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	All the footpaths in the Parish have been checked and are in general good order. Some routine maintenance will be necessary over the coming months to keep nettles and verges under control.	
Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)	As previously reported, Shirley Anglin. PRoW and Localism Officer for ECC has provided the Parish Council with some details about the Essex Service Level Agreement. This funds one cut a year of any given footpath. The Parish identifies which paths needing cutting, Shirley Anglin calculates the total length and the charge by the metre. The Parish Council carries out the cutting using their contractor as usual and ECC reimburses them. No decision has been made yet to proceed with this arrangement.	
	The following paths could be covered by this scheme : FP7: From just beyond 'Beautiful You' to the end of Secretaries' wall FP8: From Ferriers Lane by Ferriers Cottage (BR22) up to Bakers Hall on the Colne Road. FP13: From the road north of Polstead Farm in a westerly direction passing along the northern boundary of Lamarsh Park, to the parish boundary at the north-western point of Northern Wood. FP16: From Butlers Farm in an easterly direction to the point where it meets a track on the	
	right. FP23: From Hobb's Well south-west to Craigs Hill. BYW 25: From the junction of Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm in a south-easterly direction to just past Broad Oakes property. (It then becomes a concrete track managed by Butlers Farm) FP31: Including the Cambridge Brook crossing, from the brook in a south-easterly direction to Hall Road, Mount Bures. FP33: Phillips Path from Brook House off the Colchester Road up to the Mount Bures	
	railway level crossing. (Members can locate these on the Essex Interactive PRoW map)	

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FP5	From Ferrier's Farm to Horne's Green (a field margin path, leading to a cross-field path through some scrub and into a wood, then onto a well-kept grassed lane to the road) Two reports are live on the Essex reporting tool for defective furniture and a routing issue on FP5. These were not submitted by the Parish Council. Until the Definitive PRoW is reinstated, there is unfortunately some ongoing confusion about where the footpath actually is. No confirmation has been received yet as to when the volunteers will start work to re-establish the official footpath through the wood. The brambles have been stripped out where the path runs alongside the old barns. This is a great improvement and means there will be very little maintenance required over the summer months. A vehicular ramp has been built off Ferriers Lane down onto the field to	3511884 3511883
	enable logging machinery to access the woodland. The waymarker to the left will need repositioning by the Access Team if the landowner intends to divert the PRoW to lead down the ramp.	

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FP5	This is possibly one of the reported 'defective' waymarkers at the entrance to the boggy area leading into the wood. It keeps reappearing as the undergrowth dies down but is not fixed in position. It does not actually mark the Definitive footpath and was probably 'unofficially' erected by a previous PRoW Councillor.	
FP13	Footpath off Fishpits Lane opposite Polstead Farm leading along Lamarsh Park There is no fingerpost at this point or any indication that this is a PRoW. The site will be assessed during future scheduled inspections	2710641 Updated 12/04/2021

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FP14/BWY15	Footpath from Ravensfield Farm to Polstead Farm Damaged old-style concrete fingerpost. Byway from Ravensfield Farm to Hornes Green Both PRoWs originate from the same point. The Byway has no finger post.	3482330 3482308
FP30	From Colne Road next to Parsonage Grove crossing the railway to The Paddocks. The Parish Council is still awaiting the outcome of the Network Rail Public Inquiry for Level Crossings Reduction in Essex regarding the fate of the above 'passive crossing'. No further developments as to the extinguishment of the passive crossing. This crossing and others along the Gainsborough Line have all been upgraded with new stiles and access paths which seems to imply that there has been a stay of execution. This is the passive crossing at Kings Farm, just recently refurbished, on FP7/Lamarsh FP14.	Crossing E54

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FP16	From Colne Road north-east of Pricketts Hall Farm, south to Butlers Farm, then east to meet Balls Road No further progress about a Diversion Order to FP16 for the planning application 20/02131/FUL at Butlers Farm.	
FP21	From Masters Farm down to the Cambridge Brook The Essex Reporting Tool is showing a live report of defective furniture at Masters Farm. There is a waymarker fixed to the redundant stile but there really should be a fingerpost. The report was not submitted by the Parish Council.	20358575
FYI	Quiet Lanes Suffolk. An informal virtual public consultation was held on 26th April as part of the Annual Parish Meeting. Verbal concern regarding Hollow Lane was made prior to the meeting. Written support for St Edmunds Lane had also been received. Following strong opposition made both by email and at the meeting by residents on Arger Fen, it was decided to withdraw from Wave 2 of the proposals to designate certain roads in the parish as Quiet Lanes. Bures St Mary Parish Council, having moved into Wave 3, will now need to make a minuted vote as to which roads it wishes to submit. The proposals were: Arger Fen from the Nayland Road to Dead Lane (route U8607) Dead Lane to Gazeley Gate (route U8607) St Edmunds Lane (route U8616) Hollow Lane (route U8617) Assington Parish Council have submitted the northern section of route U8607, known as Wormingford Road, from Gazeley Gate to Rose Green to become a Quiet Lane in Wave 2 and are disappointed that the remainder of the route remains uncertain. Currently, total costs to the Parish Council for Wave 2, are that the first route is free then £50 donation for each subsequent route. It is assumed at this time that these costs will also apply to Wave 3 submissions. The final decision by the Parish Council to proceed with Wave 3 must be submitted to QLS by 2nd August (next Parish Council meeting 22nd July). The formal notification to the public by SCC commences on 23rd August. The deadline for public representations to the SCC will be 13th September.	

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