

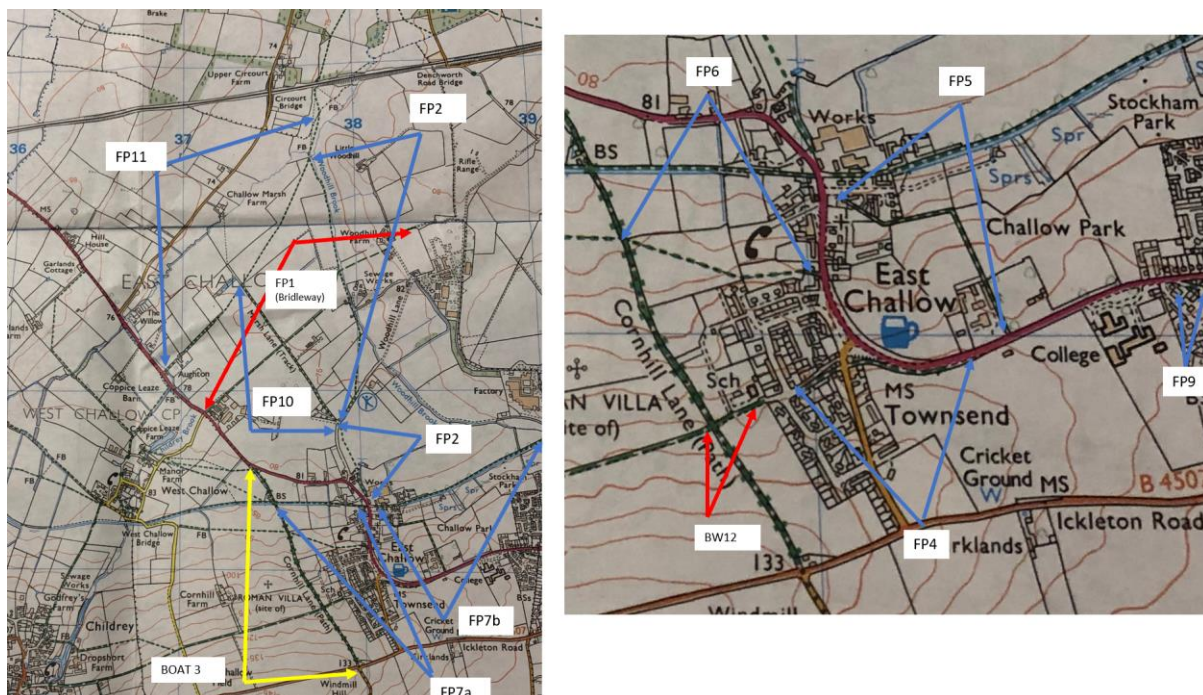
East Challow Footpath Survey

Walking survey carried out July 2021

East Challow footpaths were taken from Oxfordshire County Council Definitive Maps. OS Grid references are mentioned in the text and on the Powerpoint images in the document.

FP1, 2, 6, 10 and 11 are described in more detail since these are not used currently although have huge potential for recreational walking away from the village core.

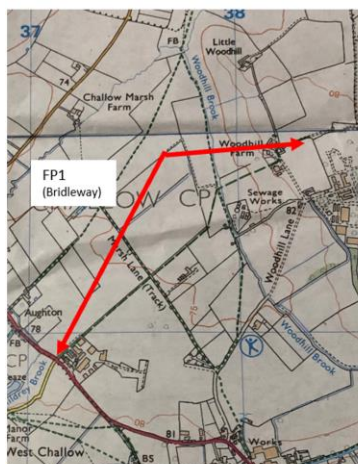
Fig. Footpaths, Bridleways and BOAT in East Challow parish, taken from OCC Definitive List and superimposed on OS 1:25000 map.



FP1 (Marked as Bridleway on OS 1:25000 map)

Poor condition.

FP1 has not been used for many years. In most fields FP1 is completely unmaintained and invisible. Bridges are in poor condition.



The path starts at the W&G Estate on the A417 at 372889, passes over a wooden bridge at 373890. It runs along the side of a field which has a bridleway-width border which is overgrown (Fig. below, looking south, with W&G Estate in distance).



It crosses Marsh Lane (FP10) at 375892, which is completely overgrown in both directions and clearly has not been used for many years (Fig. below, looking west).



FP1 then runs along the west edge of a pasture field (Fig. below, looking south)



then crosses a bridge at 377894 (Fig. below looking south),



then running along the edge of an arable field reaching a bridge at 378895 which is in very poor condition and overgrown (Figs. below, looking north).



The path is invisible across an arable field crossing the concrete Grove airfield boundary path at 379897 and reaching a wooden bridge over Woodhill Brook at this position and which is also in poor condition and with a very overgrown exit (Fig. below, looking north)



into an arable field where the path is invisible leading up to Woodhill Farm at 382899. It then passes through the farmyard and along a field edge, but unmarked, where it ceases at 384900. Prior to the completion of the airfield in 1941 it is likely that it continued to Grove.

FP2.

