

ROTHERFIELD GREYS PARISH MEETING -11 MAY 2026

CHILTERN SOCIETY PATH REP REPORT

My role, as described last year, is to regularly walk all the footpaths/public rights of way in the Parish to ensure they are accessible and well maintained. I deal with smaller issues of brambles, nettles etc but report anything larger like fallen trees, broken stiles to the appropriate people to take action.

This year I want to thank 3 people:

James Bradfield, a Countryside Officer of OCC, who has been particularly helpful in getting things done and in getting the CAMS (Countryside Access Management Site) website up to date. People are encouraged to report issues on this and the issues will be followed up.

Susan Maguire, area secretary of the Chiltern Society, who has resigned after many years of dedicated work keeping our paths open. Susan built a good relationship with many of the landowners and facilitated much of the work carried out by the Chiltern Society Path Maintenance Volunteers.

Alie Hagedoorn who has taken over as Area Secretary for this area (8A). Alie often works with the CSPMV and has been Chairman of Henley and Goring Ramblers for 10 years so is well qualified to carry on the good work.

During the long wet winter we had many issues of fallen trees and muddy paths which were dealt with.

Little can be done about mud although Path 17 had a surface dressing of wood chip applied which greatly improved it.

Path 35 is always a problem and we spent many hours clearing it yet again. OCC are scheduled to do a major cut back on it next winter.

Path 15 from the church and Path 23 had the blackthorn cut back several metres to the full width of the paths and will be much easier to walk.

Lambridge Wood:

I have no update on the possible action following the closure of a much walked path from Lambridge Wood Road up to the golf course reported on last year.

Extra Waymark Posts have been installed to help walkers follow the right paths.

A welcome Bench has been installed by Henley and Goring Ramblers where the Henley/Bix path crosses the path coming up from the Cemetery.

As far as I know there are no outstanding issues in the Parish.*

Thank you.

* An attendee stated that there is a tree down across the path from the war memorial to Rocky Lane. I mentioned that the paths on either side of the road are Permissive Paths not Public Rights of Way and OCC no longer maintain these. The Chiltern Society still monitors them and can take action if the land owners agree. I will follow this up at the weekend.