

## REPORT OF THE DACORUM FOOTPATH SECRETARY 2025

The upgrading of Hemel Hempstead footpaths 20 and 90 to restricted byways was confirmed recently. The confirmation that the green lane joining the old A5 to Windmill Road in Dunstable was a public right of way was recently confirmed. The path runs along the parish boundary and is partly in Flamstead and Dunstable.

Part of Kings Langley footpath 17 was affected by a planning application and there was an order to delete a section of the path, but as this short section ran close to an existing pavement we decided not to object.

There were one or two reports that footpaths had been obstructed, but the definitive paths affected were dealt with quickly by the Dacorum footpath officer Clayton Rae. One path which was blocked near Wilstone reservoir was not a definitive right of way, so unfortunately nothing could be done. I did suggest the reporter could institute a claim, but he was unwilling.

The vacancy for parish footpath secretaries in Berkhamsted and Bovingdon parishes have been filled, but Tring Urban and Tring Rural are still vacant. Tring Urban is a relatively straightforward parish and should be easy to look after. Tring Rural is more difficult and would need some good map reading initially.

The Northern Chiltern Path Maintenance volunteers are still going strong and are clearing paths in Dacorum and South Bedfordshire. They will be working on the Great Gaddesden paths 67 and 69 in Highpark wood shortly,

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