

Completed jobs during October 2023 – up to and including 31st

Alvington

FAL14 Responded to planning application P1206/23/LBC on 6th October, stating that I offered no objection as there was seemingly no effect on the Public Footpath.

FAL17 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for extinguishing or diverting this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The best solution is to divert the route across the existing farm track crossing and then the issues with a fence and vegetation blocking as well as broken stiles could be overcome.

Enquiry Refs – 11418041 (Ongoing) / 11417996 (Ongoing)

Partial Inspection – 200 metres

FAL18 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for extinguishing a section of this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The best solution appears to be to extinguish the section between the Mickla Bridge and the pedestrian crossing and divert via FWO115 and FWO117 and then divert / extend FWO117 along the flood defence to join with FAL18 on the eastern side of the railway.

Enquiry Ref – 11410847 (Ongoing)

Blakeney & Awre

DAW81 Met with the PROW Projects Coordinator on this Public Footpath between Gatcombe and Purton on 26th October. Inspected the two narrow steel bridges on this section and agreed on works that are necessary to get these repaired and made safe as soon as possible.

Enquiry Refs – 11422825 (Ongoing)

Full Inspection – 1,190 metres

Churcham

DCH22 Responded to Planning Application P1154/23/FUL on 6th October, requesting that the applicant contact me as soon as possible to address the issue of this Public Footpath being completely obstructed.

DCH49 / Glos Way Inspected this Public Footpath on 18th October and found that the maize crop has now been harvested allowing access on the Definitive line once more.

Enquiry Ref – 11435982 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 490 metres

Cinderford

DCF15 My PROW contractor was sent the Works Order to carry out clearance and resurfacing of this Public Footpath on 13th October.

Enquiry Ref – 60001204 (Ongoing)

Coleford

- RCO3 Responded to customer enquiries with regards there was seemingly no stile to access the nearby Public Footpath RCO4 from this one. I notified the customers that this footpath simply served access to a well and comprised a circular walk connecting just to RCO2 and not RCO4.
Enquiry Ref – 11430091 (Resolved) / 11360621 (Resolved)
- RCO5 Inspected this Public Footpath on 26th October to check if the maize crop had yet been removed from the two fields north of Poolway Farm. However, the crop was still found to be standing, no doubt its removal prevented by the wet ground conditions.
Partial Inspection – 570 metres
- RCO20 Responded to customer enquiry on 10th October with regards to dead trees that are at the rear of Bells Place and potentially a hazard to walkers.
Enquiry Ref – 11438798 (Resolved)
- RCO25 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October and investigated the potential to move the walked line closer to the Definitive line behind the Suntory factory. This may be possible for a small section but a few overhanging ash trees with dieback may prevent any realignment for safety reasons. Works will be instructed to clear the route as best as possible bearing in mind the above limitations.
Enquiry Ref – 11440726 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 350 metres
- RCO26 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October after several reports were received from Highways requesting us to clear a fallen tree that was blocking the route. Upon inspection it was discovered that the tree was in Rock Lane blocking the Class 6 road. A number of emails were sent to Highways requesting them to take responsibility before they eventually removed it.
Full Inspection – 190 metres
- RCO27 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October following a report that a fallen tree had blocked the route. Identified the tree close to the Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground and this was cleared by my PROW contractor a couple of days later.
Enquiry Ref – 11439786 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 180 metres
- RCO29 Installed a new Public Footpath pointer on the recently installed signpost close to the Bowling Ground on 25th October.
Enquiry Ref – 11430098 (Resolved)

Drybrook

DDB12 Met with the PROW Projects Coordinator on this Public Footpath on 26th October to discuss how we could repair the damaged metal pedestrian bridge. A plan was formulated and new steel plates for the surface of the bridge have now been ordered as well as works instructed for my PROW contractor to repair the bridge as soon as the materials are fabricated and arrive. My PROW contractor was sent the Works Order to repair the bridge on 12th October. Enquiry Refs – 11438709 (Ongoing) / 11436721 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 80 metres

Hewelsfield and Brockweir

FHE48 Inspected this Public Footpath on 26th October close to the Moravian Chapel following receipt of complaints about the tarmac surface being cracked and damaged. I now need to work with my PROW contractor to establish the best method to repair the path and whether we have the budget to do it in this Financial Year.
Enquiry Ref – 11418131 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 200 metres

