

In January I concentrated on the footpaths of Menithwood and surrounding area. The footbridge over Dumbleton Brook on footpath 598B in Brookhill/Cothercraft Woods was damaged by a fallen tree back in June 2018, I reported this to the Council at the time but I found the bridge in the same condition; I reported it again on January 17th with photos. Temporary repairs have been carried out to the bridge decking at some time (not by WCC) but I consider these to be a trip hazard, the whole structure remains unstable and a handrail requires replacing in a position where there are steep steps on the bridge approach. Jon White has since replied saying the repairs will be carried out but as of March 8th there has been no action.

As reported previously the damaged or missing finger posts throughout the Parish will be replaced but there is no date set.

A field gate and stile have been erected on the south end of footpath 566C in Lower Frith by the land owner, however Jon White has since offered them a self-closing metal gate to replace the stile; as far as I know the landowner is still to respond.

No reports were received during this period

No action during February due to holidays.

On March 8th whilst checking up on the status of the damaged bridge at the top of this report, I encountered another fallen tree in the same area, the footpath has been completely destroyed because the tree roots were growing underneath the path. I reported this to the Council the same day. Observation: there are many fallen trees in this area of the wood.