

1. Green Lane



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The Green Lane was open without obstructions, and with a reasonable surface, though intermittent fly tipping continues to be a problem.

2. The Gated Road, Market Bosworth



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The Gated Road is a highway open to all traffic, but is an attractive route for horse riders.

The gate at the northern (Bosworth) end requires adjustment of the hinge bolts so that it closes onto the latch without having to be lifted. The latch handle is short, and it would be more convenient if this could be replaced with a long handle which could be operated from horseback.

At the southern (Sutton Cheney) end there is a cattle grid, with a surfaced route for horses through a gate on the eastern side. The gate requires adjustment of the hinge bolts so that it closes without having to be lifted.

At the time of inspection there was a wide gap suitable for horses on the western side of the gate. However, this gap would need to be closed off if the verges were to be grazed by livestock.

3. Ambion Hill bridleways



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Both bridleways were clear of obstructions, and gates were in good condition.

However, the gates in the section between Ambion Hill Farm and Ambion Lane only opened one way and had short handles.

4. Barton in the Beans to Shackerstone bridleway



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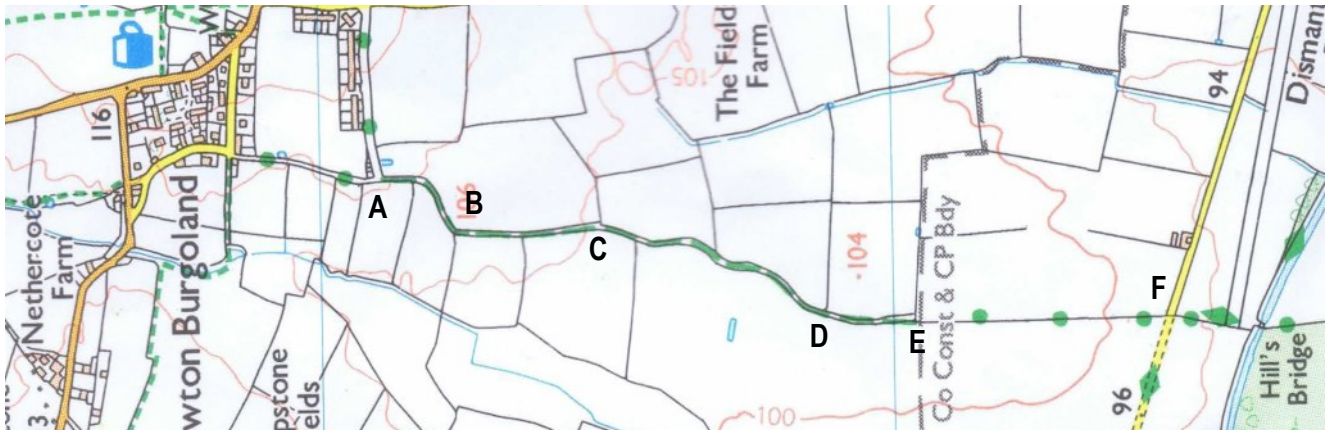
This bridleway was surveyed on 4th December 2022. There was overhanging vegetation at the places marked 'A', and the surface had been trampled to mud at point 'B'.

At point 'C' a gate only opens to the east and has a low handle. It would be more convenient if this gate opened both ways and had a long handle which could be opened without dismounting.

At point 'D' the bridleway is overhung by a low branch growing from a young oak tree.

At point 'E' there is a locked barrier across the track, with a gap on the southern side. This gap is only just wide enough for a mounted horse.

5. Newton Burgoland to Derby Lane bridleway



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This bridleway was surveyed on 9th December 2022, after a sharp frost.

Between points 'A' and 'B' the track is surfaced with pebbles and in good condition, and between 'B' and 'C' it has a good surface on the southern side in spite of ruts along the northern side.

Between 'C' and 'D' there is a good surface along the southern side, but very deep ruts along the northern side of the track. There were fresh and deep ruts between 'D' and 'E', in spite of a County Council *Road Closed* sign at 'E'.

Between 'E' and 'F' the track was deeply cut up by ruts, and passage would have been tricky if the mud had not been frozen. Also along this section, blackthorn scrub was invading the northern side of the track.

The status of the track between 'E' and 'F' is uncertain, though the route is well-walked to the Ashby Canal towpath at Hill's Bridge.

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