

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL CANAL REPORT

Canal Inspection August 2021

I inspected the canal on 17/8/21. There are no issues to report.

The Wildlife Area looks stunning this time of year; the wildflowers are busy with bees and other insects, the hips, haws, elderberries, sloes and blackberries are ripening and look set to give a bumper crop and the variety of trees are so many different shades of green.

Vegetation: The ashes look no worse than when we inspected last month - hopefully a good sign. I have requested a visit from Alistair Hearne to update safety checks and identify any felling. There is practically no sign of all the felling carried out earlier in the year with lots of regrowth of shrubs and hawthorns and sycamores. Goat Willow seems to be well under control. I couldn't see any invasive species like Himalayan Balsam etc but we should be on our guard.

Benches: The two older benches are safe and the Stoker Seat is restored to its former glory - thank you to Gerry.

Paths: The towpath and footpaths are dry and is in good condition and verges are quite short still.

Boundaries, Walls and Fences: all look sound

Usage: The path is still busy with both Lancaster-Kendal path walkers and residents. Less dog poo but still tyre marks from cycles.

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Canal Inspection September 2021

I inspected the canal on 2/9/21. There are no issues to report. The Wildlife Area looks increasing late summer/autumnal - loads of berries!

Vegetation: The ashes will be inspected on 14th September by A. Hearne. **Benches:** All benches and seats are safe.

Paths: The towpath and footpaths are dry and is in good condition and verges are OK. **Boundaries, Walls and Fences:** all look sound

Usage: The path is still busy with both Lancaster-Kendal path walkers and residents. Less dog poo but still tyre marks from cycles. **Other:** No Cycling signage needs replacing

NB The aqueduct safety concerns (canal steps overgrown, information sign dangerous disrepair and towpath condition) have all been reported at the LCRP NHLF meeting.

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LOCATION	POST CODE	COORDINATES	FAULT	CCC STATUS	Comments
Back Lane	LA8 0JX		Pothole	Completed 03/08 Reported 16/07	UPDATE 03/08 - works completed Submitted 2019
Back Lane	LA8 0JX		Missing sign	Reported 16/07	UPDATE 08/09 - chased Doug Rathbone for an update UPDATE 23/07 - Doug Rathbone will query with Jude@timfarron.co.uk UPDATE 23/07 - CCC advised 23/07 this is the responsibility of SLDC Submitted 2019
Back Lane			Speeding traffic	Reported 16/07	1. Enquiry Complete - 15/10/2020 2. V Upton investigating signage for pedestrian crossing 3. Request for consideration for 20mph speed limit was refused - CRASH Committee Jan 2021 4. Cyclist safety signage to be installed Jan 2021 approved - CRASH Committee/ PC Jackson
Back Lane			Grass verges		UPDATE 26/07 Doug Rathbone hoping to meet with Helen Karaaslan of CCC Highways (see meeting notes attached) UPDATE 23/07 V Upton email - not high priority, will not be programmed anytime soon

Pavements between Aqueduct and Sedgwick House			Manhole cover & pavement defects	Completed 30/07 Reported 16/07	UPDATE 08/09 - after speaking to Mrs Howson of Hillcrest, it appears the problem is that the pavement fills with water in heavy rain. This will need re-submitting w/ photographs which I will take during the next downpour. Also advised Mrs Howson to report it via the Highways website - the more reports they receive the better. Inspector checked area for defect and couldn't locate. Link provided to re-raise if required. Photographs??
Castle View	LA8 OJL		Repair pavements	Completed 30/07 Reported 16/07	UPDATE 03/08 CCC confirmed works are required, and will be added to the list for this financial year Re-submitted March 2019
Well Heads Lane			Better position for sign 'Pedestrians have right of way'	Reported 16/07	UPDATE 08/09 chased with Highways via email UPDATE 25/07 additional sign to be added near the aqueduct. Work instruction placed, works should be completed within 2wks.
Wharfe Lane			No 'Slow' sign	Completed 25/07 Reported 16/07	UPDATE 25/07 - All actions have been completed
Nanny Pie Lane from Brettargh Holt roundabout		54.277504 -2.756767	Sign to Sedgwick hit & removed by CCC	Reported 16/07	UPDATE 08/09 - Chased with Highways via email UPDATE 25/07 work instruction placed, sign made, to be installed within 2wks, Ops team to schedule Problem logged 14/09/2020
Nanny Pie Lane from Brettargh Holt roundabout (near River Kent)		54.277504 -2.756767	Damaged grit bin	Completed 03/08 Reported 16/07	UPDATE 03/08 bin replaced Problem logged 18/03/2021
14 Hill Close	LA8 OJR	54.275599 -2.7455448	Damaged grit bin	Completed 02/09 Reported 16/08	UPDATE 02/09 - defect closed with permanent repair Replacement requested - await response