FHE52 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 125-metres of this Public Footpath near Cutt's Orchard in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FHE60 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 250-metres of this Public Bridleway riverside near Brockweir in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme. I also inspected the footbridge close to Brockweir on 25th October to investigate how we can replace it with a much wider horse friendly version. Our PROW Projects Coordinator will now visit site with a bridge company w/b 13th November to establish what is the best solution / product for this location.
Enquiry Ref – 11430118 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 1,000 metres

FHE75 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October following a report of overgrown vegetation and I noted the many obstructions that there are on this route. Works will now be instructed to clear this as soon as possible.
Enquiry Ref – 11432199 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 120 metres

Littledean

DLD35 Spoke with customer on 23rd October about planned works on the bridge and steps on this Public Footpath which are scheduled to take place hopefully within the next four weeks, weather and ground conditions permitting. My PROW contractor was sent the Works Order to carry out the bridge replacement on 12th October.
Enquiry Refs – 11432399 (Ongoing) / 11429405 (Ongoing) / 11429102 (Ongoing)

Longhope

DLH49 Inspected this Public Bridleway on 26th October following complaints about additional posts which have been installed close to Hollygrove just off Yartleton Lane.

Enquiry Refs – 11440045 / 11439859 / 11362929 / 11360098 (All ongoing)

Partial Inspection – 160 metres

DLH61 Responded to planning application P0445/23/FUL on 5th October objecting to proposals for additional 'permissive' footpaths at Blakemore Farm Park due to NPPF policy issues and previous conditions still not met / addressed. Contacted by landowner on 9th October with regards to my comments and met them on site on 26th October to discuss how we can work together to get the diversion of this Public Footpath finally completed after ten years of waiting. Also responded to a couple of queries from an adjacent landowner with regards this matter on 5th October.

Enquiry Ref – Email

Full Inspection – 595 metres

Lydbrook

RLY12 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October but could not find the reported fallen tree. However, found that the line of the path was considerably overgrown, and will instruct my contractor to clear this as soon as possible.

Enquiry Ref – 11439661 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 1,030 metres

RLY14 Inspected a section of this Public Footpath on 25th October close to where it joins RLY12. Identified urgent works that are necessary to make this footpath safe for walkers and my PROW contractor will be instructed to carry out this task as soon as possible.

Enquiry Ref – 11434989 (Ongoing)

Lydney

FLY36 My contractor worked between 5th and 18th October resurfacing a 200-metre section of this Public Footpath alongside Severnbanks Primary School with Type 1 aggregate. A new gate was also installed at the northern boundary of the school before it deviates along the side of the new attenuation pond. The works were kindly funded by a £7.5K grant from County Councillor Alan Preest. Also visited site on 11th and 16th October to review the works being undertaken and they were all completed by 1st November.

Enquiry Ref – 11441691 / 11425064 / 11357338 / 11353709 / 11294717 (All Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 200 metres

See photo of completed works below ...



FLY44 / Severn Way West Inspected this Public Footpath with one of our local PROW volunteers on 26th October. Identified urgent works that are necessary to make this footpath safe for walkers and works have now been instructed to my PROW contractor to carry out this task as soon as possible.

Enquiry Ref – Email / Full Inspection – 2,840 metres

Minsterworth

EMW2 / Glos Way Made further site visit on 6th October in attempt to meet with landowners to discuss issue of several stiles having recently been installed on a very short section of this Public Footpath. However, neither landowner was there apart from a stable hand whom I requested passed on my concerns with regards the offence being committed and I would attempt to catch up with them again in the next week. Returned to site on 18th October and 26th October met with the landowners to discuss what the next steps were. It has now been agreed that a pedestrian gate will be installed in the new fencing at either end of the horse paddocks, and these will be authorised by myself under Section 147 of the 1980 Highways Act.

Enquiry Ref – 11435376 (Ongoing)

Full Inspection – 240 metres (x3)

Mitcheldean

DMD21 Responded to planning application P1086/23/FUL on 6th October providing background information on discussions already held with the agent to the applicant concerning the proposed diversion of this Public Footpath and the adjacent Public Footpath DMD20. Also emailed FODDC Legal Officer on 23rd October following request from applicant for details on how to take forward the diversion application.

Newland

RNE8 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 1.8kms of this Public Footpath near Coxbury Farm on 12th October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

RNE57 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October and located the reported fallen tree. A substantial number of overgrown brambles, nettles and long grass was noted on a 600-metre section as well as a large amount of ivy hanging off the walls on a further 50-metre section near Platwell House. I contacted the landowner and agreed for my PROW contractor to gain direct access to clear the above and this was carried out the following day, as well as repair to a broken stile step.

Enquiry Refs – 11439805 (Resolved) / 11439762 (Resolved) / 11433228 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 905 metres

Newnham

ENE30 Responded to customer enquiry on 10th October with regards to motorbike usage on a section of this Public Footpath in Blaize Bailey Forestry England woodlands.

Enquiry Ref – 11430985 (Resolved)

Ruspidge & Soudley

DRP25 Responded to customer enquiry on 5th October about the use of Segways on this Public Footpath which crosses Forestry England land.

Enquiry Ref – 11436790 (Resolved)

St.Briavels

FSB13 Inspected this Restricted Byway on 25th October following reports of a damaged surface. Also responded to customer on 11th October who was pursuing an update to this issue which was raised on 27th August.

Enquiry Ref – 11433812 (Ongoing)

Full Inspection – 870 metres

FSB37 / Offa's Dyke Path Installed temporary closure signs on this Public Footpath on 16th and 25th October because of a collapsed wooden staircase in the Hudnalls. My PROW contractor was sent the Works Order to carry out the repairs on 12th October and works were started on 17th October due to the urgency of the safety issue.

FSB98 Responded to customer enquiry on 23rd October regards extra warning signage required on this Public Footpath in relation to dogs on a lead near livestock.

Enquiry Ref – Email

Staunton near Coleford

RST10 Inspected this Public Footpath on 25th October following a report that the tarmac surface was breaking up. I found that the route was being used as a short cut by vehicles to access nearby properties instead of the Class 5 road next to the church. As the Public Footpath was still ok to be used by pedestrians then no further action will be taken at this time.

Enquiry Ref – 11439515 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 115 metres

RST11 Inspected this Restricted Byway on 25th October following a report of large potholes and I did find a sizeable number of holes filled with water, near to Church Farm. However, despite the holes I found the route could still be used by walkers, horse riders or cyclists avoiding them, and I therefore won't be taking any further action at this time. Those who drive their vehicles along the Restricted Byway to their properties are no doubt the ones causing the damage to the surface and would be responsible for repairing the damage caused.

Enquiry Ref – 11423421 (Resolved)

Tidenham

FTM5 Inspected this Public Footpath near to Madgetts Farm on 16th October but no padlocked gate as reported could be found between the main road and Caswell Woods.

Enquiry Ref – 11428980 (Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 625 metres

FTM7 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 90-metres of this Public Footpath along the brow of Madgetts Hill in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM18 Inspected Public Footpath on 16th October and located the reported fallen trees near to Ridley Bottom Nature Reserve. My PROW contractor was instructed to clear this and this was completed on 20th October.

Enquiry Ref – 11432350 (Resolved) / 11417023 (Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 390 metres

FTM43 Responded to planning application P1178/23/OUT on 6th October stating that we had no objections to this proposal if there were no changes to the line of the Public Footpath or any furniture on it.

FTM50 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 450-metres of this Public Footpath at Wallhope Grove in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM57 Responded to planning application P1177/23/FUL on 9th October expressing my concerns that some of the planned development would be on the line of this Public Footpath. As there was no mention of the Public Footpath in any of the supplied documents then I requested a revised site plan to the correct scale to clearly indicated where the Public Footpath was situated in relation to this development and in particular the proposed parking area.

FTM59 Inspected Public Footpath on 16th October and located the reported kissing gate that was seriously overgrown. Spent just over an hour clearing all the brambles from around it and the access up to it from both sides, including from FTM58.

Enquiry Ref – 11429604 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 485 metres

FTM77 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 660-metres of this Public Footpath near Wintours Leap in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM77 Inspected this Public Footpath with the PROW Team Lead on 11th October, looking at a number of safety issues.

Enquiry Ref – Email

Partial Inspection – 1,000 metres

FTM78 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 300-metres of this Public Footpath south of Netherhope Lane in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM82 My contractor inspected this Public Footpath on 5th October with regards to overgrown hedgerows protruding into the pathway. The growth is so much that it will require a chainsaw to take it back properly and this will be scheduled for when the leaves have dropped so that the resultant works don't look so severe.

