

Project Completion Notification

PUBLIC BYWAY 45 LITTLE BURSTEAD

Scheme objective:

The existing route with its status as a Public Byway, provides an off-road walking, cycling, horse riding, carriage driving and motorised vehicular opportunity for the local community and the public in general (especially as it sits amongst a number of other byways and bridleways in the area). Part of the byway is used as a means to get to a permissive footpath which leads to a Farm Shop and Café.

At present the lane is in part naturally surfaced whilst another section is made up of road planings and the most northern section is Tarmac . Some sections are open and exposed to the elements while the majority is enclosed by trees and hedges. The main problem being that the lane in sections had become undulating, heavily rutted, potholed, and boggy in parts, that was difficult for many customers to negotiate.

The constant use by motorised vehicles and the nature of the natural surface of the middle of the lane make the route almost impassable for some users at certain parts of the year. Therefore the purpose of the scheme is to undertake improvement works (drainage and surfacing) to improve accessibility for all users.

Scheme summary & outcome: The vegetation was cut back hard alongside the byway and the ditches were cleared to open up the byway to the light and air movement. Existing grips were cleared and new ones were dug in several locations into the nearby ditches to improve the drainage. Where necessary those newly created grips were filled with crushed nuggets and covered/ blinded over. The surface was re-shaped where necessary and overlaid/ inserted clean crushed concrete nuggets and compacted to a fall or camber and then overlaid with crushed graded road planings and compacted. The width of byway does varies as did the need to improve the surface but in general around 4m width has been provided as a vehicle running surface course. We also carried out minor work within the highway boundary of the byway to a path that leads to the Permissive path to the Farm shop. This is clearly a desired route to a Farm Shop and Café from the town that increased in usage due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The outcome of the works is a much improved surface of the byway and Public access that has both a rural look and feel about them and allows a much safer passage of users along them for the whole year for a number of years more to come.

The works were completed on Friday 18 September 2020.

Site Photos:

BEFORE



AFTER















Works Approval

The below signs to agree that works have been completed as per the agreed specification.

Designers Comments: Many locals mentioned to the gang whilst working how good it looks now and I tend to agree.

Title: Public Rights of Way Engineer	Date: 21/09/2020
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