Poor condition.

Most of it not used for many years. In most fields FP2 is completely unmaintained and invisible.



The path from the junction of the A417 with Claypit Lane (381884) to behind Labbett House (Challow House)(380885) is open. Its extension from 380885 across the field to 378888 is not visible. From 380889 diagonally across the field to 380894 the path is not visible. The passage through the hedge at this point is passable, as is the hedge crossing at the north corner of the adjacent field at the edge of Woodhill Brook. From 380895 to 378897 the path runs along the remains of the concrete perimeter to Grove airfield. The remainder of FP2 following Woodhill Brook to its joining with FP11 and Childrey Brook at 377904 is not visible and is made along arable fields edges or through scrub pasture.

The footpath is not visible although, at its termination at Grid ref 377904, there is a footpath sign indicating the directions of FP2 and FP11 (Fig. below, looking east).



FP3 (BOAT, Cornhill Lane) from Faringdon Rd - Ickleton Rd.

Fair condition

Open for complete length. Abuse by 4x4 vehicles has led to closure. Currently closed to traffic (July 2021) only accessible by pedestrians. Used frequently. (Fig. below, looking north). Southerly section from Childrey Way to Ickleton Rd more overgrown.



FP4

Good condition

Metalled and used heavily (Fig. below). Panel on left, Childrey Way looking west. Centre panel, crossing Letcombe Hill looking east. Panel on right, Letcombe Hill houses, looking east).



FP5

Good condition.

Normally completely accessible and well used. Metalled surface. Currently closed (July 2021) as a result of housing development on A417 and currently overgrown (Fig. below). Panel on left, looking east adjacent to village hall. Centre panel, section with canopy of sloe trees. Panel on right, looking south towards Challow Park.



FP6.

Good condition.

Accessible with stiles.

Used infrequently.

Blocked at one point with wire fence but passable at this point via farm gate (Fig. below)

Continuation to West Challow
– path usually marked

Stile at 376882

Path blocked with wire fence
378881

Stile at 379881

Metalled
section
ending at
A417,
380881



Fig. below. Panel on left, stile at 376882. Panel second from left, open field. Panel second from right, stile at 379881. Panel on right, metalled section.



FP7a (West of A417) and **F7b** (East of A417).

Good condition

Open and used frequently.

FP7a west of A417



FP7b east of A417



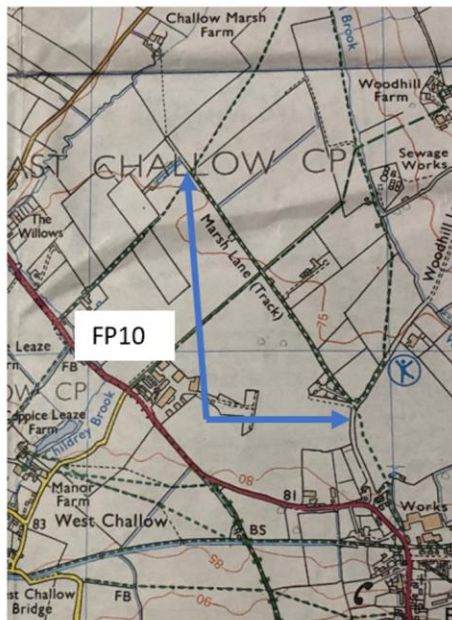
FP8. There is no No. 8 on the OCC definitive list.

FP9. No longer in East Challow parish.

FP10. Marsh Lane.

Poor condition.

Much of it heavily overgrown and not used for many years.



The path begins at 379888 where it leaves Woodhill Lane and is metalled or semi paved and in moderate condition (Fig. below, looking west).



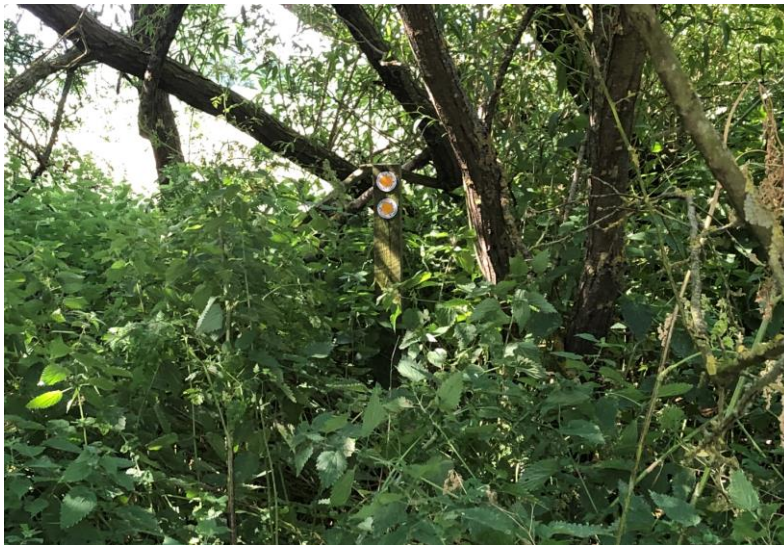
It is paved as far as 396892, with a paved section turning right to farm buildings but after that, Marsh Lane continues straight ahead and is overgrown. (Fig. below, looking west)



