

Status of QC Footpaths South of A303:

1. Eastern End of Grace Martin Lane:

- Wooden bridge over stream is rotten and **dangerous** and needs urgent repair;
- Path along stream requires hardcore in places where winter rains have washed away the path and on access to both gates at the southern end of stream where water pools badly when it rains;
- There is significant erosion of the river bank in 3 or 4 places which is narrowing the path.

2. Large Field (3rd field in from Mildmay Drive):

- Hardcore required on access to both double gates leading from field on east & west side of field as well as access to single gate on north side of field;
- Access to the west double gates, from the Mildmay Drive direction, is **dangerous** at present with access down a steep, slippery slope to a muddy pool;

3. Path from Large Field via Historic Stone Stile/Leland Trail East (on south side of field near the 2 graves):

- Wooden stile before the old stone stile is rotten, has collapsed & is **dangerous** -- needs replacing by a metal gate;
- The path goes through a small wood to the railway line where the 2 stiles either side of the line maintained by the railway are in good order; 200-300 metres on the east side of the railway line the Leland Trail goes out of the QC Parish boundary;

4. Path from Englands lane to West Camel/Leland Trail West (photos in order east to west 74 – 68):

- Wooden gate by pumping station has disintegrated/disappeared and needs replacing by a metal gate;
- Old metal swing gate adjacent to Angie's land has disintegrated/disappeared and needs replacing by a metal gate;
- Wooden stile near northern end of concrete footbridge over river which leads into Terri's field (adjacent to Blackwell Lane) is **dangerously** rotten, falling apart and needs replacing by a metal gate;
- Wooden stile opposite Angie's house is **dangerously** rotten, falling apart and needs replacing by a metal gate; Mark (Angie's partner) has undertaken to repair the stile in the spring or fit a new metal gate;
- Wooden stile opposite east end of Old Wales Farmhouse is **dangerously** rotten, falling apart and needs replacing by a metal gate;

5. Path from west end of Old Wales Farmhouse to West Camel (photos in order 63-67 east to west):

- Four wooden stiles, all of which are rotten, **dangerously** unstable and need replacing with 4 metal gates; one of the stiles has, in addition, an old metal gate which is disintegrating ---- both stile & gate need replacing with one metal gate;
- Final wooden swing gate into West Camel is falling to bits and needs replacing with a metal gate.

6. Path Leading East into Wood Half Way Up Gasson Lane ----at the top of the path, there are 3 options:

- Turn right and continue to A359 & Sparkford Wood --- no problems;
- Continue straight to A303. The stile is broken at the A303 but due to road works is now redundant;
- Turn left. This leads back onto Gason Lane. There are 2 trees down across this section making it difficult to negotiate and both should be cut up and moved aside.

7. Work in Progress/ Paths to be Reviewed:

- Path between Gasson Lane and Traits Lane alongside the A303;
- Path between Camel Hill House and Blackwell Road;
- Rarely used footpaths within the parish boundary south of West Camel Road and Sutton Montis Road.

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