

Easton Royal Parish Council

Footpath Report – November 2019

The footpaths and bridleways are generally in good order, although some are suffering from the recent wet conditions underfoot. My thanks go to the Footpath Wardens for all their work during the summer and autumn months, and to the farmers from within and outside the Parish, for mowing and hedge trimming the rights of way on and bordering their land.

Some minor maintenance and adjustments are required on one or two of the kissing gates, owing to post movement, and a winter maintenance session will be arranged for January or February.

The issue of the damaged kissing gate remains unresolved.

On a wider issue, the Public Inquiry looking into the Rights of Way running between Fyfield and Pewsey is due to commence in January. These footpaths and bridleways run on along the bottom of the Vale from Easton, Milton, Fyfield and provide an off road route to Pewsey.

A change of ownership appears to have led to challenges to the Rights of Way, and if these are upheld, walking/riding from Easton to Pewsey along Rights of Way would require a long trek onto Pewsey Hill and down again to reach Pewsey.