

April 2022 Footpath Report

Thank you again to Huw Lovesey and Jean Belzar for continuing to walk the ROWs. Following on from March Parish Council meeting the remaining rights of way have now been walked. Here are their updates:

Chut 16 Starts at the Church with a gate at the same starting point as Chut 15 .The footpath crosses the field diagonally but undefined due to lack of use. The field gate at the other end is ok to use.



Chut 20 Conholt lane to Boat's copse. There are signs and new kissing gates at either end . The path runs along the edge of the field and is well grassed.



Chut 25 Breach Lane track to Grim’s Ditch . The Bridleway has a few issues: fallen trees and BT cabling that requires repair.

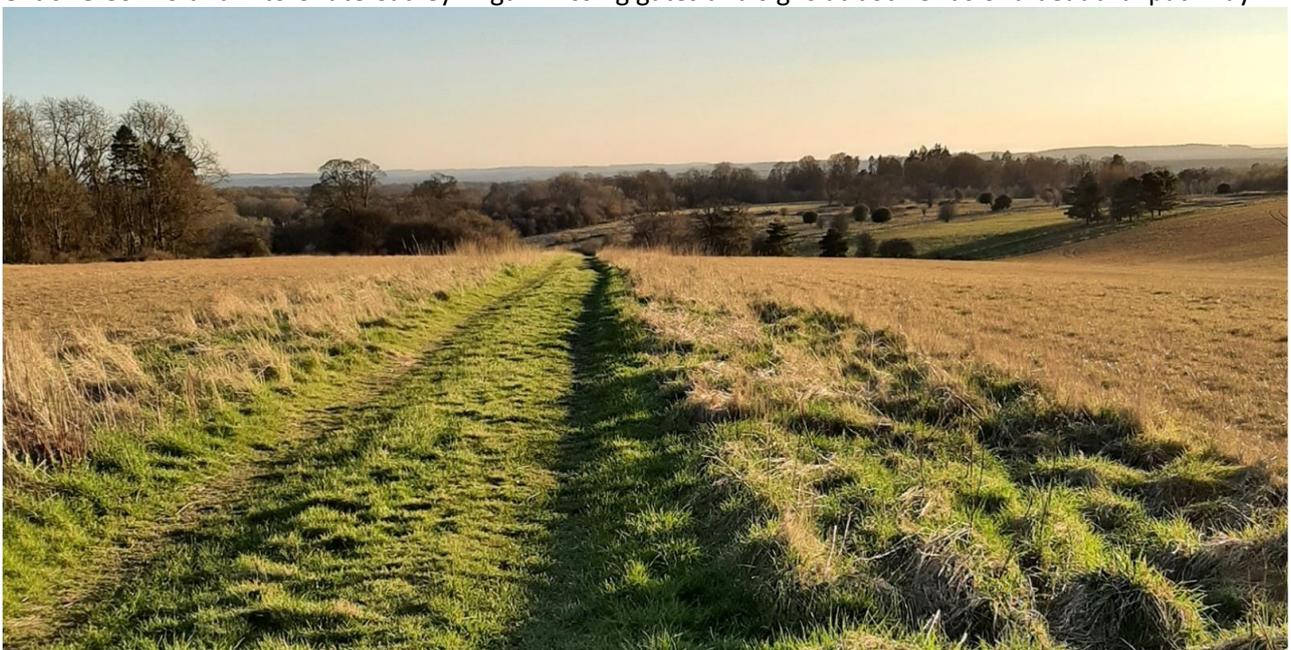


At the Chute Causeway end of the bridleway, tree work has been carried out. A sign and gate are in good order to access the road crossing. The track is also signed on the other side of the road .

Chut 26 Conholt hill to Hippenscombe track . The footpath has Kissing gates at either end and signage .



Chut 28 Conholt Park to Chute Cadley . Again Kissing gates and signs at both ends of a beautiful pathway.



Chut 33 Malthouse lane to Breach lane track .The sign post on Malthouse lane has been surrounded by hedging and will not be visible during the summer .



The rest of the bridleway is clear and sign posted .

Chut 37 Breach lane track to Standen House . This track is clear and sign posted.

Overall good news, just part of Breach Lane track in need of attention. The kissing gates work well and generally stand next to metal farm gates so do not look out of place .

The kissing gates are worth pursuing to create a circuit around Upper Chute and linking upper Chute with Lower Chute. Lower Chute has no stiles to negotiate.

Starting from Upper Chute Green, travelling down Forest lane to the Well house. Join Chut 8. There is a stile to enter the field ,however Chut 9 also enters the same field and has a gate, which is very close to the stile. The stile on the opposite end of Chut 8 would need replacing to access the Crystal Palace track. From there travelling up to the Cross keys to join Chut 18. Chut 18 unfortunately has 4 stiles along this relatively short path and each one would need replacing. This is partly due to the path deviating into the next field rather than straight to the road. Next you would travel down the lane passed Parsonage farm towards the church to join Chut 15. This already has a gate. Halfway along Chut 15 there is a stile which would need replacing.

After that point the route is supplied with gates or open pathways . From the end of Chut 15 the walk could cut back via the track to the Village Hall and then up Malthouse lane.

Alternatively carrying on to Chute Standen, following the track behind the Dower House along Chut 30 to Chute Cadley. Then along the lanes through Lower Chute to Hatchett Hill to join Chut 14 and Chut 13 back to Malthouse lane .