

Greens and Footpath Committee

The Parish Council continues to be responsible for the village greens and monitors the footpaths and bridle ways throughout the village.

The Green suffered during last year's hot weather resulting in the grass drying out and certainly not resembling a green by late July/August although the Autumn rainfall soon addressed that. There have been a number of events on the green over the year including the fair and the Christmas lights switching on afternoon at the end of November, something which is to be looked forward to again this year! In addition to this an event will be held on the green to celebrate the Kings coronation on the 7th May followed by the circus arriving the following day and staying for the week.

There are some milestones located along side some of the roads in the village which the Parish Council maintain in line with recommendations of the national milestone committee. The milestone on the east side of Buckden road near the land fill area was affected by the recent A14/A1 upgrade and nearly lost, however I am pleased to report it is intact and that the Parish Council will monitor its condition also keeping the grass surrounding the milestone under control.

One of the benefits of the A14/A1 upgrade has been the formation of a number of new virtual traffic free bridleways and walks at the west end of the village including a traffic free access path running alongside the west of the A1 to Alconbury. Over the last few weeks, a number of information boards have been fixed alongside the bridleways and these give very interesting information on the history of the area together with photographs showing archaeology finds including potter fragments bones etc.

Improvements are being made to the footpath running from the Huntingdon Road to Hinchingbrooke Park which will allow easier access to be made by all to the park at this location. A fence is also to be installed between the footpath and the main field to allow separation of footpath users and the cattle in the field during the summer months.

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