

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WALK

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2026 10AM FROM RECTORY GARDENS

Attendees: Mick, Toby, Hilary, Tessa, Louise, Bernard, John, Celia, Barbara

Route: Thames Road, Ridgeway path, Cleve Road, Mill Road, Wallingford road up to Primary School and back, Elvendon Road, Footpath to Bourdillon, and along past Milldown up to Lockstile Way, alleyway to Farm Close, back to Wallingford Road, across over the railway bridge onto High Street, about 1.8 miles.

This isn't every road of the village but a section of well used roads and alleyways. We often did only a section of a road.

We walked for over an hour. We had a wheelchair and a zimmerframe-walker to push along. One walker walked with two walking poles. Shoe wear was a mix of flip flops to walking boots. One person brought their dog.

FINDINGS:

Outside **Rectory Gardens** – patchy pavement

Manor Road leading away from village centre: pavement is too narrow and is lumpy. Parked cars, hedges and trees make the pavement impossible to use meaning pedestrians walk in the road.

Thames Road corner with High St – The pavement is too narrow to accommodate dropped kerbs and remain level for those not wanting to drop down. There is no pavement on the right heading north. Hedges and parked cars makes the pavement narrow.

Thames Road corner with Glebe Ride – no safe, dropped kerb crossing to Glebe ride from Thames Road, which has no pavement on the left heading east. It is necessary to walk on the left of Thames Road due to lack of pavement but Glebe Ride pavement is on the right. Needs a buildout and dropped kerb.

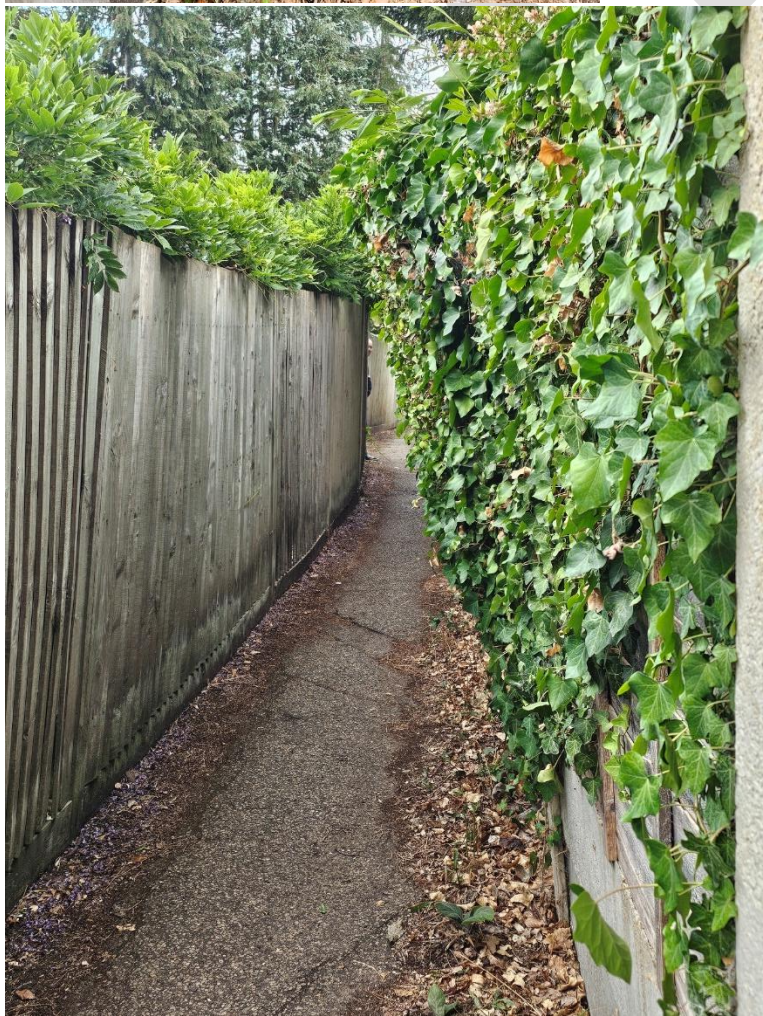


Pavement along **Thames Road** had slopes that made continuing along uneven. Overgrown hedges on left and parked cars on right are making the pavement very narrow, .

