

Completed jobs during August & September 2023 – up to and including 30th

Alvington

FAL17 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss 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 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss proposals for closing a section of this Public Footpath to avoid the level crossing but creating a new section of Public Footpath from FWO117 to rejoin with FAL18 on the flood bank. This would also overcome the issue of the high footplates on the stiles at the level crossing.

Enquiry Ref – 11410847 (Ongoing)

Partial Inspection – 360 metres

Aylburton

FAY21 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation between Sandford Road and Chapel Hill on 15th August.

Enquiry Ref – 11428979 (Resolved)

Awre

DAW44 Following vandalism to the wall between the Public Footpath and Forge Brook, I instructed my contractor to urgently repair the wall on 4th September and this was completed by 6th.

Enquiry Refs – 11433901 / 11423950 / 11415970 / 11374515 / 11166503 / 11152861 (All Resolved)



DAW48 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation off the Cinderford Road at Blakeney on 15th August.
Enquiry Ref – 11428972 (Resolved) / 11233484 (Resolved)

DAW81 / Severn Way Inspected this Public Footpath on 5th September to check on recent repairs to the footbridge nearest to Purton and the installation of five metal kissing gates on the section between Gatcombe and Purton. Also cleared many overhanging brambles from along the route whilst there.
Partial Inspection – 835 metres

Blaisdon

DBL31 Cleared the stile and signpost of overgrown vegetation on 27th September. Need to return to get banding strap removed from broken pointer and replace with new one.
Enquiry Ref – 60001581 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 350 metres

Churcham

DCH26 A new metal kissing gate was installed by my PROW contractor on 7th September.
Enquiry Refs – 60001191 (Resolved) / 11369960 (Resolved) / 11368956 (Resolved)

Cinderford

DCF4 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September following receipt of a report of overgrown vegetation. Works will now be programmed to clear the sides of the footpath between Mousell Lane and the substation and trim the hedge obstructing the footpath behind number 20 Woodside Avenue.
Enquiry Ref – 11436089 (Ongoing)
Full Inspection – 475 metres

DCF15 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September following complaints about the muddy and waterlogged surface between the Medical Centre and the Forestry land. Works will now be programmed to remove as much of the mud from the aggregate path as possible and lay new aggregate where required.
Enquiry Ref – 60001204 (Ongoing)
Full Inspection – 625 metres

Coleford

RCO5 Inspected Public Footpath at Forest Hills Golf Club on 4th September and held discussion with head groundsman regards possibility of replacing stiles with kissing gates. This was agreed to, and two metal kissing gates were installed by my contractor on 6th and 15th September. A further visit was made on 8th September to Merryweather's Farm and following a meeting with the landowner it was agreed we could replace three stiles with kissing gates. Three metal kissing gates were then installed on 19th and 22nd September. Discussions were also held with the adjacent landowner who has blocked both RCO5 and RCO6 with a maize crop.

Enquiry Ref – 11430148 / 11430147 / 11430089 / 11429059 / 11405621 / 11403948 /
11358575 / 11347087 (All Resolved)
Full Inspection – 1,100 metres (x2)

RCO6 Inspected Public Footpath on 8th September and cleared a substantial amount of overhanging willow branches that were blocking access at the boundary between Poolway Farm and Forest Hills Golf Club. Also held discussion with Chief Planning Officer regards the planning application at Poolway Farm and apparently this has been ‘mothballed’. Therefore, all the issues raised under the reference below are on hold until the decision on this site moves forward.

Enquiry Ref – 11430111 (Ongoing)

Full Inspection – 600 metres

RCO7 Inspected Public Footpath across Forest Hills Golf Club on 4th September and held discussion with head groundsman regards possibility of replacing one stile with a kissing gate. This was agreed to, and a metal kissing gate was installed by my PROW contractor on 5th September. As a result, the entire length of this Public Footpath no longer has any stiles on it.

