

Open Spaces Report Jan 2026



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
4	Welham Road	Temporary entrance to the building site needs tidying, been an issue for a year. Ongoing
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, A tile has been replaces, one still cracked
5	Welham Lane	Rotten branches brough down by storm
3 & 6	Langton Rd	Bollards on Langton Road have been suggested
1 & 2	Main Street	Fly tipping on grass bank - report and write to HA
1 & 2	Main Street	Trees shedding leaves, oaks branches and telephone lines – action?
1 & 2	Main Street	PC report of 50 cowslip plugs, where are they? (PaiuC)
8	Horseshoe Road	Sign damaged and propped against fence
1&2	Main Road open space	To discuss OAK tree pruning with tree surgeon
	Wellands	Owners planning to restore sign that was removed

Route 1 & 2

Leicester Lane

Have briefly hobbled around the mainroad bits of my patch and I have not noticed any new concerns. Plenty of old ones - see previous reports - remain. Note: I haven't walked Green Lane or investigated the Upper Greens.

The ongoing concern everywhere: usual bloody awful mess made of the road edges on Leicester Lane plus there's been sizeable damage to the wildflower triangle on one side (heavy lorries going to Simon van Herrewege's site) and to the eastern end of the long verge where the builder repairing the wall to the Old Hall has used the verge as a storage site and, by looks of things, spilt dry cement and washed out his mixer onto the verge... ?

Good news is that I have two new volunteers for verge work: Jacqui Jones & Patricia Richards - we are planning a spring clean of the entire area. I need to secure some topsoil to make good the damage on the west side of the triangle. (Attempting to contact Simon van H for help with that.)

On your behalf I have thanked the volunteers who watered weekly from May to October the newly planted horse chestnuts on Leicester Lane - we have another year to go on that project; if 52 homes get a go ahead, protecting and supporting those sapplings could make the task much more onerous.

I hope to get to the meeting as my neighbours and myself have significant concerns to raise about our end of the village: development and traffic.

Just in case I don't make the meeting, can you please ask Paul what has happened to the cowslips promised by Spendlove for last October? Are they coming soon?

Route 3 and 6

Sorry for the delay. I don't have anything to report on my route. I haven't done the walk in the last couple of weeks but I do walk the route regularly and haven't noticed any issues

Route 7

Nothing to report

Route 5

All looks good

A tile has been replaced on mud wall

A number of rotten branches brought down in Weland Lane

Otherwise all looking good.

Route 4

Just a note that the Breedon gravel pathways are in a poor state due to the rain and snow but this issue is being addressed separately by the residents committee and the developer, but something the PC should be aware of.

Route 8**Knights End**

No change from last report. The Horseshoe Lane sign is still damaged and propped up

