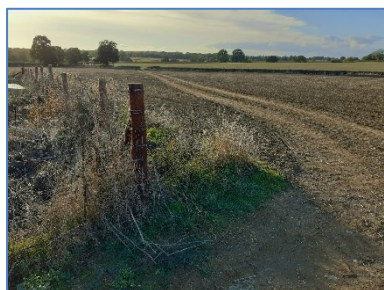
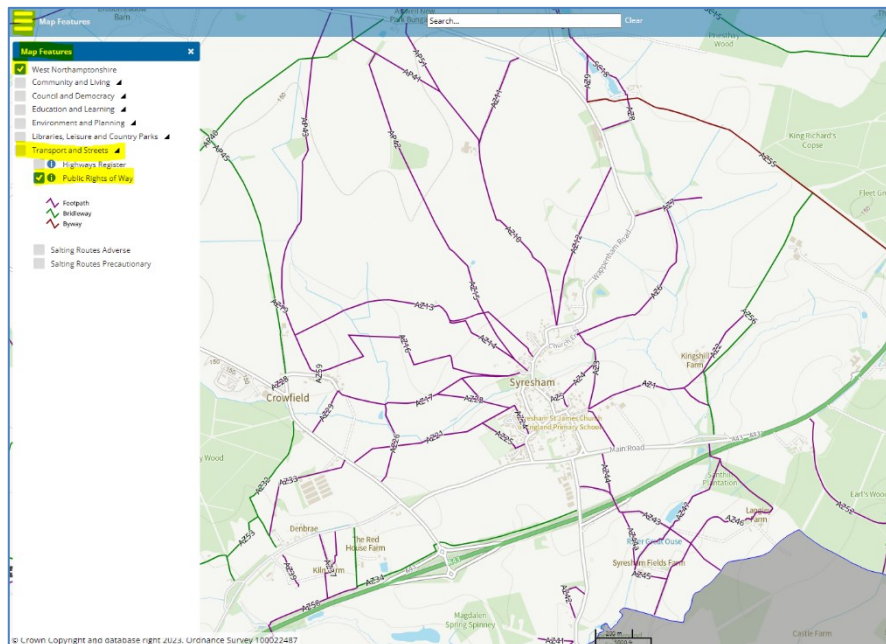


Parish Path Warden (PPW) Report – May 2023

The former Northamptonshire County Council mapping website has been closed and replaced with a new mapping site for West Northamptonshire. This can be found at <https://bit.ly/42E284u>.* As shown here, this interactive map allows the user to select a layer that indicates all the Public Rights of Way across the parish, along with their reference numbers.



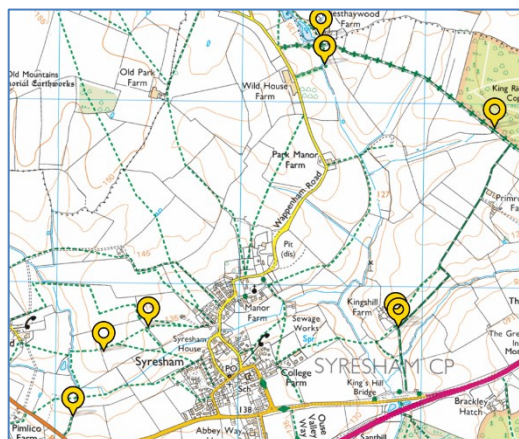
A couple of community walks have been organised this year to familiarise villagers with some of the footpaths, bridleways and byways around the village. These have been enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities, and have been a fun way to meet some new faces and get some fresh air. The refreshments at the end have always been welcome! The next one is a Summer Stroll on 10th June at 11.30am; to register your interest, contact andrewjhornby@gmail.com or call/text 07518 721403.

Anyone experiencing difficulties using the local Rights of Way (such as overgrown paths, damaged stiles/footbridges etc) is encouraged to report issues directly via www.fixmystreet.com. You can submit a report via your mobile phone while you're actually out on location; it uses gps to pinpoint the very spot (rather than having to search on an online map) and you can take/upload pictures from wherever you are. Or you can do it later from the comfort of home. Users of the footpaths, bridleways and byways around the parish have been quite active in submitting reports in this way; it seems a very simple and efficient way to log any problems encountered. If the Parish Path Warden is also notified, then progress can be monitored and any outstanding matters followed up.

Since the last Parish Meeting, a number of issues have been fixed/closed by the local authority (West Northamptonshire Council/West Northamptonshire Highways). The steps down from Main Road to AZ46 have been repaired, stiles have been repaired/replaced on AZ3, AZ11 and AZ44a, while other stiles have been cleared of vegetation on AZ3 and AZ10; and the obstruction on AZ47 addressed.

However, other issues have been closed without having been properly addressed. The authority's response is that they have insufficient resources to clear the overgrown vegetation along AZ26, or to replace the waymarker post along AZ15; and it considers the blocked access to AZ8 from AZ55 too complex to resolve in a timely manner.

Current open actions awaiting a response from WNC/WNH are shown here. They include AZ17 hidden by crops, stiles requiring attention on AZ8 and AZ17, a fallen tree across AZ55, the waymarking of AZ56 and the ongoing inaccessibility of AZ26 and AZ2.



* The full url for the WNC interactive map is <https://westnorthants.cloud.cadcorp.com/WebmapPublic/Map.aspx?MapName=WNCMap>