

HIGHWAYS ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2025

Widening the access path to the bridge across the ford at Water Lane

An Application Form was submitted for Community Funded Highways Infrastructure funding for widening the footpath access to the bridge at the ford in Water Lane. It would appear that the relevant works will be undertaken soon.

Road flooding in the village

The road drain next to the village hall exit had been repaired, but the nearby depression in the road has not been dealt with, so water still collects there. This has been reported to HCC.

Potholes in Hobbs Close

A Highways officer attended and stated "no defects were found to meet the required safety levels". The Chairman reported that one had been patched.

School Lane

- The PC paid for the removal of the dead ash trees on the land on which the village swap box is located.
- During the year, there was minor resurfacing of the potholes on this road which has since eroded away. Requests have been made to Councillor Gordon-Smith to ascertain when a more longterm solution will be undertaken.

Reduction in speed limits on the approach to Bishop's Sutton

In January 2023, a submission was made to Hampshire Highways seeking a reduction in the speed limit on the western and eastern approaches to the village from 60mph to 40mph. In July 2024, an update was requested regarding this (and on the upgrade to the footpath between the village and Alresford). No decision has been made we understand but if the speed limit were to be reduced the new limit would be 50mph.

Edward Hutton

6 April 2025

FOOTPATHS ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2025

Problems on Rights of Way

As last year, this year there was no need to report any problems on Rights of Way in our Parish to the HCC Countryside Service.

A parishioner reported that it was not clear which way the footpath went from the stile to the south of Bighton Bottom Farm towards Bighton Manor Farm. I was able to point out that there was signage on the stile which indicated the route.

There have been no further developments of the problem reported last year by a parishioner concerning the footpath from the entrance to Bighton Bottom Farm to Northside Farm.

Right of Way from Bishop's Sutton to Bighton via Bighton Bottom Farm

There has been no progress regarding my plan to make this path stile-free.

Footpath between Bishop's Sutton and Alresford

The PC has been generally supportive of the proposed upgrade by HCC of this link footpath which should reduce the number of times pedestrians and other users have to cross the main road to follow the path, as well as to widen and to improve the quality of the surface. It is understood that funds have now been set aside for the work which is scheduled for the spring.

Edward Hutton

6 April 2025