

Dear Helen,

I write to inform you of progress made by Norfolk County Council to re-open the historic “Skidders Lane” /Wereham FP1 that extends southwards from the Fincham Nature Reserve (by the pond) which when complete will offer additional walking opportunities in the area.

I was aware that in recent years people were following a field edge route to the east of the lane that was being tolerated by the landowner, perhaps under the same impression that I was, that this was the correct route of the path. However, an unrelated discussion with the landowner (Albanwise) led to some investigation work and it was realised that the heavily overgrown lane was still largely in existence but unable to be walked.

With assistance from the landowner the southerly section of the path was opened up last year and more recently NCC has had contractors in clearing vegetation from the section that abuts the Nature Reserve.

All that remains now is to install a bridge/culvert along the lane and to repair or replace the vandalised bridge at the eastern end of the nature reserve (both of which it is hoped will be carried out by the end of March 2019) and the route will be fully open.

I think walkers will find it a very pleasant route.

Kind regards,

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