

PATHS POLICY

The current position: TFAA has a public bridle way/right of way that forms the major route through the field. There are substantial fences all along this bridle way dividing it from the plots of TFAA. This policy is not concerned with that path but with all the other paths between the existing plots.

Each individual full and half plot was originally defined by paths along all its borders except for those plots bordering the extreme boundaries of the field. Quarter plots are slightly different in that, where these were created by the sub-division of an existing half plot, there may be no path between the two quarters that formed the original half plot.

In broad terms the field as a whole and the plots individually will function most effectively when all the paths are kept clear of vegetation and obstructions and are sufficiently level and in such a state of repair as to allow easy access for a person pushing a wheelbarrow. Over time, many of these paths have not been maintained and have moved or even disappeared in places. This is something that needs rectifying over time.

Principles:

1. It is a long term aim of TFAA to re-establish all the paths into their correct/original orientation and position and for these paths to be in a fit state to meet the requirement of allowing free passage to someone pushing a wheelbarrow.
2. Each plot holder is to be held responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of two of the paths that border his/her plot. Specifically:
that path which is nearer the river (the south-east); and
that path which is nearer the petrol garage (the south-west).

Note that plot holders who have a quarter plot may not need to have a path between the two quarter plots of the original half plot (see above).

Responsibilities and penalties:

In this way, each and every path is the responsibility of specifically identifiable plot holders. Plot holders who persistently* fail to fulfil this responsibility lay themselves open to being evicted from their plot. (*persistently shall be interpreted as 'after two requests by the Committee; one verbal, one written')

How is this to be achieved?

1. Where paths currently exist in the right place and are of sufficient quality to meet Principle 1, plot holders will be expected to maintain these paths in the manner described above.
2. There will be no move to force existing plot holders to re-align, re-establish or upgrade the quality of the paths surrounding their current plots in order to achieve TFAA's long term aim but if an existing plot holder wishes to help TFAA achieve its aim by voluntarily re-instating/upgrading one or both of their paths, this is to be applauded and encouraged.
3. ***Whenever a plot becomes vacant***, it should not be re-let until the Committee or its nominated representative has ***clearly delineated where the paths for that particular plot ought to be*** and any new plot holder should be shown very specifically where their plot limits are to be from thenceforth. The new plot holder will then be expected to work their new plot within these newly defined path-alignments.

In this way, the original alignments will gradually be re-established.