

Parish Paths Partnership report for April 2020

Heavy usage of the parishes' paths has continued this month, proving what a valuable resource they are to our residents whilst the Coronavirus restrictions are in place. The increased footfall is helping to keep the nettles at bay, but they will soon be making sections of some paths unpleasant to walk on. DCC has decided that volunteers are not allowed to clear paths until further notice, only approved contractors, so I will notify my DCC contact when paths need cutting. DCC have made an annual grant of £320 to the parish for path maintenance in addition to the annual cut.

DCC have received complaints about bicycle riders on the river bank path from Lime Kiln carpark to White Bridge (footpath EB2/Ot1). Most of this path is narrow and hemmed in by hedges on both sides, so it is both irresponsible and antisocial to cycle on it. DCC have increased the number and visibility of 'No Cycling' signs and hope that this will cure the problem, but will consider putting up wheelchair-usable gates as a last resort.