Enquiry Ref – 11358574 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 925 metres



- RCO9 Inspected Public Footpath on 4th September and installed two new Town Centre signs on its route. Additional no cycling signs are still required plus new stile steps.
Enquiry Refs – 11433372 / 11430092 / 11362675 (All ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 575 metres
- RCO14 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation between the Owens Farm driveway and the footbridge towards the Scowles Road on 15th August.
Enquiry Ref – 11430114 (Resolved)
- RCO16 Inspected Public Footpath on 8th September following reports that the surface was damaged and uneven following the installation of a wall. However, I could not see any safety issues with the surface but appreciate that it could do probably do with a complete resurface with tarmac when the budget allows.
Enquiry Refs – 11430115 (For Future Review) / 11365814 (Resolved) / 11362836 (Resolved)
Full Inspection – 62 metres
- RCO21 Inspected Public Footpath on 4th September following reports of it being seriously overgrown. Instructed my contractor to clear the affected areas and then reinspected on 15th September to see the great work done and that access has now been restored.
Works done on 14th September.
Enquiry Ref – 11430086 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 340 metres (x2)
- RCO22 Inspected Public Footpath on 4th September following reports of it being seriously overgrown. Instructed my contractor to clear the affected areas and then reinspected on 15th September to see the great work done and that access has now been restored.
Enquiry Ref – 11430084 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 200 metres (x2)
- RCO25 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation between the solar panel arrays on 22nd August and a further 125-metre section towards Pingry Lane on 23rd August.
Enquiry Ref – 11435963 (Resolved) / 11430083 (Resolved)

Drybrook

- DDB12 Inspected damaged footbridge across the Dry Brook on 27th September and because of my findings I have instructed my contractor to repair this as soon as possible. Additional works will also be programmed to clear the vegetation between the road and the bridge and clear the surface of the long wooden boardwalk just prior to the bridge.
Enquiry Ref – 11436721 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 85 metres

English Bicknor

REB20 Following a report received that this Public Footpath was blocked by a deliberately overgrown hedgerow at the stile, I requested my PROW contractor to attend to clear it on 30th August. Upon visiting site, he found that the stile was perfectly clear, and the photograph supplied had been taken from an angle to give the appearance that it was blocked. My contractor also spoke with the landowner, who confirmed that they regularly cleared it, so no further action was necessary.
Enquiry Ref – 11430641 (Resolved)

Hewelsfield

FHE2 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation near to Over common Cottage on 15th August.
Enquiry Ref – 60001209 (Resolved)

Huntley

DHU2 / Glos Way I have now been informed by the customer that this Public Footpath and the adjacent DHU3 have both now been cleared of the rewinding crops and both footpaths are now easily walkable again.
Enquiry Ref – 11427944 (Resolved)

DHU17 On 31st August responded to an enquiry about a temporary closure on this Public Footpath at The Poplars off the Huntley Road.
Enquiry Ref – 11427701 (Resolved)

DHU29 Following receipt of a report that this Public Footpath between Newent Lane and Huntley School was suffering with overgrown nettles and brambles, I requested my PROW contractor to attend to clear it and this was carried out on 30th August.
Enquiry Ref – 11428994 (Resolved)

DHU32 Inspected Public Bridleway on 4th September and identified fallen trees and overgrown vegetation that was blocking the route. I therefore instructed my contractor to clear this and this was completed on 18th September.
Enquiry Ref – 11430950 (Resolved)
Full Inspection – 155 metres

Littledean

DLD35 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September and because of my findings I have instructed my contractor to replace the footbridge as soon as possible. Works are also required to repair the steps between the main road and the bridge.
Enquiry Refs – 11432399 / 11429405 / 11429102 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 55 metres

Longhope

DLH49 Following a report of a fallen tree across this Public Bridleway I requested my PROW contractor to attend to clear it on 30th August. However, upon visiting site he found that someone else had already sawn through it and made the path accessible.
Enquiry Ref – 11424912 (Resolved)

