

Annual Footpath Report 2026

Footpath No.2. There is a rough area between two fields where I've always assumed the path goes. Very rarely used it is easier to walk in the field.

Footpath No.3. As previous reported a crossfield path which leads to the Lt. Bromley border is rarely maintained by the landowner and only identified as a path by a concrete post.

Footpath No.4. A fallen tree on the Essex Way section at the back of Furze Hill has been removed.

Footpath No.8. The farm track between Dove House Farm and Steam Mill Road is now easier to walk after the dry weather.

Footpaths 11 and 12. Crossfield paths have each been sown with corn which will make walking difficult as the corn grows.

Footpath No.13. Mostly a field edge path leading from Clacton Road to the Little Bromley border, a small section around Skip hatch wood is a problem every summer caused by brambles. After a complaint to Highways last year the brambles were cut back by the landowner but I will do regular checks on its condition.

Footpath No.15. The annual winter flooding in Tunnel Meadow has now dried up.

Footpath No.16. A large section has been dug up due the renewal of a gas main and is in a very poor condition underfoot. Although a complaint has been made it is now a very uncomfortable walk and will require a proper repair.

Footpath No.23. A broken bridge over the stream in the Bluebell Wood area has been reported to Highways.

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