Enquiry Refs – 11437733 / 11426543 / 11422129 (All Ongoing)

FTM86 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 460-metres of this Public Footpath near to Offa's Dyke Close and the river Wye in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM94 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 170-metres of this Public Footpath near to Pen Moel Quarry in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM99 Responded to enquiry from Wye Valley Greenway volunteer on 4th October with regards to cyclists who were using this Public Footpath near to Sedbury Lane, advising him that they should be installing a dismount barrier at the point the Greenway reaches the footpath.
Enquiry Ref – Email

FTM100 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 160-metres of this Public Footpath off Rock Lane, Tutshill in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM103 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 75-metres of this Public Footpath near Mercian Way, Sedbury in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme.

FTM104 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from almost 5km of this Public Footpath from Tintern Quarry to Madgetts Hill in early October as part of our bi-annual cyclical maintenance programme. Also, on 10th October 55-tonnes of Type1 aggregate were delivered to this location to be ready to resurface the muddy section between Beeches Farm and Lippetts Grove.

FTM107 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor was sent the Works Order to clear the gorse bushes from the start / end point of the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail on this Public Footpath on 13th October. Works were completed a few days later.

FTM113 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared the vegetation from 400-metres of this Public Footpath near Wyebank Road, as part of our bi-annual maintenance programme. He confirmed that there was no longer a collapsed hedge blocking this footpath as previously reported. I also inspected the footpath on 16th October and can confirm that the footpath is accessible to pedestrians but appreciate that small sections of the hedgerows are tending to lean towards the path.
Enquiry Ref – 11426414 (Resolved)
Full Inspection – 415 metres

Westbury on Severn

EWS22 / Glos Way Inspected this Public Footpath on 18th October and all the maize crop has now been harvested allowing the footpath to go back onto its definitive line rather than the line which was cleared through the crop previously.

Enquiry Refs – 11432953 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 675 metres

EWS145 Responded to customer enquiry on 4th October querying a report that this Public Footpath was overgrown as I am aware that it crosses an open arable field.

Enquiry Ref – Email

Woolaston

FWO11 & FWO13 Visited site on 6th October to check on the line of both Public Footpaths and how the proposed development under planning application P1255/23/FUL may affect these. Responded to the District Council on 9th October stating that we offered no objections to this proposal if there were no changes to the lines of the Public Footpaths or any furniture on them.

FWO30 Inspected Restricted Byway on 16th October following an issue raised that the width was severely impeded by overgrown bushes and vegetation. Located the area concerned off Park Hill Road, instructed my contractors to clear this as soon as possible and works were completed by the end of October.

Enquiry Ref – 60001748 (Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 460 metres

FWO117 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for diverting a section of this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The solution appears to be to divert it underneath the existing vehicular underpass.

FWO118 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for extinguishing this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. If this is to succeed, then the adjacent Public Footpath FWO119 also needs to be diverted to allow walkers an accessible route to the riverbank.

FWO119 Replied to Network Rail on 10th October regards proposals for diverting a section of this dead-end Public Footpath to enable the closure of FWO118. Currently the Definitive route takes a line down the southern side of the field boundary, but it then reaches an impassable drainage ditch which would require a 14-metre bridge to get over. Keeping the Public Footpath on the northern side of the field boundary makes perfect sense.

Enquiry Ref – 11287120 (Ongoing)

General

Access Training On 3rd October I attended a training day organised by Wye Valley AONB and led by Experience Community to explore what possibilities there are to make more of our Public Rights of Way accessible to offroad wheelchair users. We trialled the mobility equipment on nearby Public Footpaths across a variety of terrain just so that we could fully understand their capabilities and what we needed to identify when seeking suitable trails for such use. Any PROW's we now subsequently identify for such use we can then add to the Photo Trails website for use by the public.

Eleven Rivers Stakeholders Attended a meeting of this group on 2nd October with representatives from various walking groups including the ramblers, Walkers are Welcome and some Parish Councils. This group which evolved earlier in the year is aimed at managing the three trails of the Gloucestershire Way, the Wysis Way and the Three Choirs Way across the counties of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, and Herefordshire.

Ecology Training Attended this training day on 19th October which comprised learning about our responsibilities and the legalities around protected species such as bats, badgers, beavers, and great crested newts.

New enquiries / issues received = 27 (as of 31st October)

Enquiries Resolved = 26 😊

Total Distance Inspected = 16,055 metres / 9.98 miles