Loders Parish Council Rights of Way Liaison Officer
Annual Report
David Cannon April 2019 – March 2020

April 2019 - March 2020 has been my sixth year as Rights of Way Liaison Officer for Loders' Parish Council (PC). I am grateful for the support of the PC, Dorset Council (DC), local land-owners and local residents.

Local residents have reported problems, provided advice, expressed gratitude or simply taken an interest. I am particularly grateful for volunteers assisting with practical help. Again, a special mention must be made of Tony Richards who has taken a much appreciated lead maintaining New Street Lane which is probably the most well used Right of Way (RoW) in the parish linking, as it does, Matravers, Uploders and Loders along the River Askers valley.

My routine work involves clearing overgrown signs & paths, replacing way-markers where needed, maintaining finger-posts, responding to residents' concerns, reporting to PC meetings and raising concerns with land-owners & DC.

Additional activities include;

- input to planning applications,
- emailing updates to 'Friends of Loders RoW',
- contributing RoW news to 'Eggardon & Colmers View'.

I continue to rely on and appreciate residents acting as my 'eyes & ears' (especially from the more distant eastern end of the parish) as well as volunteers for their 'hands-on' support.

Please find appendix attached which includes a map showing all of the parish RoW followed by a more detailed description of their location and record of my activities; the most important but most boring bit!

APPENDIX
Issues raised by local residents are in ***bold italics*** and help provided by volunteers in **BOLD CAPITALS**.
Loders parish RoWs are all prefixed with 'W13' on the map and then FP = Footpaths and BR = Bridleways with the following numbers;

BR1 from Yellow Lane to Smishops Lane
7/6/19 I cleared veg above village and waymarkers at BR3 junction.
17/7/19 Councillor reported fallen tree at PC meeting. I cleared 6/8/19.
14/10/19 I cleared veg above village.
4/11/19 Local resident reported fallen tree. I cleared 15/11/19.
20/3/20 I cleared fallen tree.

BR2 from Church Farm to BR1 (10/1/14 reported to DCC it's blocked and no longer used)
22/2/20 DC asked PC to agree to RoW extinguishment following request from landowner.

BR3 from Village Hall lane opposite Farmers Arms to join BR1

FP4 from Smishops Lane to Bell Cottage (10/1/14 reported to DCC it's blocked and no longer used)

BR5 from Whetlands Lane UCR to Powerstock Parish boundary

FP6 from FP7 to Powerstock Parish boundary
17/5/19 I cleared overgrown waymarkers at junction with disused railway.

FP7 from The Forge, Uploders to BR14 at disused railway line
17/5/19 I cleared overgrown waymarkers at FP6 junction. Re-opened overgrown gap in hedge east of FP6 junction. Fixed waymarker at disused railway.
20/6/19 Local resident asked for permission to cut overgrown veg on Cherry Lane. I asked local landowner who agreed.
8/8/19 I thanked landowner for cutting swathe through crop clearing RoW near eastern end.
14/10/19 I reported leaking pipe on Cherry Lane (first reported 20/9/18) on DC website (MNT42082) still 'under investigation'.
22/10/19 Local resident reported Askers bridge planks dangerous. I reported on DC website (MNT45742).

FP8 from New Street Lane to Askers bridge at Yondover

14/10/19 Cleared overgrown fingerpost at Yondover bridge.
FP9 from New Street Lane to Wellplot

FP10 short section from BR11 to BR14 at Matravers

BR11 includes New Street Lane (Unclassified County Road) to Matravers
20/5/19 I cleared waymarker at BR15 junction.
16/7/19 Cleared veg along New Street Lane with **TWO VOLUNTEERS**.
24/1/20 Local resident reported damage by car. Cleared by **ONE VOLUNTEER**.

FP12 from Askerswell Parish boundary at Knowle Hill across disused railway to to Powerstock Parish boundary

FP13 from Matravers to Folly Cottage
15/5/19 I cleared fingerpost at Folly Cottage.

BR14 from Matravers to Powerstock Parish boundary
17/5/19 I cleared waymarker pointing north-east; north side of disused railway and fixed new waymarkers pointing north & south; south side of disused railway

BR15 from Perwen Farm through Upton Manor farm, turning NW to BR11
20/5/19 I cleared waymarkers at BR11 junction.

BR16 from Cuckold's Corner on A35 to Spyway Road at Matravers

BR17 from Spyway Road to Matravers Farm
20/5/19 I cleared farm-gate and fingerpost at north end and made rope easy to unhook.
17/10/19 Farm-gate at northern end impossible to open so I reported on DC website (MNT45713). 22/1/20 still impassable so I emailed DC for clear timetable. 15/3/20 Thanked DC for clearing.

FP18 from Traveller's Rest on A35 to Spyway Road

FP19 from Moens Farm on Spyway Road to Perwen Farm, Matravers
20/5/19 I cleared gate at Perwen Farm.
18/6/19 Councillor reported inadequate signage at Perwen Farm. 20/6/19 I provided waymarkers for landowner.
8/8/19 Landowner at Moens Farm wanted RoW re-routed. I asked him to send proposal for PC to consider.
23/9/19 Local resident concerned path unsafe. 17/10/19 I walked and cleared but found no sign of collapse.

