



Great Bowden Parish Council

Open Spaces Report May 2024

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This report will be annexed to the minutes of the PC meeting and available on the website. This report will summarise the individual reports compiled by our open spaces volunteers. In the table below we have here is a task list of new issues and outstanding issues, which will be revisited at the next meeting.

Once again, on behalf of the Parish Council, we would like to express our thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

Summary and Issues (Updated items in [blue](#))

Route	Topic	Comment
1&2	Leicester La Benches	Any update on ownership?
1 & 2	Leicester La – verges	Any response from Highways?
1&2	Leicester la Kissing Gate	Gate now installed, has the bill been paid?
5	Welham Road	Has fence been removed by PC?
1 & 2	Upper Greens:	Still awaiting 'Do not drive on the grass' signs.
1 & 2	Main Street	Rotten post further down Main St - Awaiting replacement – or awaiting a 'Do not drive...' sign
1&2	Leicester La	Resolved
1&2	Main Street	Permission to park on the grass?
1 & 2	Leic La	Can we place 'No Fly Tipping sign?' on gate?
5	Church Hall	Bricks that have fallen

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Route 4

Hursley Park.

No issues to report.

The estate has created a wild life pond at the north east corner the park. A number of drainage channels have been dug through the park to provide water for the pond and wooden bridges have been provide where the footpaths cross the channels. The pond is filling up.

Welham Lane.

The wooden bollard at the junction with Nether Green needs to be replaced.

There is no fly tipping, just a small amount of litter.

Welham Road.

The temporary entrance to the building site still needs to be tidied up, this is an ongoing issue.

Great Bowden, Route 5 report for the Parish Council March 2024 meeting

We walked the route on 13th May.

The damage reported last month to the mud wall has not been repaired. As we understand that this wall is 'Listed' whose responsibility is it to make repairs?

The building works entrance off Lime Tree Place is now screened off and the entrance is neat.

At present drain work is being carried outside the new house on Sutton Road. The barriers are well organised.

The only new concern to report is a small pile of brick pieces that have presumably fallen from the gable end of the church hall. This is clearly a potential danger to pedestrians and hall users.



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Route 8

Horseshoe Lane

I am fairly sure that there used to be a street name sign at the Station Road end of Horseshoe Lane. I think it was in front of the hedge shown on the photo below.

I am not sure if the Parish Council knows any more about this but I think it needs to be replaced as this lane is easy to miss if you do not know the area.



There are no changes to the other items in the March report.



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Route 1 & 2

Leicester Lane

Footfall continues to be high and increasing with the warmer weather

Fly tipping

This is the first inbound gateway after the Waterways, so northern side of LL towards the hump-back bridge.

Can this please be reported at the same time request an No Fly-tipping sign to be affixed to the gate.



A48 Footpath Update
Kissing gate has been installed



Heathcote Grange – for information not action

There remains a silt build up a few metres from the **SUDs** outflow grille which appears to be slowing the surface water egress, however there is a pleasing increase in the number of water-cleaning' reeds over the whole area. Sadly, there's an increase in rubbish in the SUDs. Has Mary Poppins lost her brolly?



At the entrance to Heathcote... yet another issue re left behind signage, this time For Sale boards from Andrew Granger and Henderson Conollan dumped in the ditch. *Can the residents of Heathcote follow up and have these collected please?*



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Main Street itself

'On grass' parking outside of 92, 94, 96 – now worse. Almost certainly the worst of the damage is done by the contractors working on the house there. They may have asked Paul Claxton for permission to store building materials on the bank, but I doubt they asked for permission for daily parking? Given we own this bank, surely the PC needs to take some action with the home owner having the work done? Including gaining a written commitment to full remediation? Mowing is about to start



Route 3 &6

Nothing to report

Old Sawmill Development

On behalf of Lane residents I asked Cora to remove the various direction signs which are littered over the verges on Leicester Lane and at the top on Main Street. After several more emails, these have now been removed.

Old Sawmill Development

I have a concern which the residents' management committee might wish to look at regarding the swale at the bottom (northern end) of the Old Sawmill site. Despite the fence, I believe the swale (ditch) is within the site's boundary up to the field tree-line. It may be my imagination but on this inspection there appears to be an increase in fly-tipping? (Especially via access from the east (footpath) field where there is a broken fence? The lack of fence will also allow sheep into the swale and likely into the estate.)

Probably the part-hidden ditch on the other side of a fence is viewed as someone else's problem and thus is a handy spot in which to dump rubbish. However, that swale/ditch forms a natural land drain; indeed there is a land drain from the east most corner of the ditch. It might be worth keeping rubbish out of the swale area... for should the large surface-water attenuation crates further up the site fail for any reason residents might be glad of a natural land drain at the lowest point of the site? (Given he is a resident, maybe this is something that John Wilson might wish to look at and action or not as the case may be.) CF

Route 7

Nothing new to report on my route except to state that I have reported the defective footpath near the retirement homes to LCC via their 'love clean streets' app