

FOOTPATH REPORT FOR THE PC MEETING ON THE 21st SEPTEMBER 2026

Footpath Finger Posts

I noticed that 4 finger posts have been erected on Poppy Way, Lovells estate, one each side of the small road. I did enquire with the SCC PROW manager to say that it was a bit excessive, however, Kevin Verlander replied saying that Lovells had paid for them.

I then asked when the finger posts that I had previously reported, one a few years ago had not been replaced, FP001 Back St opposite Jenny's Farm and FP014, the bridleway junction on the Burgate Rd. with the reply being that the contractors are going through the list and the posts will be replaced in due course.

Dog Mess Signs

I noticed that someone had removed the wooden board holding the sign and threw it on the ground next to the post on FP30 from Coldham Lane. I have now replaced it with longer screws. I did post on Help & Support in Gislingham to express my dismay and received several comments in support of my post.

It was disappointing that I had to spray about 8 dog poos in the short distance from Coldham Lane, as I had hoped that dog owners are now more responsible, but obviously not the case.

FP21 New Route

Following the new route that replaces FP22 across the railway line, I enquired as to what the footpath number will be. It was confirmed by the Definitive Team that it will be FP21, which is a bit odd, as it runs along the field from the railway bridge, towards Swattisfield Farm so I thought it would be FP22.

Sharlene had asked me to check the sign at the beginning of the new footpath and there are several directional discs attached. This was in preparation for the updated Circular Walks leaflets.

FP36 aka Bowling Alley

Ian Urwin contacted me as his son found a syringe amongst undergrowth along the footpath. As he didn't want to report it to the authorities, I was able to collect the syringe and dispose of it in my wife's sharps box.

This is rather concerning that there maybe drug abuse taken place where children walk to and from school and also play along the footpath.

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