

Appendix C2

PROW Enforcement Case Programme 2018/19

| MAJOR SPECIFIC SITE CASES | | | | | |
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| Officer | Case | Summary of issue | Target | Action taken | Complete/ carry forward |
| JT | Lambourn BW60 sarsens, gates, vehicles obstructing. | Trip/ impact/ hazard. Client of Concern. | Complete in 2018 (+ adjoining paths in Oxon) | Legal advice sought, letter sent. TVP, NE & Oxon CC contacted. No action by Oxon CC. | For 2018 |
| JT | Lambourn BW61 ploughing. | Byway unavailable. | Aim to deal by harvest time 2018. (+ adjoining paths in Oxon) | Warning letters sent. NE & Oxon CC contacted. No action by Oxon CC. Tied in with BW60. | For 2018 |
| SJ | Catmore BW1 ploughing / obstruction | Byway unavailable. | Aim to complete by end of 2018. | Byway not cultivated 2017/18 but obstructed . Surfacing works are required on sections of the byway and an adjacent bridleway. | |
| JT | Boxford FP17 large pond excavated, trees planted. | Definitive line unavailable, unofficial line inconvenient. | Use common law right to deviate. | Using Common Law right to deviate - Rangers to clear 2018 | |
| EC | East Ilsley BR15 horse injury on steel posts. | Trip/ laceration/ impact hazard. | Aim to complete by end 2018. | Steels removed, but replaced with gate posts on slope. WBC can remove or relocate posts. | |
| JT | Beenham BR 15 | Obstructed definitive line (alternative permitted BR but have been problems there). | Complete in 2018. | Gates occasionally locked in 2017, but permitted path open without problem. Officers to interview l/o under caution if necessary. | |
| JT | Shaw FP 19 | Repeat crop obstruction and heavily poached surface. | Pair of Officers to attend with TVP for corroboration. | Interview under caution? | Spring/ Summer 2018 |

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| PROJECTS | | | | | |
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| Count | Project | Summary of Issue | Actions required | Action taken / info. | Outstanding |
| | General Obstructions Various locations throughout District. | Many erected by farmers/ landowners to prevent illegal vehicle access. | Site visit. Make initial contact. High priorities to go to specific site cases. | Ongoing area of work, new cases coming in all the time. | |
| | Intimidation Person/ animal/ notice. | Safety of users, availability of network. | Police, landowners contacted as necessary. | Ongoing area of work. | |
| | Illegal vehicles – non motor routes Various Bridleways and & Restricted Byways especially in Downlands. | Safety hazard, surface damage. Police involvement. | Ongoing area of work in Bucklebury Common, Farnborough and East Garston areas. Kent Carriage Gaps installed during winter months on routes identified. Action days with Police to be organised periodically during autumn and winter months. | Carriage gaps installed, signage installed, camera traps installed at various sites. Liaison with Police. | |
| | Illegal vehicles - Byways | Landowners are asking for WBC to limit public use by vehicles. Safety concern. | Police to lead. Some WBC actions might arise from Police requests for new structures or closures. | Trial closure of selected Byways in Bucklebury and Lambourn over Winter 2017 to protect surface. Liaison with Police. | |
| | Stiles and gates project | Need to increase accessibility of the network for less agile or disabled users. | Stile complaints inspected within 3 weeks of complaint. Enforcement action taken or gate kits delivered for l/o installation. Or added to volunteer list. | Ongoing area of work replacing stiles with more user-friendly structures esp. on well-used routes. Currently 1 gate installed per month by the Ramblers' Work Party / gate kits supplied to landowners. | |
| | Electric gates | Liability on WBC / public accessibility. | Research histories. Enforcement as necessary. | Ongoing area of work, new cases come in occasionally. Expert Barrister advices sought on those which are Limitations. | |

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| | Electric fences | Safety of public. | Inspected or landowner contacted on receipt of complaint within 24 working hours of complaint. | Ongoing area of work. Tends to be seasonal, and temporary. | |
| | Fence encroachment | Safety of users, loss of path. | Landowners need to be contacted. | Ongoing area of work. | |
| | Cropping | Network problem affecting ~300 paths. | Spring round- robin letter. Enforcement of complaint if required. | Ongoing area of work. Seasonal. | |
| | Ploughing | Network problem affecting ~300 paths. | Autumn round- robin letter. Enforcement of complaint if required. | Ongoing area of work. Seasonal. | |
| | Visual tree inspection project | Safety of users, particularly on popular routes and routes to school. | The high-priority tree-lined routes must be identified and surveyed. Works needed and/ or contact landowners. | The high-priority tree-lined routes have been identified and surveyed. 10 Top Tier Urban routes & 9 Rural Service Centre school routes surveyed. School Route inspections complete. WBC works largely completed, some enforcement required in 2018. | |
| | Landowner tree problems | Safety of users, obstructions. | Landowners contacted. | Ongoing area of work. | |
| | Overhanging vegetation | Boundary vegetation can obstruct PROWs, but it is the responsibility of the landowner. | Landowners/ farmers contacted in Autumn round- robin letter, and householders contacted following inspection of problem. | Ongoing area of work, best resolved over Autumn & Winter. | |
| | Forestry Works | Traffic management often lacking/ poor. Failure to liaise with WBC. Surface damage. | Landowners/ Forester to be contacted as necessary. | Advice from Streetworks given. Industry guidance collated. | |
| | Streetworks Failures | Surface damage, WBC liability and maintenance risk | Contact utilities, issue failure Notices in conjunction with Streetworks Team. | Subcontractors contacted on site. PROWs being added to Streetworks Gazeteer. | |
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