



Bothenhampton & Walditch

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By email

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Dear Russell

### **Outstanding portal requests and progress**

I'm conscious you and your colleagues have a lot on your plate at the moment. We have contributed to this with a number of requests for work in the Parish and are very thankful for your help on those which have been resolved and for progressing others.

A few do remain outstanding, and I thought it might be helpful if, rather than keep sending you individual reminders, I pulled these items together and indicated which ones we view as a priority:

#### **Pedestrian crossing on Sea Road South (reference no 20210121/0439)**

You met Jim Basker and Graham Styles on 18 May to discuss this, and agreed to explore adding a spur path off footpath W1/13 to facilitate safe pedestrian access to the traffic light crossing down from the Fire Station. I think your legal team is attempting to find out who owns the land over which the spur might cross (I assume the Land Registry records do not help?). **Given the safety aspect, this is a Priority.**

#### **Hollow Way pavement, Bothenhampton (reference no 1179904 TYFYP)**

Repairs are needed where part of the raised pavement has collapsed, at the lower (main road) end. This will only deteriorate further if not fixed. Given the height and the overall unevenness of the pavement, **it's dangerous for pedestrians and therefore a Priority.**

#### **Bothenhampton Nature Reserve (impromptu camp fires)**

There have been several recent incidents of impromptu camp fires and BBQs in the Nature Reserve, at least one of which has necessitated calling the police. You have kindly agreed to arrange for signs to be put up at the entrances to the reserve. Given the risk of fires getting out of control in the summer, **this is a Priority.**

Related to this, and to keep access limited to pedestrians, repairs are also needed to the wooden gate at the top of the reserve, at the start of the track leading to the reservoir. A volunteer has kindly agreed to do this work, but as mentioned in our email of 1<sup>st</sup> July, we first need the key to the padlock on the gate. We have contacted Wessex Water regarding this but have not managed to obtain the key to the padlock.

More generally, we would welcome guidance from the Council on how we should react to these illegal fires, given that the police took several hours to respond to a recent incident, too late to apprehend those responsible.

## Quarry Lane, Bothenhampton

- A No Through Road sign is needed at the start of the lane and a No Parking sign at the entrance to the Nature Reserve, at the end of the lane. This is because cars and vans continue to drive down the lane, and then have to turn round when they discover there is no access and no car park.
- a Parish Council dog bin at the entrance to the Nature Reserve has been destroyed (we believe by a Council van) and needs to be replaced (reference no CU342032161).
- vegetation needs to be cut back along the lane (reference no 1171850).

We would very much appreciate early action on the priority items in particular.

Please let me know if any of this is not clear, and many thanks for your continuing help.

With kind regards



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