DLH80 Inspected the start / end of this Public Footpath at Latchen and found that there was no longer a padlock on the field gate as reported.
Enquiry Ref – 11430365 (Resolved)

Lydney

FLY21 Following receipt of an issue raised about the erosion of the canal bank, I advised the customer that this was a problem which had been reoccurring over several years now. I had previously notified Lydney Town Council that it was their responsibility to resolve along with Lydney Recreation Trust and not GCC PROW. If the damage being caused by whoever to the canal bank continued to impact on the surface of the walked footpath, then we might seek compensation from the landowner namely LTC / LRT. The owner of the canal and their responsibility for maintaining its banks were also identified during investigation into this issue and LTC have been advised.
Enquiry Ref – 11432043 (Resolved)

FLY21 Following receipt of a complaint that overhanging branches were over this Public Footpath, I replied to the customer on 21st August that PROW were only responsible for the maintenance of the surface and any vegetation growing in from the sides would be the responsibility of the landowner, in this case Lydney Park Estates, who should ensure the offending branches are cut back.
Enquiry Ref – 11432041 (Resolved)

FLY36 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation beside the primary school off Naas Lane on 15th August.
Enquiry Ref – 11429277 (Resolved)

FLY95 Inspected Public Footpath on 5th September but was shocked to find that the recent 'hoggin style' path installed by Barratt Homes two months previously now had several weeds already coming through the surface of the footpath.
Enquiry Ref – Email
Full Inspection – 267 metres

Minsterworth

EMW2 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September and noted the numerous stiles which have been placed over a very short distance in the first field off Oakle Street. Will now need to identify the landowner to deal with this unauthorised issue.
Enquiry Ref – 11435736 (Ongoing)
Partial Inspection – 235 metres

EMW7 Inspected this Public Footpath riverside on 30th August and identified a collapsed wooden gate next to Orchard End but could not locate the reported broken stile, even checking nearby Public Footpaths EMW7A and EMW7B. Contacted landowner responsible, gained agreement to replace it with a metal kissing gate, and this was installed by my PROW contractor on 1st September. Whilst on site, my contractor located the broken stile further along EMW7 and discussions then followed with this adjacent landowner. Unfortunately, this landowner would not agree to its replacement with a metal kissing gate, but agreement was reached to replace with a new wooden stile at cost to the landowner, and this was installed on 13th September.

Enquiry Ref – 11433281 (Resolved) / 11423953 (Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 500 metres

EMW20 Held site meeting with landowner on 18th September with regards this Public Footpath across his fields which is blocked by fencing at both ends.

Enquiry Ref – 11362758 (Ongoing)

Full Inspection – 355 metres

Newland

RNE30 Following reports received that the line of this Public Footpath between Clearwell village and towards Noble Foods factory I requested my PROW contractor to clear a 350-metre section. This was undertaken on 30th August and the line is once more accessible.

Enquiry Refs – 11432306 (Resolved) / 11423378 (Resolved)

RNE59 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation alongside the cemetery at Clearwell on 15th August.

Enquiry Refs – 11422433 (Resolved) / 11416384 (Resolved)

Newnham on Severn

ENE16 Inspected Public Footpath on 8th September following reports of a stile with the top rail broken and jagged creating a safety risk. Found that the dangerous top cross piece had now been sawn off and the remainder safely connected to the cross rail below therefore no further action was necessary.

Enquiry Ref – 11436722 (Resolved) / 11431482 (Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 360 metres

Ruardean

DRD35 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation between St.Johns Road and School Road on 15th August.

Enquiry Ref – 11365819 (Resolved)

DRD36 My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of vegetation where it joins Highfield Road on 15th August.

