

Parish Council Footpaths Report

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Introduction

We are in something of a Goldilocks period with footpaths ... not too muddy, not too ankle-breaking dry, not too over-grown, just right. It won't last but it has resulted in not too many complaints over the last month or so.



The relatively new path between Hyde Lane and the A38

This is the path that was built a few years ago to make it easier and safer for kids to get to school in Monkton from Creech. As you know there were travellers in the area recently and I had a complaint from one Sue Morse about the potentially dangerous, discarded waste left that children have to navigate.

This is not an official PRow so out of my remit but I put her in touch with Taunton Council's fly tipping service.

T10/15 - Charlton Road to Worthy Lane via the old golf course

Further to complaints earlier this year from Helen Sloman of Charlton Coach House about incidents along this footpath near her property it was agreed between her and the SCC area warden Sarah Cresswell that one way of mitigating unruly behaviour might be to provide better access and signposting to the path rather than the, for some, difficult gates and stiles that currently have to be navigated. The current ones are an awkward V shape that could be causing some resentment.

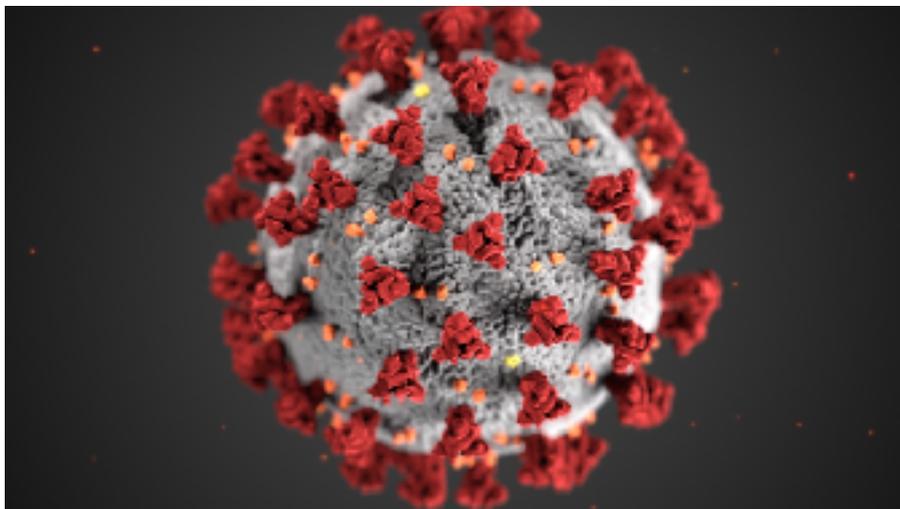


AWKWARD TO GET OVER AND SOMETIMES THE GATE IS LOCKED

According to SCC the contractor has been sent the new gates with pedestrian access but it is a bit of a mystery why they have not so far been fitted. Sarah is investigating.

That's all I have

except to apologise for the lateness of this, haven't been out much recently.... I've got covid, ironically caught at a memorial service!



THE VIRUS LOOKS PRETTY DOESN'T IT