

Completed jobs during March and April 2025

Awre & Blakeney

DAW7 In early March my contractor installed an additional stile step on the wooden stile at the western end of this Public Footpath at Oaklands Park Farm.
Enquiry Ref – 11477471 (Resolved)

DAW53 On 26th March cleared the Public Footpath signpost of overgrown hedgerow that was obstructing it, located on the A48 just north of Blakeney.

DAW88 / Severn Way West Replaced the damaged metal pointer on the signpost at the start of this Public Footpath near to the level crossing on the Awre – Blakeney Road on 9th April.
Enquiry Ref – 22075816 (Resolved)

DAW114 Inspected this Public Footpath near to Awre village on 30th April and cleared all the overhanging branches and brambles that had been blocking the wooden footbridge.
Enquiry Ref – 22070877 (Resolved)

DAW119 On 30th April inspected this Public Footpath at Blakeney Recreation Ground and ascertained the works that are required to remove the wooden 'V-end' at the churchyard end of the wooden footbridge. My contractor will now be instructed to carry out works to remove this as soon as possible.
Enquiry Ref – 22074655 (Work Required)

Aylburton

FAY36 Inspected this Public Footpath through Aylburton playing fields on 30th April believing that one of the abutments on the bridge had collapsed into the stream. However, found that the reported collapsed brick wall was much further along the stream and had nothing to do with the Public Footpath. That aside it is expected that my contractor will create new bridge abutments within the next month and a new bridge will then be installed across the stream once the materials have been delivered to our depot.
Enquiry Refs – 22075758 (Resolved) / 22049937 (Works Instructed)

Churcham

DCH14 On 8th April replied to customer informing them that they needed to check on the deeds to the land that they were considering purchasing as to whether they have vehicular rights along this Public Bridleway between Colliers Elm and Drews Farm. Vehicular rights were no longer something that the Public Rights of Way team were involved with.
Enquiry Ref – 11482012 (Resolved)

DCH53 Inspected the reported broken bridge on 18th March and found one very decayed railway sleeper across the ditch remaining. A new bridge will now be installed here as soon as ground conditions allow us access. This was then completed on 8th April when my contractor installed a new three-metre bridge with a 1.2-metre-wide GRP deck.
Enquiry Refs – 22070846 (Resolved) / 22041167 (Resolved)



DCH68 Inspected this Public Footpath off Oakle Street on 7th March and particularly the rotten bridge which was found in a very precarious and dangerous state. I have spoken to the landowner and works are now planned to install a replacement five metre bridge as soon as possible and whilst ground conditions allow. This was completed on 9th April when my contractor installed a new five metre bridge with a 1.2-metre-wide GRP deck.

Enquiry Ref – 22071410 (Resolved)



Cinderford

DCF11 / Glos & Wysis Way Installed a new wooden waymark post as requested on the open grassed area at 'The Branch' at Steam Mills on 10th April.
Enquiry Ref – 11364430 (Resolved)

Coleford

RCO2 / 4 Inspected this Public Footpath around the Forest Holidays campsite near to Christchurch on 7th March. Found that the line of the Public Footpath did not match that held on the OS maps as reported, but did correctly align with GCC mapping. Also installed a new wooden waymark post at the junction of Public Footpaths RCO2 and RCO4 in Ellis Reddings Wood on 4th April.
Enquiry Ref – 11360620 (Resolved)

RCO5 On 4th April the customer reported that together with another volunteer the unsafe rotten stile which had collapsed and been led on the floor for some while, they had now removed from site, leaving a gap for walkers instead.
Enquiry Ref – 22054249 (Resolved)

RCO11 / 12 It was requested that a new wooden waymark post was installed at the junction of these two Public Footpaths in the Scowles. However, an adjacent telegraph pole provided an ideal location to install two new waymark discs on 4th April and an additional post was not required. Also on 30th April, after discussions with the landowner of Whitecliff Quarry I inspected the plastic-coated wire fencing which he had now placed in front of the rolls of razor wire and was confident that this now significantly reduced the likelihood of walkers being injured by it.
Enquiry Ref – 11477509 (Resolved) / 11430096 (Resolved)

