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Dear Millington Parish Council

You have requested further information about the problem with the surface of the footpath at Sylvan Dale (Millington fp3 and Warter fp6)

The land is SSSI and open access and Natural England have asked that the land is managed by grazing cattle. Whilst cattle have previously grazed in this area they have been absent for a number of years. Unfortunately the cattle have caused significant damage to the surface of the footpath as they use this section to access the stream.

The ERYC Yorkshire Wold Way officer (Samantha McGivern) and myself have met with the landowners representative and they have agreed to reducing the period of time the cattle graze the land and to adjust how they feed the cattle to reduce the impact upon the footpath.

We do not intend to try to repair the surface of the path over the winter period whilst the ground is saturated but will meet with the landowner, tenant and Natural England in the spring to discuss providing a long term solution to this problem. I think it is unlikely that a boardwalk could be provided as it is likely to be damaged by the cattle.

Until this issue is resolved, as this land is open access, the damaged path can be largely avoided by walking off the line of the footpath where the grass remains.

Please feel free to contact me directly regarding this issue if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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