Loders Parish Council Rights of Way Liaison Officer
Annual Report
David Cannon April 2020 – March 2021

April 2020 - March 2021 has been my seventh 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. Maintenance this year has been limited by covid restrictions.

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' 6/6/20, 28/12/20 & 19/1/21,
- contributing RoW news to 'Eggardon & Colmers View' May & Nov.

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 RoW numbers are all prefixed with 'W13' on the map. Footpaths (FP) marked in red and Bridleways (BR) marked in green. Unclassified County Roads (UCRs) are maintained by Highways not RoW and are marked in thick blue or green.

BR1 from Yellow Lane to Smishops Lane

1/5/20 I cleared veg. above village **ONE VOLUNTEER**.

11/5/20 I cleared veg. above village **ONE VOLUNTEER**.

21/6/20 Local resident reported branch blocking RoW. I cleared next day.

9/7/20 I cleared veg. above village.

15/3/21 Local resident reported fallen fingerpost at Smishops Lane on DC website; MNT51237. DC resolved 22/3/21

BR2 from Church Farm to BR1 (10/1/14 reported to DCC it's blocked and no longer used)

12/2/21 DC finalised 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

28/4/20 I fixed waymarkers in Whetlands Lane west of BR5.

FP6 from FP7 to Powerstock Parish boundary

FP7 from The Forge, Uploders to BR14 at disused railway line

FP8 from New Street Lane to Askers bridge at Yondover

9/7/20 I cleared overgrown fingerpost at Yondover bridge.

FP9 from New Street Lane to Wellplot

4/2/21 Councillor reported fallen willow at Askers Bridge to passing DC RoW team.Reported clear 11/3/21.

FP10 short section from BR11 to BR14 at Matravers

BR11 includes New Street Lane (Unclassified County Road) to Matravers
3/4/20 I fixed waymarker at farmgate just west of FP15 junction.
6/6/20 Local resident reported Japanese Knotweed at Well Cottage ruin. I informed Ian Rees.
1/7/20 Local resident cleared veg. and tackled standing water ONE VOLUNTEER.
8/7/20 Local resident cleared ditches at east end ONE VOLUNTEER.
20/7/20 I cleared waymarkers at junction with FP15.
14/1/21 Councillor reported landowner left hedge-trimming debris along RoW. I asked for photos which were supplied and forwarded to landowner next day. Landowner later cleared.
15/3/21 Local resident reported muddy conditions. I agreed to organise work party when covid restrictions are lifted and reported to Parish Council next day. 31/3/21 I reported to DC (MNT51435) after Councillor repeated concern and local resident sent photos.

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

FP13 from Matravers to Folly Cottage

BR14 from Matravers to Powerstock Parish boundary

BR15 from Perwen Farm through Upton Manor farm, turning NW to BR11
20/7/20 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

FP18 from Traveller's Rest on A35 to Spyway Road

FP19 from Moens Farm on Spyway Road to Perwen Farm, Matravers
10/6/20 Councillor reported loose fingerpost at south end. Landowner later remounted it.

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
30/5/20 I cleared farmgate at FP24 junction and veg. Down to road **ONE VOLUNTEER**.
8/6/20 Local resident reported cows had damaged boardwalk across Jordan Valley. I reported on DC website MNT48030. Resolved 11/6/20.

FP24 from FP23 to FP25
30/5/20 I tried to open combination locked farm gate between FP23 & FP25 **ONE VOLUNTEER** then reported on DC website MNT47935 and emailed RGoff.
20/7/20 Councillor reported landowner had locked gates. I emailed RGoff who agreed to prioritise. Resolved 25/8/20.
15/9/20 Councillor reported stile installed alongside 2nd farmgate.
4/2/21 Councillor reported locked gate. I immediately emailed RGoff. Again 21/2/21, 10/3/21 & 17/3/21 when he agreed to chase 'James'.

FP25 from New Road to old Bridport road at Stony Head
30/5/20 I cleared stile at old A35, stone stile and farmgate at FP24 junction.

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

FP30 from Bar Lane to Yondover

FP31 from Yondover to join FP32
6/4/20 Landowner installed new pedestrian gate alongside farmgate at eastern end.
11/4/20 Landowner put signs encouraging walkers around top of rivercliff to avoid bog with tadpoles & frogs.

FP32 from Boarsbarrow Farm to Church Lane
28/8/20 Local resident concerned about Church Lane erosion. Myself and another councillor met Dcarey to resolve but councillor reported unresolved so 12/2/21 & 10/3/21 I emailed Dcarey. He agreed to resolve when he's back at work in April.

FP33 from Hole House Farm to Bradpole Parish boundary

FP34 from Church Farm, Yellow Lane to BR35

BR35 from Lower Mangerton to Spinney Kot on West Milton road

FP36 from Clover Leaf Farm, Yellow Lane to West Milton Lane

FP37 from Hole House Farm, Bradpole to Church Farm, Yellow Lane

FP38 from New Street Lane to Smishops Lane cemetery
30/5/20 I cleared veg. from Highacres to New St Lane ONE VOLUNTEER.
5/10/20 Local resident reported step down to New St Lane had collapsed so I reported on DC website MNT49693. 7/10/20 resolved.
16/10/20 I cleared veg. from Highacres to New Street Lane.

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**.

I also monitor Unclassified County Roads as follows;
Bar Lane from Yondover to Dalrymple Copse
11/5/20 I cleared veg. ONE VOLUNTEER.
9/7/20 I cleared veg. (including stile at FP30 junction) from Dalrymple Copse to Yondover.

Green Lane from Dalrymple Copse west to parish border
6/4/20 Local resident reported DC improvement.

Extension of BR29 south to A35
6/4/20 Local resident reported DC improvement.
9/7/20 I cleared fingerpost at Dalrymple Copse junction with Green Lane.
25/1/21 Local resident reported abandoned bike. I raised with two Facebook pages and local resident phoned bike shop.

Knowl Lane from Higher Yondover Farm to Stoney Head
30/5/20 I relocated fingerpost at junction with old A35
7/8/20 Fingerpost gone.

Whetlands Lane from Smishops Lane East to BR5
28/4/20 I fixed waymarkers west of BR5.