Enquiry Ref – 11429929 (Resolved)

St.Briavels

- FSB4 Inspected Public Footpath on 15th September following reports that it had been blocked with a fence. Found that the line was blocked but walkers were making their way through the adjacent field gate which was approximately 30 metres away. Discussions will now be required with the landowner to establish how this access is best restored.
Enquiry Ref – 11383900 (Ongoing)
Full Inspection – 185 metres
- FSB16 Inspected Public Footpath on 15th September to inspect two recently installed kissing gates replacing wooden stiles and installed new waymark discs.
Enquiry Ref – Email
Partial Inspection – 485 metres
- FSB17 Inspected Public Footpath on 15th September to inspect two recently installed kissing gates replacing wooden stiles and installed new waymark discs.
Enquiry Refs – Email / 11425810 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 530 metres
- FSB21 Following a report that this Restricted Byway was blocked by overgrown vegetation, I requested my PROW contractor to clear the route, and this was completed on 31st August.
Enquiry Ref – 11430443 (Resolved)
- FSB29 Inspected Public Bridleway on 15th September following a report that it has been blocked by a barrier and a sign stating private – no access. However, I could find no such location as shown in the photo supplied and the bridleway was easily accessible. Whilst there I removed several branches that had fallen across the line and would have made life difficult for horse riders and cyclists.
Enquiry Ref – 11428572 (Resolved)
Full Inspection – 795 metres
- FSB37 / Offa's Dyke Path Inspected Public Footpath on 15th September with regards to replacing the set of wooden steps below the boardwalk that have rotted at The Hudnalls. Works will now be instructed to replace these steps as soon as possible.
Enquiry Ref – Email
Partial Inspection – 200 metres

Tidenham

- FTM20 Received report from customer that the Public Footpath was blocked by an eight-foot-high padlocked gate and fencing. Spoke with customer on 31st August and advised them that the Public Footpath crossed diagonally over the vehicular forestry track instead of going up it to the gated quarry entrance. The customer admitted that they hadn't spotted the footpath opposite or the waymark posts denoting it. I inspected the route on 23rd September and found everything was still in place with the waymark discs clearly visible.
Enquiry Ref – 11432531 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 1,125 metres

FTM52 / Glos Way Inspected Public Footpath on 15th September following report that it was blocked by an electric fence. Found that both electric fences had bungee style connections with handles to remove / replace and so there was no longer an apparent issue. Also discussed with landowner about creation of new footpath connecting to Offa's Dyke Path National Trail which was followed up on 22nd September.
Enquiry Ref – 11428023 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 795 metres

FTM77 Held discussions with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and PROW team lead on 22nd September regards this Public Footpath which is still obstructed by a rockfall at Lancaut. A further site visit will be made within the next month to ascertain if we can create a safe walkway across the affected area.

FTM103 / Offa's Dyke Path My PROW contractor cleared this Public Footpath of overgrown vegetation as part of the cyclical clearance programme on 26th September. He also cleared several lower overhanging tree branches too, but the main tree growth reported as the issue blocking the evening sunlight is not PROW responsibility to deal with but the landowners.
Enquiry Ref – 11432081 (Resolved)

FTM104 / Offa's Dyke Path Following an enquiry about signage on footpaths in the Tintern area I replied to the customer on 31st August to inform them that I was responsible for the signage of the Public Footpaths on the Gloucestershire side of the river Wye and from their comments they'd obviously come across a few of our signs at the junctions of the Public Footpaths. Their main issue seemed to rotate around not being able to find the 'Devils Dyke', and I clarified that there was no such place, but they would find the location of the 'Devils Pulpit' just off the side of the Offa's Dyke Path on Public Footpath Tidenham 104 (FTM104). Most of the Public Footpaths which led to the Offa's Dyke Path from Tintern were labelled to that effect on our Public Footpath pointers but as I'd never previously had this raised as an issue, I queried whether it could be that they weren't looking for the correct location? I also suggested that use of an OS map particularly the app was extremely useful when going through dense forestry woodland such as this, as many of the tracks were not Public Footpaths which we were responsible for. I also attached a map to my response which I annotated with Public Footpath numbers and the precise location of the Devils Pulpit, which I hoped they'd find useful, but to date I've not yet received a response!
Enquiry Ref – 11433036 (Resolved)

FTM106 / Offa's Dyke Path Following several issues raised about broken bridge boards and exposed nails, the 1.2-metre-wide bridge at Danes Hill was completely renewed with new boards by my PROW contractor on 23rd August.
Enquiry Refs – 11432209 / 11431704 / 11429191 / 11428273 (All Resolved)

West Dean

RWD17 / Bream Heritage Wall In early August two new metal kissing gates were installed by my PROW contractor on this Public Footpath in Brockhollands, replacing the existing stiles.

