

Transport and Highways Report

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Just a few things to report this month. Not all necessarily directly linked to transport but none the less worth mentioning.

Tree near bus shelter opposite Ipswich hospital. As our Chairperson has mentioned, the tree which was a problem regarding obscuring the view of bus drivers so they could not see bus stop, and passengers not being able to see a bus approaching until it went sailing past has now had the offending branches cut. My thanks goes to Felixstowe Travel Watch for getting this saga finally dealt with.

Not had feedback regarding when the Felixstowe Flyers (75/77 route) will include recommencing turning into the hospital grounds. Hopefully hear something on that for our June meeting.

A14 underpass for walkers

A good few weeks ago it was like a duck pond and so impassable on foot you had to have wellington boots on.

I reported the situation to Bidwells as the underpass plays an important part in getting to several walks. Although it was not actually Bidwells responsibility, they did pump out the water and clear the foot deep mud. I did ask, as the area is prone to getting very muddy and flooding, could a wooden walkway be put in situ one side of the tunnel.

Bidwells said it wasn't something they would do as the underpass is actually the responsibility of National Highways. This information was passed on to Trimley St Mary PC along with confirming the underpass was now made useable again but perhaps they might think about a wooden walk way.

Loompit Lake.

As reported by our Chairperson, dogs swimming in lake must be prohibited. While walking down in the area, there a dog walker, with four dogs off lead who was actually walking through the private grounds of Loompit Lake and then on reaching the Causeway, one of the dogs decided to jump in the Lake. There was a big commotion with geese and dog who finally decided time to get out. But I couldn't believe it when dog walker promptly walked back through the Loompit Lake private grounds - with dogs off lead. All was reported to Anita at Bidwells.

Bus shelter opposite 8 High Road, Trimley St Mary

Another lower glass panel has been kicked in. The issue has been reported to the PC clerk of Trimley St Mary with the suggestion they ask SCC to replace with a metal panel rather than glass as this is the second time in 18 months this particular shelter has been vandalised.

Regards

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