

## Cycle path extension on Comberton Road

Some of you will have noticed the yellow marker paint on the path along Comberton Road between the pond and the edge of the village towards Comberton. SCDC is exercising its authority under the Greenways 'Quick Win' scheme to widen the path and to extend the dual-use section as far as the driveway to the shops and post office.

The main impetus for this is safety – at present, cyclists are supposed to leave the cycle path at King's Grove and outside No. 12 Comberton Road, cross the traffic and negotiate the bend in the road past the pond. As this is a risky manoeuvre, many cyclists stay on the footpath, which causes difficulty for pedestrians, buggies, wheelchairs and such. The planned works will widen the path where possible, to a maximum of 2.5 metres, with passing bays at either end of the narrow section by the pond.

Members of Parish Council were invited to meet the Highways officer to discuss and amend the plan on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Our suggestions were welcomed and will be incorporated. This issue will be discussed and voted upon at the next Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Measures to be considered include ways to persuade cyclists to give way to pedestrians and at driveways and to alert pedestrians of their approach.

We are also concerned that the wider path will further encroach on what remains of the village green, so we're thinking of ways to maintain its integrity. While inspecting the site, we noticed that there were three sign posts along the roadside of the green, which could probably be removed; the railing around the pond has also seen better days, so it may be possible to replace that with a fence and to continue the fence along the green to create a more protected space.

Residents are able to attend the start of the next Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and make comments during a short time prior to the formal start to the meeting. Points will be noted but no discussion is able to take place.

Residents may also email the Parish Clerk [ian.minto@bartonvillage.org](mailto:ian.minto@bartonvillage.org) with any points they wish to be considered.

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