

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM: 24 JUNE 2015

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the forum about the status of projects on the LAF regular monitoring list and to seek the forums advice regarding the members' discussion forum.

2. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

(a) Thames Paths 'missing link' at Bridge Gardens

An extension to the roadside footpath at Bridge Gardens has been implemented which has alleviated the need for pedestrians to cross the road at this point.

The aspiration to create a riverside path has been retained in the draft Rights of Way Management and Improvement Plan 2015

(b) Deregulation Bill update

The Deregulation Bill was passed and received Royal Assent on 26th March 2015. We are awaiting regulations and guidance before the public rights of way sections are enacted fully.

(c) Volunteer works

Since December 2015 have been working with two volunteer groups from Berkshire College of Agriculture and from the Ways into Work scheme, as well as continuing work with The Conservation Volunteers. The following works have been undertaken:

Group:

BCA Berkshire College of Agriculture
 PGS Pinkneys Green Scout group
 TCV The Conservation Volunteers
 WiW Ways Into Work

Group	Date	Task	No. of volunteers involved.
BCA	19 th March 15	Vegetation clearance – Henley Road Horse Margin	13
BCA	30 th April 15	Vegetation clearance – Bray FP 13	13
PGS	29 th April 15	Vegetation clearance – Maidenhead FP 24, Bisham FP 18 and others (ongoing)	25
WiW	6 th May 15	Vegetation clearance – Maidenhead Bridleway 46	7
BCA	7 th May 15	Vegetation clearance – Hurley Bridleway 15 (ongoing over several weeks)	13
WiW	20 th May 15	Vegetation clearance – Bray Footpath 50	5
WiW	27 th May 15	Vegetation clearance – Bray Footpaths 39, 40 & 43 (ongoing)	4

The following works are planned:

Group	Date	Task
BCA	4 th June 15 (ongoing)	Continuing clearance of Hurley Bridleway 15
TCV	2 nd July 15	Boardwalk construction – Hurley Footpath 29
TCV	tbc	Revetment and path levelling works – Cookham Footpath 48
TCV	tbc	Step and handrail construction – Bisham Footpath 3
PGS	tbc	Continuing clearance of Maidenhead FP 24 (ongoing)
WiW	10 th June 15 (ongoing)	Continuing clearance of Bray Footpaths 39, 40 & 43.
WiW	tbc	Vegetation clearance – Hurley Restricted Byways 52, 543 & 54

(d) Activities of the LAF Fast Response Team

The Fast Response Team has responded to the following consultations on behalf of the forum since 2nd December 2015. The responses given on behalf of the Forum is included in Appendix A to this report.

- Response to a planning application at Bridge Gardens for the repositioning of garden wall at number 4 Bridge View, removal of walls at numbers 3 and 5 and construction of footway in front of numbers 1-4 Bridge View

The Maidenhead Development Control Panel approved the application.

The relevant extract from the minutes of the Maidenhead Development Control panel are as follows:

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Bridge View, Ray Mead Road, Maidenhead. Application for the repositioning of the garden wall at number 4 Bridge View, the removal of walls at numbers 3 and 5 and the construction of the footway in front of numbers 1-4 Bridge View. Officers recommended the application be approved.

The PANEL VOTED that the application be APPROVED. The application was approved subject to the conditions outlined in the Planning Officer's report and the following additional condition:

Condition 2 was amended so that further details of the surface of the path were required.

The Panel requested that Mr Bailey was consulted with regards to the surface of the path.

Five Councillors voted in favour of the motion to approve the application (Cllrs Bullock, Coppinger, Love, Walters and Wilson). One Councillor abstained from voting (Cllr Newbound). (Speakers: The Panel was addressed by Mr Bailey for the Objectors.)

- Response to the consultation for a proposed Public Space Protection Order to close Eton Footpath 51 at night times.
The Alley Gating Panel refused the application.

The minutes of the Alley Gating Panel are included in Appendix B to this report.
