

Westleton Common Advisory Group Safety Audit Report

Date of Audit – Sunday 7th May 2023

Auditors – David Rous and Nick Shearme

Scope of Audit;

All main paths on both sides of Baker's Lane and Mill Street/Mill Road were walked. Other paths, including Black Slough and the footpath leading from the North Common towards Nash Barn and King's Farm as far as the cultivated fields have also been checked over this weekend by other members of the group and no problems were seen.

The area leading to and surrounding the pond on the North Common and the track leading to Reckford Road and the Reckford Road layby were examined.

Seats, handrails and steps were checked.

David Rous routinely walks on the Common on most days and has not noticed any problems.

Findings;

During the summer months we expect there will be significant fire-risk and we recommend that the fire warning signs are installed at the start of the summer and left in place during the whole summer period.

The seat on the "Noddle" in compartment 6 needs minor repairs – it does not present any hazards at the moment but requires attention.

The signs warning of the presence of beehives on the North Common in compartment 1 should be renewed.

Handrails and steps are sound.

No other problems were found.

Recommendations;

Ensure fire risk warning signs remain in place during the summer.

Replace beehive warning signs.

Repair seat on the Noddle.

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