At 375892 where it crosses FP1 it is badly overgrown. (Fig. below, looking east)



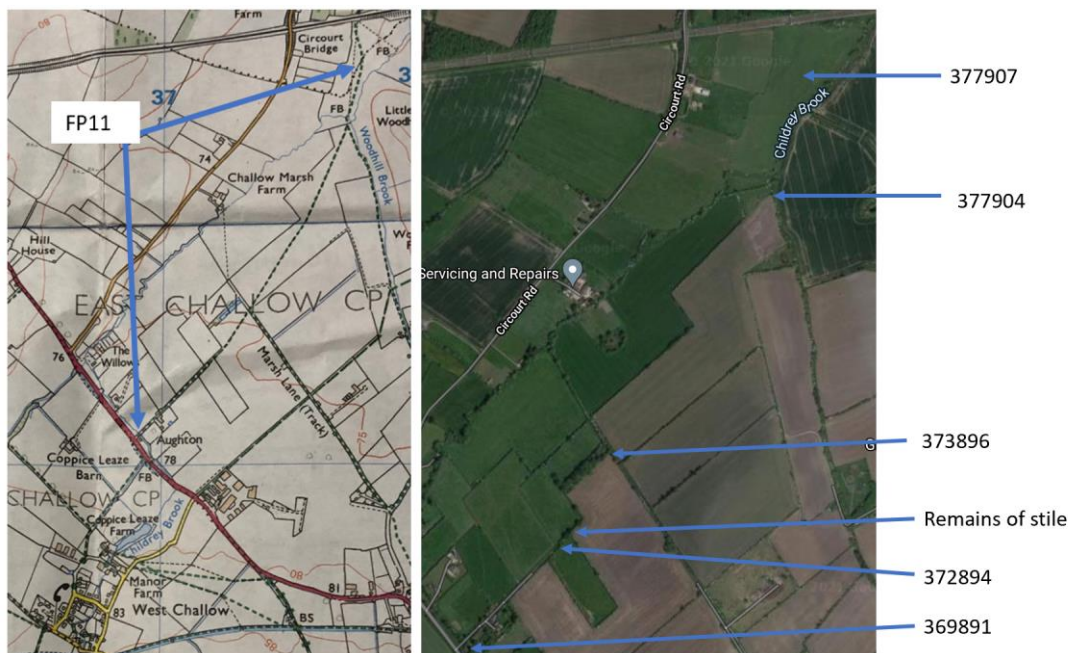
At 3993892 it is completely overgrown with small trees although a footpath sign is present at this position. (Fig. below, looking south)



FP11.

Poor condition.

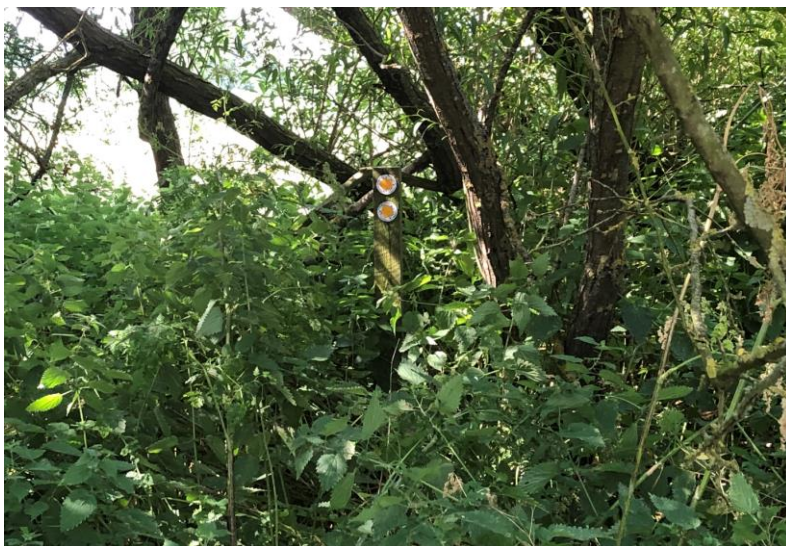
Most of it not used for many years. In most fields FP11 is completely unmaintained and invisible.



FP11 begins at the A417 up Mill Lane at 369891 north-east, At 372894 the path disappears into scrub and is impassable. 30 m further north-east are the remains of a stile leading into this scrub. (Fig. below)



The path is invisible across a field to 373896 where it crosses Marsh Lane which is also passable only with great difficulty although a footpath sign is visible on Marsh Lane (Fig. below, looking south).



The path is also invisible diagonally across a long field, the most northerly part of which is uncultivated and contains a pond. It meets FP2 at 377904. The path crosses the north east edge of two small pastures at followed by an unmarked path across a large pasture field from 377904 to the boundary with Denchworth parish at 377907.

FP12. Bridleway.

Good condition.

Metalled. Used heavily. (Fig. below, looking west)

