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# **Toddington Rights of Way – July 2017**

Toddington is blessed with an extensive rights of way network (over 50km or 31miles) which allows a range of access around the parish. A new website <a href="www.Toddington.Info">www.Toddington.Info</a> was created earlier in the year to include the local walk leaflets, news and links to other resources. However, there are many challenges or opportunities for the village.

## Crowbush path

To be discussed at meeting

## Crowbush garage path surfacing

The path between the garages and the resident fence is often muddy. CBC have been considering improvement for years. Should be progressed this summer

## Workhouse/Lakefield path

The claim of a RoW has been investigated and a new path should be created, subject to closure of consultation and no comments received by early August, should allow it to be confirmed

#### Herne Green diversion

The legal route of the path runs through some farm buildings. The landowner & CBC have agreed changes, but these need formalising

#### **Stiles**

Since 2006 the number stiles has reduced, they are only left at Herne Green farm, Herne Willow farm and Fancott Fisheries. None of which have been receptive to removal.

## Upgrade of footpath beside railway to bridleway

This has running for years and would provide a 1 mile long new bridleway. Half the land is CBC (supportive) and the remainder was Network Rail, who were also supportive. But it appears the land has change ownership prior to any agreement.

#### A5-M1 paths

A new range of footpaths and bridleways are beside the new road. These provide new opportunities to RoW users.

#### CBC RoW/highways reorganisation

The reorganisation of changed responsibilities. Currently the local RoW Officer is covering another area, meaning she is covering 2/3 of the CBC area.

#### Combined footpath/bridleway to Harlington

Although this is beside the road, it continues to be an ambition to achieve a roadside path/cycleway from Toddington to Harlington station.

## The Ramblers working party

The Ramblers run some working parties to clear paths, they visited Conger lane last year, and Chalton and Thorn turn so far this year.

### <u>Bridleways</u>

There is a shortage of public bridleways in the village, although there are some private permissive arrangements. A point to note in the Parish Plan.

#### Other challenges

Battlesden linkage, application with CBC for 10 years. Westoning/Toddington boundary bridleway claim. Crops not cut back. Hedges encroaching on path – it's a never-ending process!