

Notes on visit to Park Lane Bridleway: Havant BW123 on 12th April 2016

The purpose of the visit was to identify and plan work for the volunteer working party. The survey was undertaken with Abby Sullivan. The table lists and prioritises the tasks identified.

It was a sunny afternoon. During the 70mins on the route 7 cyclists and about twice that number of pedestrians used the route. One cycle commuter gave a description of the problems and safety risks of cycling from Waterlooville to Havant to start his shift at 6am. The track surface is currently too rough for many road bikes. The tasks will improve conditions for existing users & hopefully attract more users. Abby provided a list of possible dates for working party on 14th April.

Task & location	Priority	Consequences if not repaired	Proposed action
Reduce flooding around chicane east of bridge.	1	Wet route discourages users. Lack of drainage channel results in flooding on bridge.	Clean out drainage channel. Remove mud from around chicane. Level track with stone chippings.
Reduce flooding around chicane west of bridge.	1	Flooding at stopping point discourages or prevents use of route. Whole bridge surface sometimes floods. Water ingress could damage bridge structure.	Dig new drainage channel. Remove mud from around chicane and level out track with stone chippings. Advise Highways England of problem.
Prevent 2 patches of mud at dip in track between bridge and Grassmere Way.	2	Route is wet, users are discouraged. Lack of drainage channel results in flooding preventing use by some in wet weather. This section of route is used by many as access to shops.	Establish drainage channels from track to ditch. Clear away mud. Add gravel.
Large puddle in track Immediately west of old Farm entrance.	3	Lack of drainage channel results in flooding that discourages users.	Establish drainage channels from track to A3(M) side. Clear mud. Add gravel to level site.
Springs alongside track to east of bridge drain along track onto bridge.	2	Route is wet for much of year. Typically ice is on route for 3 weeks/ Annum. Even this year there was thick ice for one week. Users are discouraged & bridge is put at risk.	Drainage is needed, probably across the track.
Between Calshot Road and Dunsbury Hill Farm many drainage channels from track to ditch are blocked.	2-3	In 2012 cutting was omitted. Vehicles forced vegetation into channels blocking them. BW surface washed away within 2 weeks. Reoccurs will result in rougher track making use of any road bike impossible.	Dig out as many drainage channels as possibly especially just east of junction with BW120. If time allows rake out other channels.
Saplings are growing in ditch east of farm.	2-3	Further growth of saplings will reduce water flow in ditch	Dig out saplings.

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