

Otterton Footpath and Rights of Way Report for March 2021

General

1. Devon County Council has continued their repairs, improvements and maintenance of our footpaths. Brilliant! Many thanks to Sam Jeffcoat and his team.
2. The breach in the river bank just north of Clamour Bridge is to be repaired once permissions have been obtained.
3. As in common with many other areas, lockdown has seen a lot more people than usual during the winter out and about exercising on the footpath and rights of ways. Some paths have widened considerably and some people are trespassing to avoid mud. See below
4. All the world war memorial waymarks and finger posts are now in position. They add considerably to the historic context of our lovely environment. There are 16 WW1 and 2 WW2 posts. Many thanks to Toby for placing them. When funds allow the remaining 5 WW2 names of the fallen will be marked.
5. As can be expected at this time of year many of the PROW were very muddy in December but have dried up considerably due to the recent drier weather.

Major Issues

6. River Otter footpath 1
 - a. The Lower Otter Restoration Project has started; What to expect in the next few weeks:
 - a.i. Site set up for ground investigations started on 15 March 2021
 - a.ii. Ground investigation works started on 22 March 2021
 - a.iii. Planned completion of this phase is end April 2021
 - b. Goggle their web site for more information and newsletter
 - c. There will presumably be some temporary diversions to the footpaths later in the year to enable construction

Minor Issues

7. One of the new WW1 posts was damaged at the top of Watering Lane (permitted footpath) during hedge trimming. This post has now been replaced. The old post marked to commemorate Ernest Hart is not badly damaged – if anyone knows any of his relatives let me know so they could be offered the removed post.
8. More no cycling signs have been placed to give errant cyclists even less excuse to cycle footpaths.

Trees

9. Nothing significant to report.
10. A survey of Stantyway Trees will be carried out once they are in leaf.
11. The last of the ash trees to be removed this winter has been felled. A very neat job by Toby.

Commemorative Waymarks and Finger post locations

Numbers refer to Official Rights of Way references held by DCC.

World War 1

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| A. Harry C Baker | Junction of Chockenhole Lane 305 with Little Chockenhole Lane 306 |
| B. Ernest W Berry | River end of Rydon Lane 304 (just north of Bicton Bridge 15) |
| C. William E Carter | Junction of Bay Road 8 with Ladram Road (Track) |
| D. Gilbert J Follett | In field turn at west end of Colliver Lane (Track) 3 |
| E. John Gorman | Anchoring Hill (half way between Kings Arms and Anchoring Farm) 14 |
| F. Wallace Harding | Bottom of Mutters Moor Plantation (half way along permissive footpath) |
| G. Ernest G W Hart | At field turn on permissive footpath at east end of Watering Lane |
| H. Robert G Larcombe | Field on footpath 13 from Ladram Road to Brendon Lane |
| I. Thomas W Larcombe | West end of Passaford Lane (track) 301 |
| J. William G Marchant | Junction of Chockenhole Lane 305 with Watering Lane |
| K. Hubert J V Payne | Back of King's Arms car park 14 |
| L. Harold P Please | Junction of Holestone Lane 303 / Little Chockenhole 306 / Radway 307 |
| M. Thomas G Smith | Junction of Bar's Lane 308 with Radway Lane 307 |
| N. Cecil C Till | Junction of Bar's Lane 308 with Ladram Road (Track) - Sea View Farm |
| O. Hubert W Vinnicombe | Junction of Brendon Lane 311 with Ottery Street |
| P. Frank White | Bottom of Mutters Moor Plantation (turn along permissive footpath) |

World War 2

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| 1. Sidney John Smith | The Green 15 |
| 2. Martin C B Grimaldi | Burnthouse Farm 16 |