

## **Knowstone Footpaths**

Since my last report in May 2017, there have been very few problems associated with our public footpaths in Knowstone Parish. Despite a very wet winter and two significant snowfalls, the paths and footpath furniture (stiles, gates, etc) have remained intact.

Unfortunately, inspection of the footpaths on my part have been to a minimum due to knee surgery last autumn, but conversations in passing with walkers have confirmed that signage and the condition of the paths are a credit to us and DCC – especially the Two Moors Way which is utilised far more frequently by visiting walkers, some of whom stay at Rosemary Cottage B&B in Knowstone.

Current ongoing situations include:

- A rotted tree, awaiting removal by contractors, on the Shapcott Barton to East Knowstone footpath (#7)
- A rotted signpost on the Two Moors Way, above St Peter's Church, being replaced
- Final restoration of the beginning of footpath #3 at Enfield House, when the new build is completed

Annual strimming of the footpaths, as usual, will take place when we reach the top of the DCC rota. Any footpath updates will be posted on the Knowstone website, as always. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful summer and more local residents will take advantage of our amazing scenic footpaths.

*Cllr Timothy Browse (Footpaths)*

*May 2018*