FP20 from Traveller's Rest to Shipton Gorge Parish boundary

BR21 from Vinney Cross on A35 to Shipton Gorge Parish boundary at Shipton Hill

BR22 from Vinney Cross to Uploders (known as Locks Lane)

FP23 from New Road to Uploders Chapel
19/4/19 Local resident reported overgrown. 4/5/19. I cleared with **THREE VOLUNTEERS.**
4/5/19 I reported rotten planks and wobbly stile on boardwalk on DC website (MNT43746). 20/5/19 fixed.

FP24 from FP23 to FP25
18/6/19 Councillor reported landowner had to lock gates to control stock. I emailed DC 20/6/19, 18/7/19, 10/9/19 & 17/10/19 for advice re self-closing gates.

FP25 from New Road to old Bridport road at Stony Head
4/5/19 I cleared stile at old A35 with **ONE VOLUNTEER.**

FP26 from Shipton Lane to join BR27 at Innsacre Farmhouse

BR27 from A35 to FP26 at Innsacre Farmhouse

BR28 removed from parish list in 1997.

BR29 from Loders Mill to Green Lane via Boarsbarrow Farm
7/6/19 I fixed missing waymarkers at FP32 junction.
14/1/20 I fixed leaning fingerpost at main road (northern end of RoW).
19/1/20 & 15/3/20 I emailed land-owner re collapsed fence and fingerpost at main road. 21/3/20 Thanked landowner.
27/3/20 I replaced missing waymarker on new fence at Boarsbarrow Farm.

FP30 from Bar Lane to Yondover
FP31 from Yondover to join FP32
15/11/19 Landowner intends to keep RoW mown, install kissing gate next to farm-gate at eastern end and contact DC re ownership of garage drive.

FP32 from Boarsbarrow Farm to Church Lane
9/9/19 Councillor re-reported dangerous leat bridge handrail so I reported on DC website mentioning previous report (MNT42722). 17/10/19 & 21/10/19 I emailed reminders to DC. 15/11/19 loose sections had been removed but not replaced. 10/12/19 Local resident reported inadequate handrail so I emailed 11/12/19, 22/1/20 & 15/3/20 with photos asking for clarification.

FP33 from Hole House Farm to Bradpole Parish boundary

FP34 from Church Farm, Yellow Lane to BR35
11/8/19 I cleared veg north of pylon.

BR35 from Lower Mangerton to Spinney Kot on West Milton road
11/8/19 I cleared veg at south end.
31/8/19 I cleared veg at south end.

FP36 from Clover Leaf Farm, Yellow Lane to West Milton Lane
31/8/19 I cleared overgrown fingerpost at northern end.

FP37 from Hole House Farm, Bradpole to Church Farm, Yellow Lane
18/7/19 I emailed DC re improved access application.
***9/9/19 Councillor reported impassable west of junction at south end of Yellow Lane. 10/9/19 I cleared with* ONE VOLUNTEER.**
15/10/19 Councillor reported 'disappeared' finger post at Hole House Farm. 17/10/19 I cleared overgrown veg.
22/11/19 Local resident emailed photo of fallen fingerpost at bottom of Yellow Lane. 27/11/19 I re-mounted.

FP38 from New Street Lane to Smishops Lane cemetery
8/8/19 I cleared veg from Highacres to New St Lane.
9/8/19 Section of handrail at NSL collapsed so I reported on DC website (MNT45349). 17/10/19 & 22/1/20 I emailed DC for timescale. 15/3/20 I thanked DC for fixing.
***29/9/19 Local resident reported fingerpost at NSL down. 14/10/19 I re-mounted with* ONE VOLUNTEER.**
14/10/19 cleared veg from Highacres to New Street Lane with **ONE VOLUNTEER.**

FP39 from FP26 Bradpole to FP3 Bradpole
11/8/19 I cleared veg with **ONE VOLUNTEER**.
31/8/19 I cleared veg with **ONE VOLUNTEER**.

UNCLASSIFIED COUNTY ROADS (UCRs)
Bar Lane from Yondover to Dalrymple Copse
17/6/19 I cleared veg including stile at FP30 junction and fixed waymarker at crossroads with track from Boarsbarrow Farm to Loders Hill.
13/8/19 I cleared veg (including stile at FP30 junction) from Dalrymple Copse to Yondover.
8/9/19 I cleared veg and some fallen branches but reported main trunk to DC.
14/10/19 I cleared veg.

Green Lane from Dalrymple Copse west to parish border
7/6/19 I cleared fingerpost at Dalrymple Copse junction with Green Lane.
2/9/19 Local resident contacted DC to improve access.

Extension of BR29 south to A35
18/6/19 Councillor concerned impassable south of Dalrymple Copse. I said it was a County Road.

Knowl Lane from Higher Yondover Farm to Stoney Head

Whetlands Lane from Smishops Lane East to BR5