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	No new issues have been reported regarding the condition of the Parish's footpaths. Some longstanding defective signage will hopefully be resolved this winter, subject to ECC budget restraints.	
Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3)	<p>It was agreed at the September Parish Council meeting to proceed with an application for a Service Level Agreement. This will provide a modest funding package which the Parish can use to pay its own contractors to cut PROWs which were previously cut by ECC. Maps of the possible PROWs for inclusion in the agreement have been forwarded to Jason Botelho, Braintree Public Rights of Way Officer (jason.botelho@essexhighways.org). Hopefully these will be assessed, measured and allocated funds from the 2023-2024 budget.</p> <p>Currently the rates are: brush cutter/line strimmer- 12p a metre and sit-on mower 9p a metre.</p> <p>Eight PROWs have been identified.</p> <p>FP5: From the BR22 Ferriers Lane, beyond Ferriers Farm, in a westerly direction towards Hornes Green (the woodland section only)</p> <p>FP7: From Beautiful You hair salon to the end of Secretaries boundary wall.</p> <p>FP8: From Colne Road opposite White Dragon Archery in a northerly direction to Ferriers Cottage (the wooded section only leading to the brook)</p> <p>FP16: From Colne Road north-east of Pricketts Hall Farm towards Balls Road</p> <p>FP23: From Hobb's Well, south-west to Craig's Lane along a field margin (the short fenced-in, gated corridor only)</p> <p>BWY25: From Broadoakes, Colne Road to Wood Cottage, Balls Road (the section alongside the scrapyard only)</p> <p>FP30: From Colne Road by Tenterfield to the railway crossing</p> <p>FP:33 Philips Path form Mount Bures crossing to the Colchester Road (to reimburse Mt Bures Parish Council)</p>	

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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 can get overrun by brambles and nettles. This will be dealt with this autumn/winter.	2777380 15/05/2022
FP5	From the BR22 Ferriers Lane in a westerly direction towards Hornes Green The spring which cuts right across the footpath just beyond the Ferriers Barns has become quite boggy. The bricks are now sinking into the mud and no longer provide a firm crossing. Wooden pallets might provide a viable alternative. During the autumn the verges of the woodland section of this footpath have been cleared of nettles and brambles. Having eventually secured this reinstated footpath, it requires regular maintenance to ensure that it doesn't become overgrown again.	
FP8	From Colne Road opposite White Dragon Archery in a northerly direction to Ferriers Cottage The section approaching the brook and the footbridge has been regularly strimmed back by the Footpath Warden during the mild autumn and still needs monitoring.	
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. This will be dealt with by ECC during the autumn/winter maintenance schedule.	2777141 15/05/2022
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. As above, ECC hopes to deal with all these longstanding issues over the coming autumn/winter.	2777143 2777139 15/05/2022

FP23	From Hobb's Well, south-west to Craig's Lane along a field margin The short fenced-in corridor alongside the property Hobb's Well has been kept clear of nettles and brambles. There is still lots of side growth due to the mild conditions.	
FYI	Quiet Lanes Suffolk. Signage for Wave 3 will be collected from Ipswich on Monday 14 th November and then installed in due course. The legal designation process for the Wave 4 Lanes (Smallbridge Entry, Mill Hill) has been delayed by an objection lodged during the formal consultation. It is not known if this designation will be approved.	

Jan Aries 11th November 2022