

## **Rights of Way Report October 2023**

Firstly, again we have to thank Tim Gilbert for his vigilance and hard work with clearance of paths. He discovered that a farmer had attached a padlock that appeared to lock a gate on a path. This is a ruse intended to persuade walkers that there is no access to this path. However, the padlock is actually attached in such a way that the gate CAN still be opened!

Eve Wynn and Susan Fone have made a detailed survey of many of the paths. Access to WN19/88 off Corkscrew Lane and ending at Dodinall's House is completely blocked, as is the path. Eve is booking George (the contractor) to go and clear.

Tim did magnificent work clearing dense growth where WN19/24 emerges onto Hearn lane, Galhampton. In the process, the original finger post was discovered. George is going to take out and reuse the older finger post.

Where two paths WN19/11 and WN19/2 meet at gate, posts and gate have been replaced. In the process, the finger posts were removed and laid in the hedge. George will reinstate them in the ground. WN19/1 will be reinstated when George does this work (we hope), but in that instance, Eve has yet to contact Andrew Hopkins, as it is his land.

The three bridges still needing work in North Cadbury are in the pipeline!!

WN19/105 Ridgeway Lane is now completely cleared and resurfaced. Grateful thanks to Sue Gilbert and Katherine Vaughan for their persistence and hard work and to Eve Wynn and Mervyn the contractor, for completing the reopening. The ditches have not been cleared as we are going to observe how the surface drains and possibly correct it in the future. Eve is very concerned about any heavy machinery going up and down the route and breaking down the surface.