

**Chiltern Society Path Representative North and West Nuffield**

**Report for Nuffield Parish Council October 2024 to May 2025**

I have maintained visits to this part of the parish to identify and report any obstructions or difficulties with the rights of way and carry out minor maintenance-. I made 14 visits in all in this period and, even though we had some high winds earlier this year, I did not find much impact on the paths except for the hanging cherry tree on Nuffield footpath 10: this has very recently been cleared by the County Council team.

The Chiltern Society Path Maintenance Team has also continued their work including a late summer mow along NU10 and a new waymark post where brambles were obstructing the old signs. Similarly, they mowed NU14 where it tends to get overgrown and obscures the path by the houses from Bradley Road. I am keeping an eye on Nuffield 33, running parallel to the Ridgeway, because even though it is a reasonably popular bridleway the growth increasingly threatens to obstruct the path and I may to request some mechanical help later in the year.

As I have noted previously, NU2 and NU6 both exit on to the busy A4130 which is a bit of a concern by itself but also they have poor stiles, rabbit holes and deteriorated steps and I have requested that a way can be found to either improve them or provide alternative routes.

Generally though the paths in this part of the parish are in good condition.

John Case

Chiltern Society Parish Path Representative, 15th May 2025.