3106 Staverton Lane. Approximate length 549m. Width 0.3m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fingerpost at kissing gate at junction with U/C 6062. 2. No discernible visible path leading across field set to pasture. 3. Wooden stile across hedge into second field. 4. Wooden stile with fingerpost provides access through hedgerow to B3106 Staverton Lane.
	45	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From the U/C 6062 east of the church, leading north-east across FP 46 to station Road	No issues

		C223 opposite the Gravel U/C6060. Approx length 549m. Width 1.2m	
	46	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> Withy walk. From the B3107 opposite the Midlands U/C 6058 leading south-east across FP45 to Star Lane U/C6062. Approx. length 411m. Width 2.7m.	No issues
	48	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From the junction of Station Road C223 with Bradley Lane U/C 6061 leading up the drive of properties, continue along the boundary of O/S plot No 2965 then in a westerley direction for 45 m continuing north-west for 20m to it's junction with FP45 and 46 at Grid Ref ST8641 6183. Approx length 286m. Width 1.5m between Grid Ref ST8641 6182 and ST8650 6184 and 0.7m the remainder. Conditions and limitations: Gate at Grid Ref ST8641 6183	No issues
	51	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From FP53 at it's junction with Star Lane U/C 6062 opposite Star Cottages, leading north across FP46 then north-east to Star Lane U/C 6062, south of stanbridge House. Approx.	No issues

		length 320m. Width 0.4m	
	53	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : Fromroad U/C 6062 east of the church leading east to Star Lane U/C 6062 at it's junction with FP51 opposite Star Cottages. Approx. length 549m. Width 0.3m	No issues
	55	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From B3107 at The Common leading south-east to Bradley Lane U/C 6061 north east to Springfield. Approx. length 229m. Width 2.7m	No issues
	56	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From the north-eastern end of Bradley Lane, UC 6061, leading north-east and north to the BOA-Melksham road B3107. Approx length 640m. Width 0.4m.	I found the route across the Equestrian Centre fields difficult to follow. There are no waymarks or signs to indicate where the path crosses through a hedge. Given the nature of the land, it is fairly open, so it is possible to mudddle your way across. Low electric fence remains and had to be stepped over.
	61	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From the Broughton Gifford road C.211, leading north to the Broughton Gifford Parish boundary, south-west of Lower Farm. Approx length 18m. Width 0.4m	Entrance to path barely accessible, and then overgrown with brambles and nettles beyond. I had no scythe or secateurs with me, so didn't try to walk it. I note that on the Wiltshire Footpath map the path is labelled as BG15 - who is responsible for enforcement?

Holt	62	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From the canal tow path FP63 732m west of the railway bridge north of Lady Down, leading north-west to the BOA boundary along the south bank of the River Avon. Approx. length 645m. Width 0.6m.	FP62 is the canal towpath. It is well signed and maintained. Nothing more to report
Holt	63	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> Canal tow path from Staverton Parish boundary leading west along the Kennet and Avon canal to the Bradford on Avon boundary. Approx. length 1609m	FP63 is signed from FP62. Nothing more to report.
Holt	64	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> The Walk. From B3107 at the Courts leading south-west to B3107 at its junction with U/C 6062 about 91m north-east of Holt House.	No issues
Holt	65	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> From the eastern end of Hawcroft leading East to Beckerley Lane Approx length 40m	No issues
Holt	66	<u>FOOTPATH:</u> from Green Close, leading North-west to Avonfield. Approx length 94m	No issues

Holt	67	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From the junction with path No 66 at Avonfield, leading north-east to Station Road. Approx length 67m	No issues
Holt	68	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From path 66 leading south-west to the south-western end of Avonfield cul-de-sac.pprox length 17m	No issues
Holt	69	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From the western end of Avonfield cul-de-sac, leading south-west then north-west to the steps at the road U/C 6061. Approx length 32m	No Issues
Holt	70	<u>FOOTPATH</u> : From the Northern end of Avonfield, leading north to Station Road. Approx length 74m	No Issues

	Path No.	Description	Observations	Photos of problems
Holt	71	FOOTPATH:leading from Holt path no 16 at Jacobs Ladder stile in an easterly direction to its junction with Holt path no 8. Width 2 metres. Approx. length 300 metres.	<p>This description does not actually match the map. Footpath 71 is at right angles to footpath 72 and proceeds up the field emerging adjacent to Holt Manor (not at Jacobs ladder which was originally part of footpath 16).</p> <p>Footpath 71 was closed by Mr Harris and reinstated after the Secretary of State intervention. As a long standing walker through these fields I know that this was never a well used path. The line of the footpath follows a fence put there about 3 years ago for cattle containment purposes. The first picture shows the upper stile near Holt Manor with 'Beware of the Bull' notice,</p> <p>The lower stile is shown at its junction with footpath 72. The footpath itself is no longer discernable through lack of use.</p> <p>Both stiles. are inaccessible to dogs due to underwiring</p>	 <p>Upper stile</p>  <p>Lower stile (right) at junction with footpath 72</p>

Holt	72	<p>FOOTPATH: leading from Holt path no 16 just north of its junction with Holt path no 14 in a east north east and north east direction to its junction with Holt path no 8. Width 2 Metres. Approx. length 260 metres.</p>	<p>This footpath was reinstated after Secretary of state intervention. It crosses the field at the lower right close to a copse on the right. It used to be much used but, following reinstatement of the new stile, under wiring makes it inaccessible to most dogs. This is very unfortunate as it is dog walkers who mostly use these paths and this is a particularly pleasant field to walk across. While I totally respect the right of farmers to safely graze their animals this field is unused for this purpose for much of the year.</p> <p>The stile at the junction with footpath 16 is quite difficult to cross due to its double width and the presence of barbed wire on the posts – see right If there is any further dispute with the landowner I would suggest an attempt at a win/win situation whereby we release footpath 71 if footpath 72 can be improved and include the otherwise unused copse to its right.</p>	
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