RCO19 Following discussions with the landowner during March, I instructed my contractor to install a new metal kissing gate to replace the wooden stile at the top of Wynnalls Hill Lane, and this was completed on 1st April.
Enquiry Ref – 22069872 (Resolved)

RCO28 Installed a new wooden waymark post on this Public Footpath near to the Angus Buchanan Recreation Ground on 4th April.
Enquiry Ref – 22038528 (Resolved)

Hewelsfield & Brockweir

FHE24 On 19th March I installed a new Restricted Byway on the signpost at Bailey Lane to replace the one which had been reported as damaged / snapped off.
Enquiry Ref – 11482743 (Resolved)

FHE46 Installed a new Public Footpath pointer to replace the one that had been snapped off on this signpost close to Hewelsfield village on 9th April.

FHE51 On 19th March I inspected this Public Footpath and installed a new waymark disc at its junction with Restricted Byway FHE27.
Enquiry Refs – 11482746 / 11359837 (Action Required)

FHE54 On 27th March my contractor installed a new wooden stile to replace the broken one near to Painsland Barn.
Enquiry Refs – 22074212 / 22065322 / 22038129 / 11397805 (All Resolved)

FHE57 Installed a new Public Footpath pointer to replace the one that had been snapped off on this signpost close to Hewelsfield village on 9th April.

FHE61 / Wye Valley Greenway Inspected this Public Footpath on 26th March following recent resurfacing and drainage works completed on a 600-metre section close to the Wireworks bridge at Tintern. These works to a previously very muddy section was made possible and a huge thanks to a grant from the Wye Valley National Landscape team and using funding from Defra, the Forest of Dean District Council Active Travel Grant Scheme, and Wye Valley Greenways whose contractor undertook the work on our behalf.



Longhope

DLH4 Inspected this Public Footpath and the reported damaged bridge on 19th March 2025. The current bridge has collapsed, and a new one is required as soon as possible. I have put it for replacement on the FY25/26 spreadsheet and hope that it can be replaced this summer.
Enquiry Ref – 22056185 (Work Required)

DLH12 On 19th March inspected this Public Footpath on May Hill near Hillcroft Farm and installed a new waymark disc at its junction with Public Footpath DLH98 and the Gloucestershire Way.

DLH26 / Glos Way Inspected this Public Footpath on 30th April, and particularly the damaged bridge abutments on the stone bridge west of Church Lane. Works will now be required to remove the trunk of the fallen oak tree that has caused the issue and repairs to the stone walling.
Enquiry Ref – 11471740 (Work Required)

Lydney

FLY1 Installed a new wooden waymark post at the junction of this Public Footpath with West Dean 59 (RWD59) on 4th April.

FLY29 / 31 It was requested that a new wooden waymark post was installed at the junction of these two Public Footpaths at Allaston Court. However, the well walked footpaths including FLY28 and FLY32 which zig zag across this area were all easily visible, and therefore two new waymark discs were installed on the wooden gate post instead.
Enquiry Ref – 11424775 (Resolved)

FLY44 / Severn Way West Inspected this Public Footpath between Lydney Harbour and Purton on 11th March. The previously reported issues with a muddy surface near to Purton had now settled down nicely because of the drier weather and the removal of cattle from that field. The overgrown vegetation was no longer an issue, and I cleared the reported waymark post of overgrown hedgerow. A new kissing gate was also installed on 11th March at the southern end of the woodland adjacent to Cliff Farm, aimed at preventing access by offroad motorcycles who had recently been damaging the newly surfaced footpath.
Enquiry Refs – 22070836 (Resolved) / 22052359 (Resolved)

FLY45 I held discussions with the landowner at Cliff Farm during March concerning the use of offroad motorcycles accessing private land to get to Public Footpath FLY44 between the farm and Lydney harbour. Agreement was reached on the installation of a new kissing gate on FLY45 to stop this and a new field gate and upright wooden posts between FLY44 and FLY45. These were installed by my contractor in early April, as well as four new wooden waymark posts to direct the walking public along the correct lines of FLY45 and FLY46 between Naas Lane and FLY44. I also installed maps on 10th April and additional waymark discs on 24th April to assist walkers with using the correct lines and preventing trespass across private land.

