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Number BWY 5 and 6	At the end of the Croft where the byway becomes a footpath for a short distance before it opens onto the Sudbury Road, there is a section of picket fencing currently covering a gap next to the kissing gate held in place by a stone slab. As at this point the route is a footpath, cyclists do not have the right to cycle along this section although the route does change its status to a byway as it approaches the Scout building. The slab arrangement is not really satisfactory, but it is not known who positioned it by the kissing gate. Asset reports routinely mention the loose picket fencing, but it is not clear if the Parish Council has the authority to fix it in position permanently or simply to remove it. This footpath will require cutting back at some point if the owners of the adjacent properties do not do this themselves. To be monitored.	

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FP11	From Moat Farm to Gazley Gate. There is a wooden footbridge which crosses the Assington Brook at a junction with another footpath leading northwards to Tiger Hill Woods.	Report No: 4648929 Reported to SCC 06/01/19 (also in January 2019 PROW report)
	This was reported at the beginning of the year and SCC have done a splendid job of replacing the entire bridge with this lovely new structure.	

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FP14,17,18	From the foot of Clicketts Hill to Smallbridge Hall. A new pedestrian gate has been installed by Bevills Estate by the sewage works as the large livestock gate was causing a problem.	
	The footpath then passes through a kissing gate onto the flood meadows. The two waymarker posts at this point where the footpath turns sharp left have both rotted at their bases and need replacing. Awaiting repair. (Suffolk County Council now has a new interactive map for reporting PROW issues which I haven't yet used).	Ref: 4651645 Reported to SCC 09/01/19

Location and Description of Reported Problem/Resolved Problem	Ref. No
The finger post at the west end of Dead Lane by Buckfield House which had rotted away at the base has been replaced.	Ref: 4682802 Reported to SCC 18/02/19
The finger post at the entrance from St Edmunds Lane and from the other end on the Sudbury Road which had both rotted away at the base have been repaired. This footpath is getting overgrown in parts and will need an early summer strim. I will monitor this as it can quickly get out of hand.	Ref: 4682802 Reported to SCC 18/02/19
This footpath leads from Cuckoo Hill up the bank via some steps to access the cross-field path to Fysh House. One of the buttress steps has rotted away. Whilst the soil remains dry and firm, this is not posing a real problem. The steps drop straight onto the road with no pavement. The missing step may, therefore, become a problem in wet, muddy conditions. The local maintenance contractor has been approached but if he is unable to replace the step, this will be reported to SCC access dept.	Not yet reported
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All the footpaths in the Parish have been checked and are fairly firm underfoot as this has
been a relatively dry winter and spring. FYI: I have also submitted an objection to the planning application at Ferriers Farm as
PROW officer for Bures Hamlet because the application claims that the barns for renovation are not visible from the adjacent footpath (FP5) which they clearly are.
The Parish Clerk and I will be attending a course on 15 th May 'Highways Community Self- Help'.
I will pay interest to the possible impact any proposed self-help initiatives may have on PROW maintenance as SCC Access have provided a reliable service to date.
As PROW officer I have responded to the Little Cornard NHP questionnaire Section E Traffic and Road Management supporting the provision of a footpath to Great Cornard and to Bures.
Jan Aries
1 st May 2019