

FOOTPATH PROBLEMS ON OUR WALKS (AS AT 16TH NOVEMBER 2019)

WALKS 3,6,&7 NEW

The footbridge over the River Rea at Upper Forge(point 8 on all 3 walks) is closed due to undermining caused by heavy rains. We do not know for how long. Our website will have the latest information. Walk 3 & 17 can be accomplished by walking East along the A4117 then down the bridleway to the East side of the bridge. Only the short version of Walk 6 can be achieved.

Walk 24 Neen Savage Safari.

The footpath from the B4363 at Wall Town going north west to Lower Baveney had a temporary closure order on it, due to the state of a footbridge(between points 4 & 5). The closure order is no longer in force, although the bridge is still in the same condition(which it has been for many years)

Simon Evans Way

At Detton, opposite Detton Hall, the path has been illegally blocked off through the grounds of a house. We are trying to get this put right. Please report it to the Highways authority if you come across it.

OTHER FOOTPATH PROBLEMS IN THE AREA.

The following information is provided to help in planning walks of your own.
If you discover other problems while out walking, please [tell us about them](#)

Cleobury Mortimer Central(about 1 mile radius) NEW

- The footpath to the north of the town which runs east/west to the north of the caravan park has been modified to its correct location south of the brook. However it is obstructed in the caravan park. The Council are in the process of correcting this. SO670764

Information only(not a problem):

- The paths through the pioneer centre have been diverted and one has been closed. They are not as shown on older OS maps. SO687778. *The Dinmore Dally* uses part of the diverted path.
- The footpath going south east from Wyre Farm towards the golf course is on a different line to that shown on the map. Follow the waymarks. SO688771
- The path going south from the golf course towards the A4117 is on a different line to that on the map. Go to the south end of the clubhouse and follow the waymarks. SO691766. *A Round of Golf*.

South of Cleobury to Neen Sollars and Milson

- The footpath in the centre of Milson going to Hillhouse farm is **obstructed**. SO637730
- The path in Neen Sollars between the Cleobury road & the road to Mamble is **obstructed**. SO663724
- There is no footbridge to the west of Lower Langley although the stream is fordable in dry periods. The footpath coming from Lea Fields is also obstructed at this point. SO649733. Note that there is a footbridge a little further west near Upper Langley.
- The footbridge across Mill Brook on the path from Coreley across the airfield has collapsed. It is currently impassible. SO631740
 - **NEW** The gate at the north end of Milson Woods has and is difficult to get past. You will need to climb over the fence. SO641724
 - The old canal footbridge over the Rea to the very south of Neen Sollars (west of Marlbrook) has collapsed. It is not possible to get across the river at this point. SO652703
 - There is no footbridge over The River Rea between Marlbrook and Sturt. SO656707

The last two problems are a major blockage in the network as there is no way across the Rea in the area.

West of Cleobury to Hopton Wafers

- The path running SW/NE between the minor road at Bransley and the A4117 does not exist on the ground. We have not done anything about this as a much better route is to continue on the lane to the A4117 and straight across. SO656754. Going west from Bransley is fine and is on ***The Court Circular***

Information only(not a problem):

- The triangle of footpaths between Lower and Upper Down farms do not exist on the ground. The white road/track between the two can be used. SO630746
- The footpath which runs from Upper Dudnill to Ditton Mill has been diverted to a better line and is not as shown on older OS maps. The diverted route is waymarked. SO643747. This is on ***Earls Ditton Exploration*** and ***The Court Circular***.
- The footpath which runs from Haybridge north west towards Upper Down has been diverted to the field edge and is not as shown on older OS maps. SO640740. This is on ***The Milson Meander***
- The footpath west from Little Stepple is diverted and not as shown on older OS maps. It goes around the farmyard and then follows the hedge line south west to meet another footpath. SO655771
- The footpath which runs from the reservoir on Common Lane to Sproseley has been diverted(2017) and is not as shown on OS maps. The new route can be seen on our Walk leaflet ***A walk in three parishes***. This is also the route of our section of the Shropshire Way.SO655766
- The triangular route from Dippers Bank caravan park at Ditton to the fruit farm then on to Withypool farm is usable. There is an obstruction in the way of some fencing where a stile should be. If you have long enough legs you can get over it. However the fact there is an obstruction gives walkers a legal right to continue up the hill to the house(fruit farm) and left along the drive. SO638757

North of Cleobury

- The footpath at Lower Elcott is a dead end as the white road to the public road is private. SO679784
- The path to Stepple Hall is a dead end as the track at the west end is private. SO660781
- The path heading west off Baveney Lane has been illegally fenced in and as a result can get easily overgrown with bramble and hedge growth. Please report it to the council if it is difficult to use. On the map this is under the wording Yew Tree Farm SO698797
- The footpath from the B4363 at Wall Town going north west to Lower Baveney has a temporary closure order(until 14th Feb 2019) on it, due to the state of a footbridge.(see note at top).

Information only(not a problem):

- The footpaths at “Dinmore” have been diverted(2018) and are not as shown on OS maps. The new routes are well waymarked. These routes are on ***The Neen Savage Safari***. SO691776
- The footpath through the middle of Overwood Farm has been diverted away from the farmyard(2018). SO683797. Follow the diversion signs.
- Footpaths across Overwood common have been significantly diverted(2018) and are not as shown on OS maps. The new routes are waymarked. These are on ***The Neen Savage Safari***. SO683792

East of Cleobury to the County Boundary at Far Forest

- The path at Furnace Mill along Baveney Brook going East into the Wyre Forest is so badly eroded that it is dangerous to use and has been closed. SO722766
- The path from Betts Nature Reserve to Furnace Mill house is problematic in that there is no way into the grounds of Furnace Mill House. It needs diverting but the council are not doing anything about it. Please report this to the council if you come across it to give this problem higher priority SO720765
- NEW the footbridge at Upper Forge(onto the Mawley Estate) is closed pending investigation of possible damage to the foundations caused by recent rains.

Information only(not a problem):

- The footpaths north and East of our Golf Club have been extensively diverted and bear little relationship to what is shown on (older) OS maps. An information board at the Golf Course gives more information.These routes are on *The Three Coppices* and *The Neen Savage Safari*.
- At Lem Hill on the A4117, the path which goes south from the road towards Acre Farm. The exit from the road is not where it seems. It is further west along the road about 100m at the field boundary under the 'm' of Oak Farm. SO717752