FLY48 On 7th March, I installed a new Public Footpath pointer on the existing directional signpost at Lydney Harbour.
Enquiry Ref – 22057651 (Resolved)

FLY70 On 19th March I inspected this Public Footpath and in particular the wooden footbridge which has been destroyed by flash floods in 2024. Works are now planned to replace this bridge in summer 2025, as soon as funding and materials become available.
Enquiry Ref – 22072784 (Work Required)

Newland

RNE57 The low hanging branches obstructing this Public Footpath near Platwell House I cleared on 7th March.
Enquiry Ref – 22072270 (Resolved)

RNE58 Inspected this Public Footpath on 7th March following issues raised about a collapsed stile. Following discussions with the landowner, my contractor installed a new wooden stile to replace the collapsed one near to Platwell Farm on 25th March. I returned on 27th March and installed two waymark discs on the stile as well as clearing overhanging branches from the enclosed section of the footpath near to the farmyard and the Clearwell road.
Enquiry Refs – 22072585 (Resolved) / 22047521 (Resolved)

RNE59 Inspected this Public Footpath on 7th March and located where the line of the footpath should be going through the woodland east of Clearwell. Found that the footpath was blocked in a few places on its proper line by fallen trees and brambles. An alternative route had been created by walkers higher up the hillside, but clearance works would be necessary later in the year after the bird nesting season.
Enquiry Ref – 22071028 (Ongoing)

Ruardean

DRD33 On 8th April notified the customer that following a recent site visit, I was happy that the Public Bridleway signpost opposite their property did not need to be moved.
Enquiry Ref – 11482640 (Resolved)

St.Briavels

FSB3 On 25th March I inspected the resurfacing, drainage and bank strengthening works that my contractor had recently completed on a small section of the Public Bridleway next to the river Wye at Bigsweir. This had been made possible thanks to a grant made available to me from the Wye Valley National Landscapes team. Further works to enhance the surface of this bridleway are now planned for 2025 to make this an accessibility trail for wheelchair users.



Tidenham

FTM2 Inspected this Public Footpath between the Devils Pulpit and Miss Graces Lane on 11th April as part of the route that was being used for a guided walk during the Chepstow Walkers are Welcome walking festival. The route was then used successfully on 24th April.

FTM10 On 9th April my contractor up righted the Public Footpath signpost which had been knocked over on Park Hill Road.

FTM11 Inspected this Public Footpath through Poors Allotment on 11th April as part of the route that was being used for a guided walk during the Chepstow Walkers are Welcome walking festival. The route was then used successfully on 24th April.

FTM13 Installed a new Public Footpath pointer to replace the one that had been snapped off on this signpost on Park Hill Road on 9th April.

FTM15 On 9th April my contractor up righted the Public Footpath signpost which had been knocked over on Park Hill Road.

FTM20 On 24th April I replaced the missing pointer which had been removed (again) from the start / end of this Public Footpath at its junction with the Offa's Dyke Path and at the entrance to Tintern Quarry.

FTM24 / Glos Way Inspected this Public Footpath through Parsons Allotment on 11th April as part of the route that was being used for a guided walk during the Chepstow Walkers are Welcome walking festival. The route was then used successfully on 24th April to connect to The Jubilee Stone at the end of FTM111.

