Footpath Report

4th November 2026

I am pleased to say that since the last Parish Council meeting, with the intervention and assistance from Cllr Faircloth-Mutton and the Babergh CC PROW officer, Callum Leslie, some of the problems that were raised about the conditions of a few of the public footpaths, have been addressed, however, there is still a number of issues that remain to be resolved, but I am assured that they are going to be dealt with in the near future.

Footpath 3

There is an area of this footpath that runs alongside the lake that is very badly eroded, making it difficult and dangerous to walk along. I have reported the issue on the SCC problem reporting site.

Footpath 20

This footpath has, at last, been cleared of the overgrowth that was making it impassable. The overhanging trees however, are still waiting to be dealt with.

Footpath 23

At both the entrance and exit to this short public footpath, there are no finger posts or way markers to indicate that the path exists. This has also been reported on the SCC problem reporting site

Footpath 14

The issue that concerns the area of the footpath that runs adjacent to the driveway for Oaks Cottage has still not been dealt with. As has been mentioned on many previous occasions, the fencing is being forced over onto the footpath by the overgrown hedging belonging to the landowner. This has been reported many times over the past year or more but to no avail. I have been told that the PROW department of Babergh council have been in touch with the landowner, they have told me that the owner has agreed to address the problem, if it is not, they will be taking the matter further.
Since the last report, there has been an additional problem at the same location, where a section of Herras fencing has collapsed onto the footpath (see pic).





All other footpaths

As far as I can tell, all the other footpaths that I have visited recently, are in reasonable condition, with the exception of brambles and weed encroachment, which my fellow walkers and I tackle with our secateurs as and when we find them. There are still a few previously reported problems that still remain to be sorted, however, I have been assured that they are on the list of things to be done.