Ridgeway alleyway/Lovers Lane:

- Lots of vegetation that has been cut back and simply left on the ground and is now dust
- Lumpy tarmac runs down the middle only
- Fence posts on the left make for concrete lumps on the path
- Fence leaning in
- Hole on footpath heading under fence
- Footpath not level
- Top part has mud in wet weather as the tarmac finishes where it meets Cleve Road
- The Ridgeway path sign needs to be repositioned higher





Cleeve Road:

The dropped kerbs at junctions eg **Pennypiece** and **Clevemedede** are insufficient, unsure if they are dropped kerbs or just damaged pavement edges. This is a common theme around Goring.

The vegetation on left needs to be cut back several feet.

(photo)

Mill Road:

Walkers need to walk in the road where there is no pavement, eg Cleeve Road and Mill Road. This is risky, especially with the vegetation making the usable road narrow.

Waltham Court does not have dropped kerbs where there is a pavement so continuing along Mill Road on the pavement is impossible.



Junction Mill Road / Wallingford Road:

Mirror still broken, view to cross impossible without risk, even with mirror. (This is already booked for replacement)

No dropped kerb when leaving Mill Road and wanting to cross Wallingford Road, east side. The quarter pavement on the north east of this junction is not reachable by mobility impaired persons, nor pushchairs. Those without mobility or speed issues have to race across to allow for cars approaching from Jack's to the south, which are not visible until close by. The fence by the cottage obstructs views to the right, but from past street views this is not a new blockage.

People are expected to cross Wallingford Road (there is no useful pavement on the west side heading south) and if they want to turn right onto Wallingford Road towards Jack's, are expected to walk some way down Elvendon before crossing it to return to Wallingford road on the opposite side.

Junction Wallingford Road / Elvendon Road:

The island verge at the junction Elvendon/Wallingford is blocked by low hanging tree branches (Buddleia) from the corner property. This is the only pavement at this junction.

Wallingford Road:

The surface is loose and is also uneven, all the way along to Jack's. This causes issues with all wheelers and unsteady walkers who run the risk of falls or falling into the road (which has happened).

There is a long dropped kerb where there is no need for one, and cars appear to park there and/or mount the pavement regularly.

Elvendon Road:

Overhanging vegetation outside numerous addresses (23, 25, 27).

No dropped kerb by Towse Court, which houses vulnerable residents.

Footpath to Bourdillon, Milldown and Lockstile way:

Narrow, uneven, overgrown in places

Where it heads to Lockstile way, the hedge on the left is very massive despite having been cut back and the path narrow.

Lockstile Way:

Where footpath reaches Lockstile Way there is no dropped kerb or preferred route, which would be the left side of Lockstile way.

A number of loose kerbstones where the newly made pavement has not included the edging.

Lockstile Way / Valley Close: no dropped kerb

Alleyway to Farm road: too narrow due to hedge on left.

Farm Road: we did not consider this as it is unadopted.

Crossing Wallingford to reach Railway bridge: there is a dropped kerb to cross. Pavement is generally too narrow.

High Street:

Junction with Red cross road each side of High Street: view obstructed by hedges.

We kept to the right side so as to avoid the no pavement situation outside social club. There is a hedge invading the pavement and reducing its width by about a third.

Area outside social club and shops/arcade:

The pavement disappears by before reaching Massooms, and the one on the other side is very narrow. There is no safe way to cross to it either.

Outside the Arcade is a clutter of signs which make walking an obstacle course, and more so if using wheeled assistance or sticks.



SOLUTIONS (in no particular order and ignoring cost and likelihood):

- House holders must cut back vegetation.

- At junctions use raised tables to make it clear how to cross and alert drivers, and to slow down approaches, plus it solves dropped kerb issue. (Especially for Red Cross and Upper Red Cross Road, Thames Road, and Manor Road junctions).
- Pedestrian priority lanes for Cleeve Road, Mill Road and sections of the High Street to guide drivers where they are to give way to pedestrians under all circumstances.

Repairs:

Mirror (reported), loose pavement edges, holes on Ridgeway Alleyway, uneven pavements

Improvements:

Better dropped kerbs that actually reach street level/build outs to avoid sloping pavement.

Addition of dropped kerbs in places.

Fill alleyways full width with tarmac to even them out for all users and would make them wider.

Notifications needed to householders:

Houses with overgrown or obstructive hedges, falling fences, to reclaim footpaths, council to deal with Mill Road vegetation.

NEXT STEPS:

- Do the walk again and note down exact locations of hedges, loose pavement edges and report accordingly.
- Speak to ridgeway officer about the alleyway, plus raise with property owner where fence invades path.
- Speak to highways about the raised tables. Does another village have them?
- Also Virgin Boxes got a mention – identify those that are problematic.
- Designate what can be solved and what cannot, and create a long term plan.
- Carry out a similar walk with different roads.