RWD39 Inspected this Public Footpath on 23rd September where it leaves the main road near Broadwell and goes towards Worcester Lodge. It had been reported that there were potholes in the surface of the private road which needed repairing. I found that there were a few of these but this did not affect the use of the surface for walkers which is all PROW need to maintain the surface for. Any damage being done to the surface by vehicular traffic is the responsibility of the properties using it for access to repair and not PROW.

Enquiry Refs – 11417628 (Resolved) / 11413279 (Resolved)

Partial Inspection – 390 metres

Westbury on Severn

EWS22 / Glos Way Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September with regards to the reported maize crop blocking the line of the footpath. A line has been cleared through the crop, but further clearance is necessary at the western end on Ley Lane.

Enquiry Ref – 11435983 (Ongoing)

EWS28 Following an issue raised concerning overgrown vegetation blocking the stile at the start / end of this Public Footpath on Ley Road, I cleared the stile of brambles and nettles on 30th August.

Enquiry Ref – 60001455 (Resolved)

EWS70 Inspected Public Footpath on 8th September and located field gate at A48 that was reported as padlocked. Now need to identify landowner and request them to remove it.

Enquiry Ref – 60001410 (Ongoing)

EWS71B Visited the start / end of this Public Footpath opposite Adsett Court on 8th August and cleared the overgrown brambles and nettles that had been reported as blocking access.

Enquiry Ref – 11427304 (Resolved)

EWS74 Following an issue raised, new waymarks were installed on the line of this Public Footpath on 30th August.

Enquiry Ref – 60001454 (Resolved)

EWS78 / Severn Way Held site meeting with my contractor on 18th September to discuss the siting of a kissing gate which needs to be moved from its current location.

Enquiry Ref – 60001489 (Ongoing)

Partial Inspection – 335 metres

EWS87 Cleared signpost and stile on Goose Lane of overgrown hedgerow and brambles that was both hiding the signage and blocking access on 18th September. However, it was noted that a new stile or kissing gate is required at this location.

Enquiry Ref – 60001492 (Ongoing)

EWS88 Cleared signpost on Goose Lane of overgrown hedgerow on 18th September.
Enquiry Ref – 60001482 (Resolved)

EWS91 On 30th August installed a new pointer on the signpost at the northern end of this Public Footpath on Crowgate Lane to replace the broken one.
Enquiry Ref – 60001420 (Resolved)

EWS92 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September and found that the crop had now been cleared which was previously reported as blocking the route and EWS94.
Enquiry Ref – 60001538 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 585 metres

EWS94 On 30th August installed a new pointer on the signpost at the eastern end of this Public Footpath on Crowgate Lane to replace the broken one.
Enquiry Ref – 60001493 (Resolved)

EWS96 Inspected Public Footpath on 18th September whilst gaining access to EWS78. The width of this recently diverted Public Footpath remains an issue as it is only half the diameter it should have been made and is already causing problems with vegetation limiting access.
Enquiry Ref – 60001497 / 60001491 (Ongoing)
Full Inspection – 453 metres

EWS103 Held site meeting with my contractor on 18th September to discuss the issue of this Public Footpath which is currently blocked by a significant amount of vegetation and small trees in a coppice off the Upper Rodley Road. Works will be instructed to get this cleared as soon as possible as repeated requests to the landowner have failed to get it completed.
Enquiry Refs – 60001511 / 60001512 / 11403213 (Ongoing)
Full Inspection – 330 metres

