

**Report for Lacock Parish Council – May 22**

**Footpaths / Public Rights of Way**

**Community Orchard**

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**Footpaths / Rights of Way**

**LACO14, ST 91425 69075 – Mons Lane to Great Notton Farm**

Route remains effectively impassable (since Jun 21).

Planning application (20/11636/ FUL) was been approved (17 Sep 21), but with the condition that the Applicant must now obtain the additional appropriate order for the diversion of the public right of way! Formal request for a Permanent Diversion of LACO14 has now been submitted to WCC (courtesy copy seen) – intention is to offer comment that “kissing gates” be installed in preference to stiles.

**LACO17, ST ST91947 69140 – Reybridge to Reymill Estate.**

It was reported that the stile at the Eastern end of Reymill Bridge was dangerous. On investigation, it was confirmed as hazardous to use, and further along the same path a barrier was in place making it difficult for pedestrians to pass.

Both these matters have now been resolved with the installation of new “kissing gates”. Excellent for walkers (though I’m not sure if the gates will be much good at keeping sheep in).



Before

After

## LACO19 - Footbridge at ST92200 68825, and Stile at ST92305 68680

This issue was resolved some months ago.

### Summary of outstanding issues

Because the MyWilts Application does not allow the facility to “search”, it only allows subscribers to gain information on issues that they have personally submitted. The table below shows a summary of items raised by the Author:

PRoW Unique ID	MyWilts Reference No	Issue	Date Raised	Current status
LAC017	00047611	ST91947 69140 - Wobbly stile / barbed wire hazard	20-Nov-21	in progress 22/11/21 - New Kissing gate has been installed (late Apr 22), but not yet reported "Closed"
LAC017	00047612	ST92061 62235 - Barrier instead of stile	20-Nov-21	in progress 22/11/21 - New Kissing gate has been installed (late Apr 22), but not yet reported "Closed"
LAC02	00047662	ST91070 61300 - Fallen signpost	21-Nov-21	Closed 21/4/22
LAC014	00050574	ST 91425 69075 - Eradication and obstruction of PRoW	28-Dec-21	in progress 6/1/22
LAC06	00053872	ST 90400 69100 - Stile barbed wire hazard	31-Jan-22	in progress 8/2/22
LAC02	00063400	ST91070 61300 - Fallen signpost (00047662 repeat)	05-May-22	Raised 7/5/22

Historical issues related to LAC02 and LAC05 will now be overtaken by events with the construction of Wick Solar Farm - planning application 20/06840/FUL.

### Recovery Routes initiative

#### Background

Local resident Heather McKibbon has proposed the creation of a number “Recovery Routes” around Lacock for “elderly” or “physically impaired” people. At a zoom meeting on 26 Aug 21, attended by:

- Simon Wise – Lacock Parish Council.
- Heather McKibbon – Lacock resident and initiative proposer.
- Judy Hible – North West Wilts Ramblers Association.
- Paula Brunt – Secretary Disabled Ramblers Board
- Derek Walters – Wiltshire Councillor (Corsham without)

It was agreed that Heather and Paula (above) would explore the possibilities of creating one or two short walks around Lacock (in their current state, described from a physically impaired / recovering from injury, walker's perspective), these walks to be trialled, and then if appropriate to see how the accessibility of these walks could be improved.

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There has been no further communication on this subject, I will reach out to Heather McKibbon and Paula Brunt for an update.

## Community Orchard

Four working groups have taken place since the last written report. The Orchard and woodland areas continue to flourish, and to be used by a steadily increasing number of people. A “woodland trail” of Gruffalo creatures has now also been created for our younger visitors.

An article promoting and encouraging use of the area was included in the Apr 22 Parish Magazine.

Next Working party scheduled for Saturday 14 May 22 – volunteers always welcome.

The following longer-term items remain to be planned / progressed:

Erection of a support structure for the two established grape vines.

Creation of a shelter for groups to use during inclement weather.

Creation / establishment of an open area for communal picnics / Lacock school open air productions.

Widening and smoothing of access pathways to make the site more accessible.

### Feedback from Orchard users

Lacock School and Wise Owls are now regularly using the site, as are Gruffalos, Dormice, and more Muntjac Deer. Some of the birdboxes now have occupants; but still no resident Bats (yet).