

Review of the last year Oct 2019 – Sep 2020

Part One - Footpaths

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ramblers

at the heart of walking

Mid Lancashire Area

It will be remembered as the year when for a long period Corvid-19 severely restricted walking.

Let us hope that 2021 will eventually be better.

Public Rights of Way Coronavirus (COVID – 19)

In line with NHS and Public Health England Advice.

This path is near to farmers' and local people's homes and families.

Maintain social distance and hand wash / sanitise after touching any surfaces including gates, stiles etc.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Ensure you keep at least 2-3 metres away from other people.

Please respect our farmers, residents and the local community



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It did bring a benefit of increased usage on some paths that were near urban populations.



However on some other paths the usage appears to have gone down.



As per usual I will continue with the good news – like this new gate.



Another new gate.



Improved surface to walk on and new stile



Vegetation being cutback.



Replacement footpath sign.

It is unfortunately a repeat of previous years in that there seems to be more bad news than good news.



A broken stile.



Another broken stile.



And another broken stile.



A waymark going rotten.



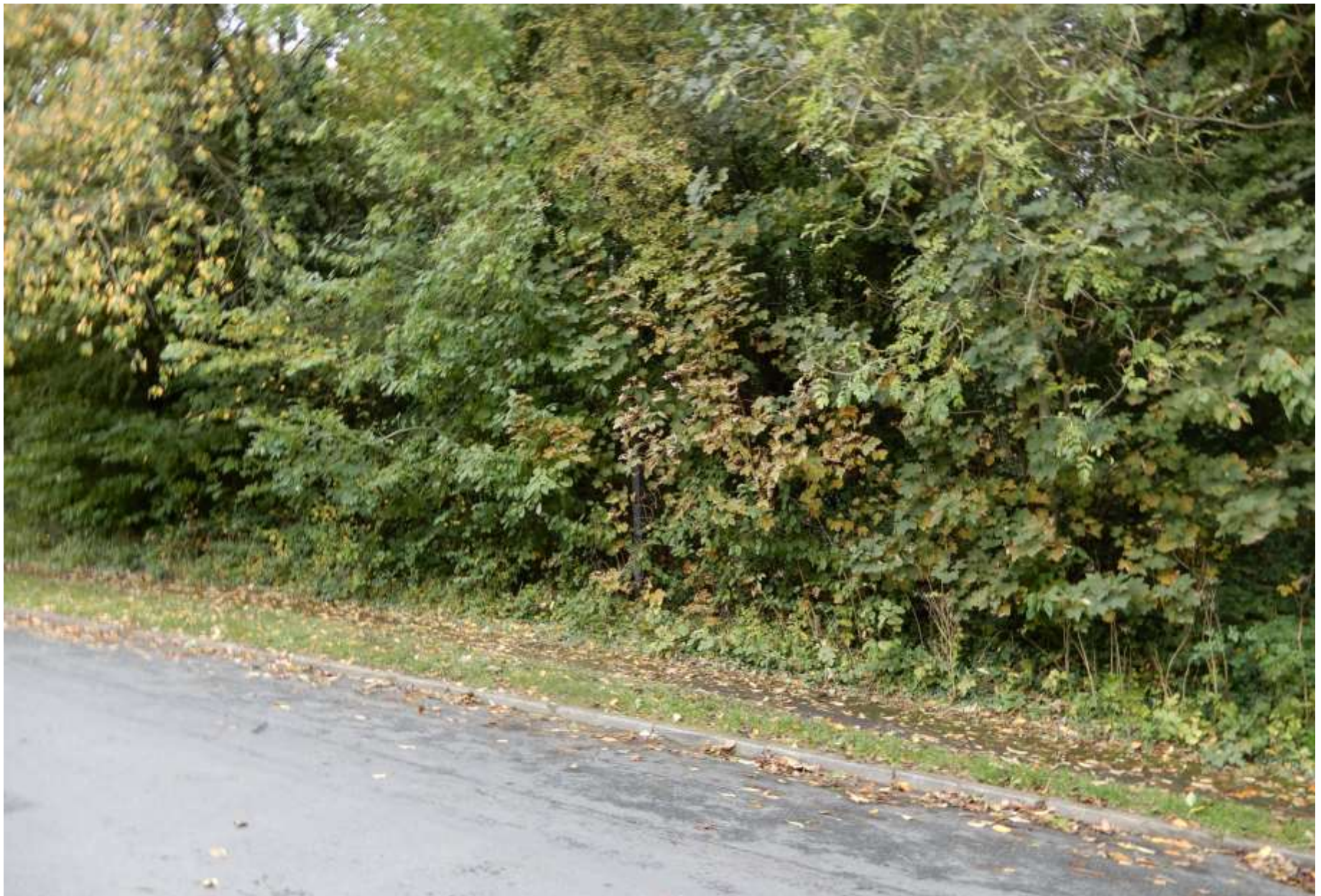
Broken rails on a footbridge.



A field ploughed to the edge – no headland.



A footbridge that was lost in the floods.



This is the now the annual spot the footpath sign challenge.

End of Part 1

Part 2 covers the Ranger
Service and Coastal Access