

Report items 9.1 and 9.2

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8 (a) Marking of Footpaths Across Ploughed Fields

There has been a perennial problem with ploughed up footpaths not being marked. The problem seemed to have receded but this winter I have experienced a number of footpaths not being marked. I do not know how we get the message across to farmers but just marking the path with a post would be a start. I would be interested in other opinions from the walkers on the Forum.

8 (c) Creating Footpaths on Grass Verges to link Footpaths

We know we have difficulty in persuading farmers to create footpaths to link walks together and it has been discussed at previous meetings. One way to link some footpaths is to create a tarmac strip on the grass verge to form a footpath without getting permission from a farmer. It will not work in all cases but I know of at least three locations where the safety of a footpath on a verge would allow footpaths to be joined. I am also aware of expenditure and stretched budgets.

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