

**Footpaths / Lengthsman update.**

**FOOTPATHS**

1. A landowner has advised that residents and dog walkers are still walking in unauthorised areas, and two people have been verbally abusive when politely asked to keep to the official path. If this continues, fencing may be erected to prevent unwanted access and/or the use of cameras may be considered. People walking in our lovely countryside are asked to follow the guidance published by Hampshire County Council. [Newsletter](#) and [Video](#).
2. Maps of all the rights of way can be accessed [here](#) if anyone is unclear of the current pathways.

**FOOTPATH WARDENS**

1. We have a group of 4 footpath wardens who will be following the strimming schedule approved last month.
2. There have been two other volunteers who did not want to join the team, but are nonetheless happy to keep areas clear near their residences. (FP-20 and FP-16)

**FOOTPATH CHAMPIONS**

1. There have been no volunteers for the role of Footpath Champions.
2. Volunteers who regularly walk footpaths (perhaps with their dogs) are just asked to advise the Clerk which Rights of Way need attention PRIOR to the issue becoming urgent. The champions are not required to cover all the footpaths. It is still very helpful if people only volunteer for one or two. Can councillors please help with asking residents to support this.

**LENGTHSMAN**

1. Tasks required of the lengthsman for March:
  - a. Highways Leaves clearance
    - i. Wisdom Lane - 2nd drain from Heathman Street.
    - ii. Farley Street - 3 drains (of the 6) opposite nursing home - sweep back mud/silt from close to the drain to leave well exposed. Only need small amount of clearing of silt away from drain entrance.
  - b. Highways Vegetation
    - i. Farley Street - Almost opposite Bent Street turning - Clear remaining brambles from the verge to improve sight line. This is right on the dangerous bend and may need traffic calming measures to be undertaken.
2. The Contract for the coming year has been awarded to the same contractor as this year. However, the new rate is £20.00 per hour.
3. The overall balance held by Stockbridge PC on our behalf is likely to be a very small surplus at the end of March 2021.