

Nuffield North Footpath Report

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I have walked all of these paths regularly through the summer and nearly all of them recently. Most of the paths are in good or acceptable condition although there are a few concerns about keeping the encroaching vegetation at bay next summer especially on NU10 and NU33.

The Path Maintenance Volunteers did a splendid job with Nu 10 over the last few years but the growth is such that I thought the path might be overcome by the end of this summer. However, it was not! The dry summer probably helped but it is a popular path and the traffic kept the vegetation in check.

Similarly with NU33 this year although the trouble here is brambles determinedly growing across the path along one section but with a couple of energetic sessions I was able to keep it clear enough for single file use of walkers and riders.

Hopefully, these paths will be as manageable next year.

Our problems with the paths which end at the main road continue. These are NU2 and NU6 and both have for many years had very poor approaches to the A4130, not to mention the dangers along the road itself when walkers reach it. At the moment NU6 is passable but recently a load of sawn tree branches have been dumped across NU2 just over the bottom stile from the field and also over the remnants of the steps up to the road, making it completely inaccessible.

Unfortunately this coincides with the other end of NU2, where it meets Nuffield Hill, becoming completely accessible for once - there is now just a gap to the road where the extremely awkward stile has disappeared altogether.

Lastly, NU14 past the prison has been for a long time been subject to overgrowing vegetation in the summer where Bradley Road meets it and has been completely blocked on occasion.

Happily this section has now been mowed for the last two years which has allowed walkers free passage on the correct 'definitive route'. I thought the mowing was done by PMV but I am led to believe that it was probably done by local residents – anyway I am extremely grateful!

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