FTM30 Inspected this Public Footpath through Parsons Allotment on 11th April as part of the route that was being used for a guided walk during the Chepstow Walkers are Welcome walking festival. The route was then used successfully on 24th April.

FTM40 Inspected this Public Footpath on 30th April and found that the landowner has now created a gap in the hedge as well as spraying a line clear through the crop to the far side of the field.

Enquiry Ref – 22069978 (Resolved)

FTM58 Inspected this Public Footpath on 30th April and found where a large amount of ivy is overhanging the wall and restricting the width and head height considerably. Will instruct my contractor to clear this back at the same time they carry out vegetation clearance on the surface of the footpath. Cleared back vegetation that was obstructing two of the kissing gates whilst I was there.

Enquiry Ref – 22075722 (Work Required)

FTM64 Inspected this Public Footpath at SevernVale Equestrian Centre on 19th March. Where the route was previously blocked by fencing, a new wooden stile has now been installed.

Enquiry Ref – 11453559 (Resolved)

FTM70 / Offa's Dyke Path

My contractor repaired the broken drain that had been reported as causing a trip and safety issue on this Public Footpath in Woodcroft on 20th March. He then returned on 21st March and installed a new metal kissing gate to replace the broken one which had been tied up with cable ties by the tenant farmer. He also installed an amount of aggregate around the bases of the two existing metal kissing gates which had been eroded away due to heavy footfall and rainfall.

Enquiry Ref – 22062695 (Resolved) / 11477221 (Resolved)



FTM78 / Offa's Dyke Path My contractor resurfaced a small section of this Public Footpath in woodland just off Netherhope Lane in mid-March. These badly needed improvements to a rainfall / water eroded surface was made possible thanks to a mixture of funding from the National Trail team in Powys CC and the landowner.
Enquiry Ref – 11464574 (Resolved)



FTM86 / Offa's Dyke Path I inspected this 'Public Footpath' on the Offas Close on 14th March. The reported 'potholes' to the hedge side of the road aren't an issue for walkers, and as this is a privately maintained road then it will be down to the housing provider to be undertaking the necessary repairs to the road surface.
Enquiry Ref – 11481583 (Resolved)

FTM94 / Offa's Dyke Path It was reported that a large speed camera sign had been attached to the PROW signpost at the start / end of this Public Footpath at Woodcroft. Not only was it causing a danger to walkers obstructing their view of oncoming traffic as they left the footpath, but it was also far too heavy for the signpost it had been attached to. I therefore instructed my contractor to remove it and this was completed on 4th April.
Enquiry Ref – 11482980 (Resolved)

FTM104 / Offa's Dyke Path Inspected a section of this Public Footpath between Tintern Quarry and the Devils Pulpit on 11th April as part of the route that was being used for a guided walk during the Chepstow Walkers are Welcome walking festival. The route was then used successfully on 24th April.

FTM108 Installed a new Public Footpath pointer to replace the one that had been snapped off on this signpost on Park Hill Road on 9th April.

FTM118 Inspected this Public Footpath through The Park nature reserve on 11th April as part of the route that was being used for a guided walk during the Chepstow Walkers are Welcome walking festival. The route was then used successfully on 24th April.

West Dean

RWD30 / Glos Way Installed a new wooden waymark post on this Public Footpath at a 90 left / right junction near to the Stoneworks at Cannop Ponds on 4th April. Also installed two additional waymark discs on a gate post further towards Nagshead nature reserve.
Enquiry Ref – 11382514 (Resolved)

RWD59 Installed a new wooden board to replace the damaged one on this boardwalk near to Public Footpath Lydney 1 (FLY1) on 4th April. Also installed a new wooden waymark post at the junction of these two Public Footpaths at the same time.
Enquiry Refs – 22072997 (Resolved) / 11425897 (Resolved) / 11403491 (Resolved)

Westbury on Severn

EWS72 Inspected the stiles at the start of this Public Footpath on the A48 at Chaxhill on 27th March and found that they are so high that they are virtually impossible to climb over. I now need to identify the landowner and discuss getting this issue resolved as soon as possible.

