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	All the footpaths in the Parish have been checked. Some longstanding issues remain unresolved. Essex Highways now have a statement on the reporting site; <i>Due to a higher than normal volume of enquiries currently being raised regarding our Public Rights of Way network we are currently prioritising safety related issues for inspection. Please be aware that all non-safety related reports will be addressed as resources become available.</i>	
Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)	Shirley Anglin (PRoW Officer for Essex County Council) notified the Parish Council that we can enter a Service Level Agreement in the summer 2022. The application will need to be set in motion in December 2021. No further progress on this at the moment.	
FP1	Off Bombose Lane around Bombose Farm The fingerpost remains obscured from sight by dense hedging. The kissing gate at the edge of the road is frequently overrun by brambles and requires regular cutting back.	
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) The reinstatement of the Definitive Footpath has been resolved. Under the instruction of the Essex Access Team, a group of volunteers known as the Friends of the Flitch Way has cleared the Definitive PRoW through the woodland and erected a series of waymakers along the route. The path runs along the top of the steep bank before it gradually descends to the valley floor. There may be a need to dig in a shelf along short sections of the bank to level the path where it is very much 'on the slant'. This could be put to the Parish contractor, subject to members' agreement, or be a task for local volunteers. An email of thanks has been sent to Nicholas Leeson of Essex Highways.	
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.	

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FP14/BWY15	<p>Footpath from Ravensfield Farm to Polstead Farm Damaged old-style concrete fingerpost.</p> <p>Byway from Ravensfield Farm to Hornes Green Both PRoWs originate from the same point. The Byway has no finger post. These reports have been removed from the Interactive website and are now logged as items to be assessed during future scheduled inspections.</p>	
FP16	<p>From Colne Road south to Butlers Farm FP16 was, some years ago, diverted from its Definitive line without the necessary permission. No Diversion Order has been raised yet but there is no reason for the Parish Council to object to this unauthorized path diversion. Butlers Farm is currently being sold so this matter may remain outstanding for some time.</p>	
FP21	<p>From Bakers Hall down to the Cambridge Brook and up to Hall Road, Mount Bures A plank in the footbridge crossing the Cambridge Brook broke in half. Other boards are showing some wear and tear. The damaged board was replaced by a Mt Bures councillor. The overall condition of the footbridge will be monitored.</p>	
BWY25	<p>From Colne Road opposite Pricketts Hall Farm to Balls Road The surface issues have not been resolved and the report remains open. <i>An inspector will carry out an initial assessment determine the next appropriate action, which may include a site visit.</i></p>	3388148
FP30	<p>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'. In the meantime, volunteers have cut back the brambles and hedge following several complaints that the path was becoming difficult to use. This path is meant to be cut once a year by Essex Highways.</p>	

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FP33	<p>Phillips Path from Brook House to the Mount Bures level crossing.</p> <p>The hedges on both sides of the path are well-maintained by Mount Bures Parish Council. Rogue brambles and overhanging hedging are dealt with on an adhoc basis. The Clerk has approached Mount Bures Parish Council to offer payment towards the costs that Mount Bures PC have incurred.</p>	
FYI	<p>Quiet Lanes Suffolk.</p> <p>St Edmunds Lane (route U8616) and Hollow Lane (route U8617) were formally submitted under Wave 3 of the QLS initiative. Public representations to SCC have now closed and a decision will follow in due course. A significant number of responses were received (both in support and against). Suffolk Highways and SCC are currently finalising the legal designation of Wave 2 lanes. Once that is completed, they will be able to process the responses received for Wave 3.</p> <p>They have a duty to look at each response and in the case of objections this requires talking to the parties involved to agree a way forward. This will take some time. QLS are not involved in this process so are unable to comment on the outcomes for individual parishes.</p> <p>Smallbridge Entry was put forward for Wave 4 rather late in the process because of uncertainty about Arger Fen in general. The timing was very tight and, unfortunately, the Parish Council was not able to meet the deadlines for the informal public consultation and a public meeting.</p>	
Mount Bures B1508 junction	<p>Still waiting on a sign to erect on the fingerpost by Brook House Cottage to indicate that there is a traffic-free route into Bures St Mary and to the school.</p>	