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Submitted to Rights of Way - Parish
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Section 1

Please enter the name of the town or parish council you are replying on behalf of:

Name:
Betchworth Parish Council

Please provide your name

Name:
Cheryl Sexton

Please provide your contact details in case we need to get in touch with you

This could be an email address or a phone number::

clerk@betchworth-pc.gov.uk

In what capacity are you representing the parish or town council (choose all that apply). Note - this should be the official response of the council

Parish or town clerk

If other selected, please specify below::

Does your parish have a public rights of way officer, warden or other representative?

Yes

If yes, please provide further details on the role of your public rights of way officer, warden or other parish council representative.:

A councillor is responsible for monitoring the PROW within our parish. Information from parishioners is gathered in various ways including on a dedicated WhatsApp group "Footpath Champions" We inform SCC of problems, carry out minor repairs and liaise with the local landowners over whose land the ROW exist.

Do you pay for any maintenance work on public rights of way in your parish?

Yes

If yes, please provide further details. On average, how much do you pay annually? Do you have an annual budget? What works do you pay for?:

We have installed a number of Kissing gates (2021 £4800) and as needed supply materials to fill pot holes etc (£200) and have approved to spend £900 on bollards to protect grass verges and a footpath for this financial year. We have budgeted £12,500 to resurface a village footpath, a road and to restore a clapper bridge in the next year.

Do you have volunteers who help with the maintenance and improvement of public rights of way in your area?

Yes

If yes, please provide further details on what work your volunteers carry out. Please provide an estimate of how many work days volunteers contribute to works on public rights of way:

Village volunteers installed kissing gates along with the local ramblers and SCC Countryside Access

Does your council promote any routes?

No

If yes, please provide further details or a link to your promoted routes.:

Section 2

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of public rights of way in your parish?

Matrix Q - Vegetation clearance (paths are not overgrown):

Very dissatisfied

Matrix Q - Reinstatement and clearance of paths through crops:

Satisfied

Matrix Q - Waymarking of routes – the directional signing along routes:

Very satisfied

Matrix Q - Fingerposts at the end of public rights of way where the route leaves the road:

Dissatisfied

Matrix Q - The condition of stiles and gates:

Very satisfied

Matrix Q - Surface condition:

Very dissatisfied

Matrix Q - Accessibility for less mobile users:

Very dissatisfied

Matrix Q - Paths being free from obstructions (not including crops):

Very satisfied

Would your council be interested in exercising your powers as a Parish Council under Section 43 Highways Act 1980 to maintain public rights of way, or to increase your involvement in other ways?

No

Please provide reasons for your answer below::

It should be more efficient and cost effective for this to be centralised

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The public rights of way network in our parish is..

Matrix Q - An important asset for residents in our parish:

Strongly agree

Matrix Q - Important to support the health and well-being of residents in our parish:

Strongly agree

Matrix Q - Important for travelling to work and school:

Neither agree nor disagree

Matrix Q - Important for enjoying and exploring nature:

Strongly agree

Matrix Q - Important for tourism and the visitor economy:

Strongly disagree

Do you feel that over the last 10 years the general condition of public rights of way in your parish has:

Improved

Please provide reasons for your answer below:

But only by Improvements made by Parish Council to make the countryside more accessible

Section 3

Have you reported a public rights of way issue to Surrey County Council in the past 12 months?

Yes

Section 4

How did you report the problem?

Through Surrey County Council's Footpaths and Bridleways Report a Problem Page online

If other selected, please specify below::

How easy was it for you to find out how to report a problem on public rights of way?

Neutral

How would you rate the service of Surrey County Council when you reported an issue?

options - Ease of reporting the issue:

Very Good

options - Ease of tracking the progress of your report on line:

Good

options - Overall service you received:

Poor

How could we have improved your experience of reporting a problem on a public right of way?

Please specify below::

Response in actually doing things is slow.

Section 5

We aim to provide a public rights of way network that serves the needs of Surrey County residents. To do this, we may need to prioritise where we spend our available budget while delivering on our responsibilities under (within) the law. In your opinion how important are each of the following:

options - Maintaining the current public rights of way network:

Very important

options - Protecting and improving the public rights of way network through changes due to development and major infrastructure projects:

Of little importance

options - Improving access for those living with disabilities:

Important

options - Improving access for people to improve their health and well-being:

Very important

options - Improving public rights of way for commuting, to work, school or other facilities:

Of little importance

Are there other areas which you think should be a priority?

Others:

Do you have any additional comments which will help us to draft the Rights of Way Improvement Plan?

Others:

Please tell us of any specific public right of way issues or improvements in your parish. Please provide route numbers (if possible) and/or a precise description of the location of the route.

Continue separately if necessary and email to sccrowip@blackwoodbayne.co.uk or sccrowip@surreycc.gov.uk: