

BNCT Footpath Report 2021

Mayton Bridge to Horstead Mill 09/04/2021

After the very wet and windy winter we found the walking conditions very good and only a few problems.

The footbridge over the stream at Buxton FP 10 and Coltishall FP 11 junction has a broken plank and torn netting. This, we have reported.

The gate at the southern end of the meadow which replaced a 'Ramblers Gate' GR TG 2557 2139 is now on the ground. Unfortunately it was installed with new wood onto rotten gate posts. Not ideal!

We have reported this with a note that currently there are no cattle in the meadow so a replacement gate may not be required.

There has been a large amount of clearance on Coltishall FP 11 of many fallen trees. Unfortunately we found one that is obstructing the footpath. Once again we have reported this to NCC.

The two photographs show either end of the blockage.



The information boards at Coltishall Lock and Mayton Bridge are fine. We removed some more of the now dead ivy from above the board at Mayton.

Mayton Bridge to Buxton Mill 11/04/2021

Buxton FP 8 and part of FP 4. No problems, path is clear and dry. We did some minor pruning. Hayden has even spread woodchip around the surface of the 3 kissing gates.

Buxton Mill to Burgh next Aylsham 13/04/2021

Buxton FP 4, Brampton FP9 and Brampton FP 4

Path in excellent condition after the wet winter. Some woodchip has been laid on the path in front of Mill Reach houses improving the walking.

Since the Haflinger Horses belonging to the late Tom Crane have gone more stiles have been removed and replaced by kissing gates along the path by Oxnead Hall to the south side of the overflow weir north of Oxnead Bridge.

Having now walked from Horstead Mill without encountering a stile of any description things take a turn for the worst with 4 stiles of varying degrees of design and difficulty to climb over before reaching Burgh next Aylsham church. (see separate report regarding these non authorised stiles/obstructions)

The bridge over the navigation is now in a perilous state with a notice restricting number of walkers on the bridge to 2. Also stating that the bridge is programmed for replacement.

Information boards at Oxnead Bridge and Burgh church are fine. Some clearance of shrubs has been carried out at Oxnead information board and steps.