EWS91 Inspected the stile at the western end of this Public Footpath on Rock and Fountain Lane on 1st April following chance meeting with the landowner who notified me of its poor condition. Found that not only was the stile step broken but the wooden gate post supporting the structure was also rotted and the adjacent signpost had also been knocked out of the ground. I had a further discussion with the landowner on 29th April and he is to get the gate post replaced before we can look at repairing and / or installing a new stile.

Woolaston

FWO11 / Glos Way Installed a new wooden waymark post at a 90 left / right junction in the woodland between Barnage woods and Woolaston Woodside on 4th April. Also installed new signage at the northern end of this Public Footpath as requested on 26th March.
Enquiry Refs – 11405528 (Resolved) / 11382496 (Resolved) / 11349066 (Resolved)

FWO17 On 27th March cleared both the stile and the signpost of overgrown hedgerow that was obstructing both.

FWO18 Inspected this Public Footpath on 27th March following an issue raised about a dangerous stile near to Knights Farm. Checked both stiles on the line of the footpath but could find no issues with either of them.

Enquiry Ref – 22054036 (Resolved)

FWO21 / FWO27 On 12th March I delivered a letter to the landowner at Ross Farm to restart discussions concerning the Definitive line and access to the Restricted Byway FWO21 across their land which had faltered during the Covid pandemic. No reply was received by the end of March, but I did receive confirmation from the neighbouring landowner that we could install a stile in his fence line on the boundary with Ross Farm on Public Footpath FWO27. I therefore delivered a further letter to Ross Farm on 9th April, notifying them of our intention to install the stile and reopen the route of this Public Footpath. My contractor was then instructed to install the stile, and this was completed without any delay on 10th April.

Enquiry Ref – 11357832 (Resolved) / 11214898 (Resolved)



FWO24 Installed a new Public Footpath pointer to replace the one that had been snapped off on this signpost on the Hewelsfield Road near to Oakfield Lodge on 9th April.

FWO33 / Glos Way Installed a new pointer on the Public Footpath signpost on Park Hill Road on 27th March and cleared the overgrown vegetation and fallen tree from the line of the footpath as reported.

Enquiry Ref – 11382494 (Resolved)

FWO52 Inspected this Public Footpath on 27th March 2025 and found that the route is still blocked by several sawn-off branches piled on the footpath and a dangerous stile. Contact is required with the landowner to get both issues resolved as soon as possible.

Enquiry Ref – 11403040 (Action Required)

FWO54 Inspected this Public Footpath on 27th March following a request received for replacing the broken stile. Had originally sent the prices for supplying and installing a stile or kissing gate back in June 2024 but nothing further had been heard. Found that a new field gate had now been installed but as a gap had been created and remained to the side of the gate then no further action is required.

Enquiry Ref – 22052605 (Resolved)

FWO55 On 27th March cleared both the stile and the signpost of overgrown hedgerow that was obstructing both.

FWO56 Inspected the new stile step and risers on this Public Footpath next to Keynsham Barn on 26th March, which had recently been installed by my contractor.

Enquiry Ref – 22048085 (Resolved)

FWO91 Inspected this Public Footpath on 27th March and located the reported fallen tree and vegetation blocking the route close to the A48. I will now get my contractor to clear this with his chainsaw as soon as possible.

Enquiry Ref – 22059542 (Ongoing)

FWO111 Inspected this Public Footpath on 7th March following issues received regarding a collapsed stile, which was located by the A48. Following a discussion with the landowner, my contractor was instructed to install a new wooden stile, and this was installed next to Woolaston Court Farm on 26th March.

Enquiry Refs – 22072872 (Resolved) / 22067191 (Resolved) / 22059544 (Resolved)



New enquiries / issues received for March & April = 70

Enquiries Resolved for March & April = 51