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Ms Caroline Donald

By email

25th January 2023

Dear Ms Donald

RE: FOOTPATH W5/21

Thank you for your email.

We were intrigued by this section of path when we made a survey of all the footpaths in the Parish in 2019-20. We were told by an Old Boy of Bothenhampton that this section of Path W5/21 had been closed because of badger activity. Consequently, it was diverted directly up the hill, to join Path W5/2. We applied to Dorset Council for the map to be changed and they replied that the work involved would be too great for their resources in the conceivable future- and it would also be a matter for Ordnance Survey.

The practical change is small, apart from the steepness of the replacement path, and the round trip now takes much the same time. Path W5/21 ends at the top, joining Path W5/2 at the top, and you can take Blood Lane down to Slades Green and Crock Lane. From Slades Green you can take Green Lane W5/14 to complete the round trip, passing Bothen Farm, or reach Old Church Lane via W5/25.

If any of these footpaths are overgrown please let us know as we have the services of a volunteer footpaths officer who takes a pride in keeping the footpaths clear and accessible.

Yours sincerely

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