EWS105 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September and found that the crop had now been cleared which was previously reported as blocking the route.
Enquiry Ref – 60001517 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 370 metres

EWS106 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September and found that the crop had now been cleared which was previously reported as blocking the route.
Enquiry Ref – 60001516 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 230 metres

EWS111 Inspected Public Footpath on 27th September and found that the crop had now been cleared which was previously reported as blocking the route.
Enquiry Ref – 60001524 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 295 metres

- EWS114 On 30th August adjusted the direction of the pointer on the signpost at the southern end of this Public Footpath to point diagonally across the field as opposed to along the lane.
- EWS117 On 30th August checked the footbridge just north of Strand Lane and confirmed that the two reported broken bridge boards had now been replaced by my PROW contractor. Also inspected the new wooden stile that has recently been installed by my PROW contractor and installed a new waymark disc to indicate the route to the footbridge.
Enquiry Refs – 60001574 (Resolved) / 11421096 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 460 metres
- EWS135 On 30th August installed a new pointer on the signpost at the northern end of this Public Footpath close to Flaxley, to replace the broken one.
Enquiry Ref – 60001587 (Resolved)
- EWS138 On 30th August installed a new pointer on the signpost at the eastern end of this Public Footpath on Elton Lane to replace the broken one.
Enquiry Ref – 60001601 (Resolved)
- EWS139 Investigated report of missing strap on pointer on the signpost at the eastern end of this Public Footpath on Elton Lane on 30th August. However, found that the ‘walking man’ pointer was held firmly in place by a banding strap and no further action was required.
Enquiry Ref – 60001599 (Resolved)
- EWS140 On 11th September investigated issue regarding section of Public Footpath that has been moved off the Definitive line. Discovered that section is so small that no further action is necessary now, but any further incursions would require us to intervene.
Enquiry Ref – 60001608 (Resolved)
- EWS146 Inspected Public Footpath at Elton Corner on 27th September and found that the crop had now been cleared which was previously reported as blocking the route.
Enquiry Ref – 60001575 (Resolved)
Partial Inspection – 600 metres
- EWS147 Received report that the Definitive line of Public Footpath goes through the garage of a property at Elton corner. However, the walked and very well waymarked line goes through the adjacent field a few metres away, so no further action is necessary at this time.
Enquiry Ref – 60001620 (Resolved)
- EWS149 Received report that the Definitive line of Public Footpath which goes through the horse paddock at Tudor Stable is blocked by fencing. However, found that the walked line follows the driveway only a few metres away, so no further action is necessary at this time.
Enquiry Ref – 60001617 (Resolved)

Woolaston

FWO117 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss the proposals from Network Rail to divert the line of this Public Footpath through the adjacent railway bridge underpass to allow the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. Also discussed these proposals with the landowner on 22nd September.

Enquiry Ref – Email

Partial Inspection – 285 metres

FWO118 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss the proposals from Network Rail to extinguish the line of this Public Footpath to allow the closure of the pedestrian level crossing. The line of the footpath is currently blocked by a few fixed obstructions in the farmyard at the western end and no longer connects with FWO119 riverside. As access to the same riverside point is available from FWO119 then this closure does make sense. Also discussed these proposals with the landowner on 22nd September.

Enquiry Ref – Email

Full Inspection – 765 metres

FWO119 Met with PROW Diversions Officer on site on 19th September to discuss the proposals from Network Rail to divert the line of this Public Footpath from the adjacent field onto the farm track to the north and install two new kissing gates to allow easy access to the riverside. As access to the riverside has never been possible down the Definitive line through the southern field because of a large drainage ditch preventing access this also makes sense. Discussed these proposals with the landowner on 22nd September. The two issues resolved below concern a dilapidated stile on the route which was recently replaced with a new one.

Enquiry Ref – 11380627 / 11379799 (Resolved)

Full Inspection – 400 metres

New enquiries / issues received (01/08 – 30/09) = 86

Enquiries Resolved = 83 😊

Total Distance Inspected = 19,912 metres / 12.37 miles