

Open Spaces Report January 2025



Great Bowden Parish Council

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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	Upper Greens:	Installed on Upper Greens
1 & 2	Main Street	Rotten post further down Main St - Awaiting replacement – or awaiting a 'Do not drive...' sign to be put here
1 & 2	Main Street	Blocked drain: Old Hall drain junction of Main St and Upper St Green place
1 & 2	Leic La	Can we place 'No Fly Tipping sign?' on gate Clerk to request from HDC Environmental Services, still not appeared 14/1/25
1 & 2	Main Street	Grass bank remediation, P Claxton to follow up
4	Welham Road	Temporary entrance to the building site needs tidying, been an issue for a year
5	Mud wall capping	RE Chased AB, no response as 13/9 Chased, no response 19/11 Looks like more damage has occurred, have chased again, looks like building work ongoing
8	Horseshoe Lane and Langton Lane	Needs a sign, and enquiry to County Highways. Highways signs contacted, they are investigating tis and Lancton Lane, RE replied to HDC
1 & 2	Main Street Open Space	Need dates for removal of hedge etc
4	Welham La	Bollards have rotted, on list to be replaced
1 & 2	Green La	Style on A63 rotten, who responsibility?

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Route 4

Hursley Park.

A security fence is being erected around the recently dug pond. There will be gate access to the pond and a seating area is being created within the fenced off area..

Welham Lane.

Only minor amounts of litter

Welham road.

The loose cable from the BT pole reported last time is there. I have taken the pole details and will report it to BT.

Route 7

Nothing to report

Route 8

The reeds in the Berry Close SUDS are growing well,

Nothing else to report

Route 5

Our walk this month indicated no changes overall (including the continuing damage to the mud wall) except for this damaged bench, pictured above, in Welham Lane.



Route 3 and 6

Nothing untoward to report

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Route 1 & 2

Leicester Lane

Avenue of White Horse Chestnuts – Still awaiting details of the planting schedule from Mi-chael Seymour at LCC. I will chase Michael again.

Re two benches – mysteriously umm... disassembled and disappeared without trace during the early hours of 16 September 2023. Still trying to get to the bottom of this! (But see report re Heathcote Grange. :-))

No fly tipping signs on gateways - definitely not there despite Jordan Smith @ HDC telling Lindsey that they are

Heathcote Grange – for information not action

Overall the SUDs area is beginning to look more like it was intended at planning approval, however it is still minus its wildflower patch on at its western end.



This (left) amused me - maybe the Heathcote Grange management group should save up for a bench for SUDs watchers? Having recently talked to the young builders of this bench... I can confirm that this is their replacement for the trashed benches on Leicester Lane. Interestingly, these lads are keen to raise funds for a replacement bench to go on Leicester Lane as a memorial to their recently deceased friend from Leicester Lane.

An abandoned glass fish tank (right) - in the wildlife corridor between Heathcote and Walnut Drive - needs to be removed before it is broken and becomes a hazard.



One red gate on the play area (the one furthest from LLane) is catching on the rain sodden ground and does not open fully - worth keeping an eye on?

Old Sawmill development – for information not action

I observe that the tenant farmer has given back to the estate the Heras fencing that Cora had abandoned against his sheep fold/cattle crush. (See photo right)



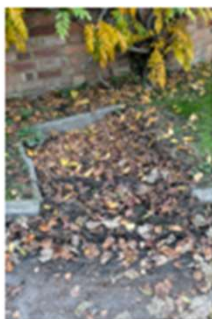
Green Lane

- The bottom rung of the stile on the A63 exit onto Green Lane has again been renailed. It really needs a new stile - **are there community funds available from Cllrs Knowles and Anderson please?**
- Recent winds have brought down a small tree across the Green Lane (see left) - I will report to John Gray, our LCC Footpaths Officer; simply requires LCC cut the trunk through and drag the parts aside to rot down.



A reminder please! Will all PC Members and OS Wardens who walk the Upper Greens and BOTATs please walk the correct footpath through the Lewington's garden and note that they have done so, date time, photo record. The entrances are being closed down again – historically it should be a cart track width and currently at both ends entrance is... barely passable without turning side-ways (see photo left; looking south west from the common at the bottom of Green Lane). *This is still the case in January 2025.*

Main Street itself



The grass bank outside of 92, 94, 96 still has developer damage - awaiting reinstatement.

Also on Main Street – the Old Hall drain junction of Main St and Upper Green Place is *blocked again (see left) – it was agreed to be reported at the last meeting - was it?*

The 'Other Open Spaces' verge that thinks it's a garden (right). It was agreed at last meeting that the hedge would be removed by volunteers on behalf of the PC. We need to agree how to tackle this.

