

On Saturday 20th The Green Team with 7 in total headed out on a 2 1/4 hr walk in the Parish to enjoy the views, see lots of assorted wildlife & fauna and clean and monitor the signage. Andy - Footpath Warden was with us and he will add his comments at the bottom of this email.



We headed off along Hannaford Lane and noted that there was a high quantity at the side of the lane blocking most of the drains. Part way along the lane had flooded due to blocked drainage on the right side of the road and again there was a large quantity of dirt and leaves on the road. If there was a scrape through every late Autumn and Spring it would make this lane far easier for both cars and those on foot to use.

We cleaned the signpost heading south and enjoyed a walk down to the bridge across the river. We agreed that it was difficult from the start of the path to see where you were needed to head - the Footpath Warden will follow up on this.

The walk through the woods was enjoyable and we headed out towards the next bridge and the signage was good but there was a tree fallen across the footpath - we need to know who owns this part of the route so we can ask permission to chop through the tree - does the Parish Council hold this information or know who we need to contact - the Footpath Warden will follow up on this.



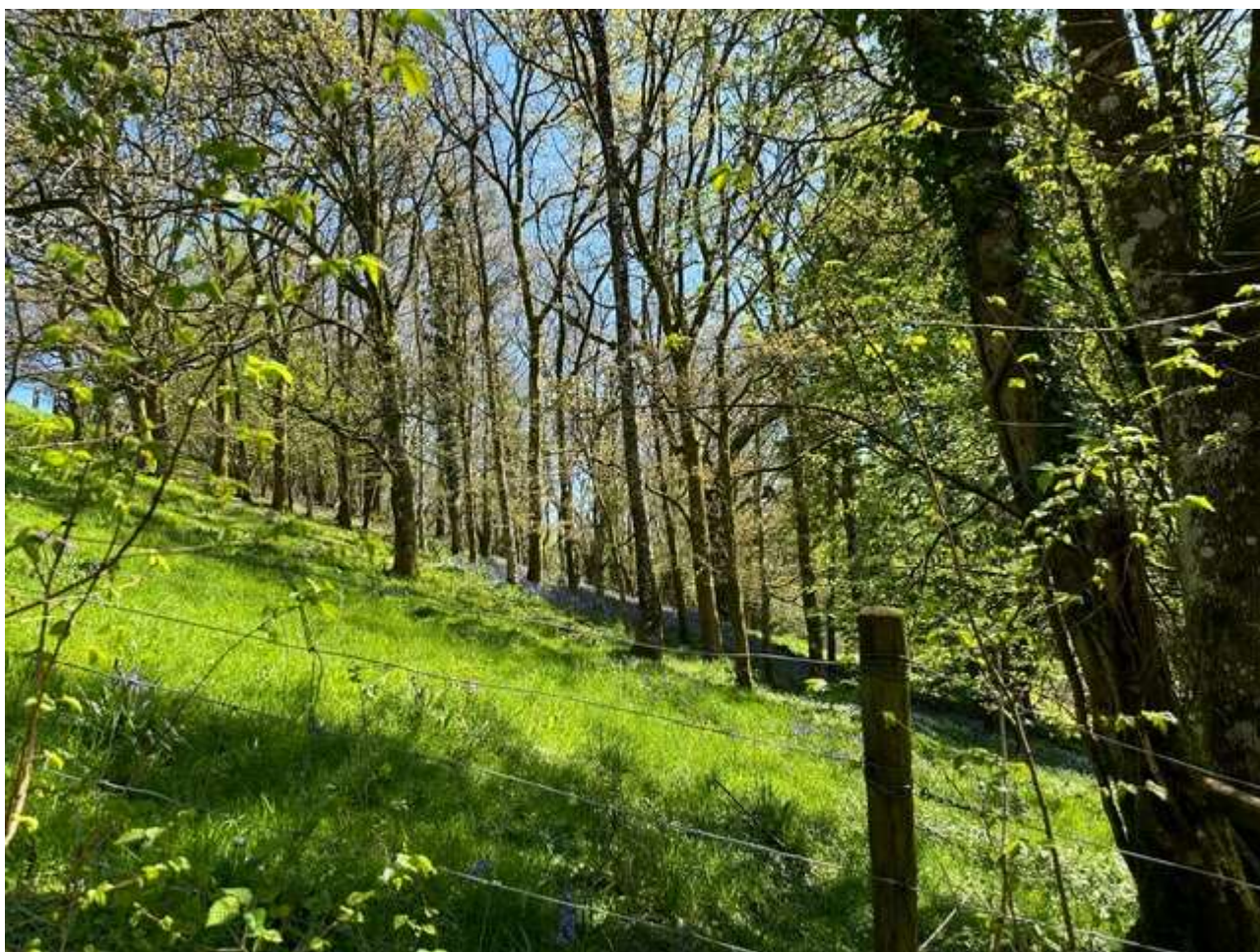
We headed up the hill towards Dennington and agreed that more signage was needed - it would help to know if there is a listing held by the Parish Council of who owns which field? - the Footpath Warden will follow up on this.



We turned left and headed off along the road towards the next footpath. As we walked across the field towards Bydown House again the direction signing was difficult to see - the Footpath Warden will follow up on this. The Flowering-rush in the middle of the field looked stunning.



We turned right towards Kerscott and noted that the footpath on the left was not very well signed - the owner of this land will need to be contacted to improve this - does the Parish Council know who owns this land - the Footpath Warden will follow up on this. The view out across the land either side of the path with Common dog-violets, Blue bells, Primrose and Red Campion - very beautiful.



We reached the top and the view out towards Swimbridge was very impressive. The signage pointed us across the field but as we reached the point where we needed to turn to the steps onto Dennington Hill it would have been helpful to have more direction - could the Parish Council please let us know who owns this field - the Footpath Warden will look at what maybe possible.



We arrived back in the centre of the village after having a thoroughly superb walk. There is a little of work needed to improve the route and with more people out and about due to the better weather we will push on to do this as soon as we can.

Look forward to hearing if you can help with the information about field ownership.

Best wishes Susie Hind
Green Team Leader

FOOTPATH WARDEN FEEDBACK -

As detailed by Susie above, this was an excellent, well supported walk - the only issues being the need to clear a fallen tree from across the footpath and to improve signage - a number of additional circular DCC footpath signs would be of great help, I'll investigate further. With the improving weather, more walks will follow shortly.

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