

Misbourne Greenway: construction bulletin

September/October 2024

Overview

The Misbourne Greenway is a proposed walking and cycling route between Wendover and Uxbridge, Buckinghamshire. The main route through the valley is the A413, a busy road where the volume and speed of traffic mean people don't find it an attractive or safe route for walking, cycling or wheeling (including wheelchairs, mobility scooters and families pushing children's buggies).

The new route is part of the broader vision for a Buckinghamshire Greenway walking and cycling route, which is intended to run north to south across the whole county from Brackley to the Colne Valley.

Active travel charity Sustrans has been leading the design and build of the project to deliver a 4-kilometre section of this route between Dunsmore Lane, Wendover and Aylesbury Road, Great Missenden. Support has been provided by the Chiltern Society, Buckinghamshire Council, Network Rail and Greenways and Cyclerroutes.

This section is funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) and is part of Sustrans' ongoing programme to enhance the National Cycle Network.

At the start of February 2023, Sustrans secured extra funding to bring the Firecrest Fields section in scope for this phase of work. This extra funding came from the Chilterns AONB HS2 Review Group – a panel of local organisations that administers Department for Transport funds for locally beneficial projects.

In October 2023, Sustrans agreed a contribution from the Chiltern Railways Community Investment Fund towards signage and seating on the route.

Overview map

The map overleaf shows the route, highlighting key elements and the progress made to date.

While much of the construction work is now complete, you will note that the access and exit points are still to be completed, meaning there is currently no access to the path.

Progress update

September/October:

While works on the path may appear to have stalled recently, we can assure you that our commitment to opening Misbourne Greenway has not wavered.

We are pleased to report that the planting through the Firecrest Fields section has developed well through the summer months, is thriving and looking very healthy.

The existing vegetation elsewhere along the route has also been thriving, and some initial maintenance along the path has now been undertaken to ensure it does not become overgrown.

Sustrans has been working hard with Buckinghamshire Council to negotiate some details around the highway and legal permissions that have taken longer than expected to arrange.

These agreements concern the entrance and exit points to the path, without which we are unable to open the path for everybody to enjoy.

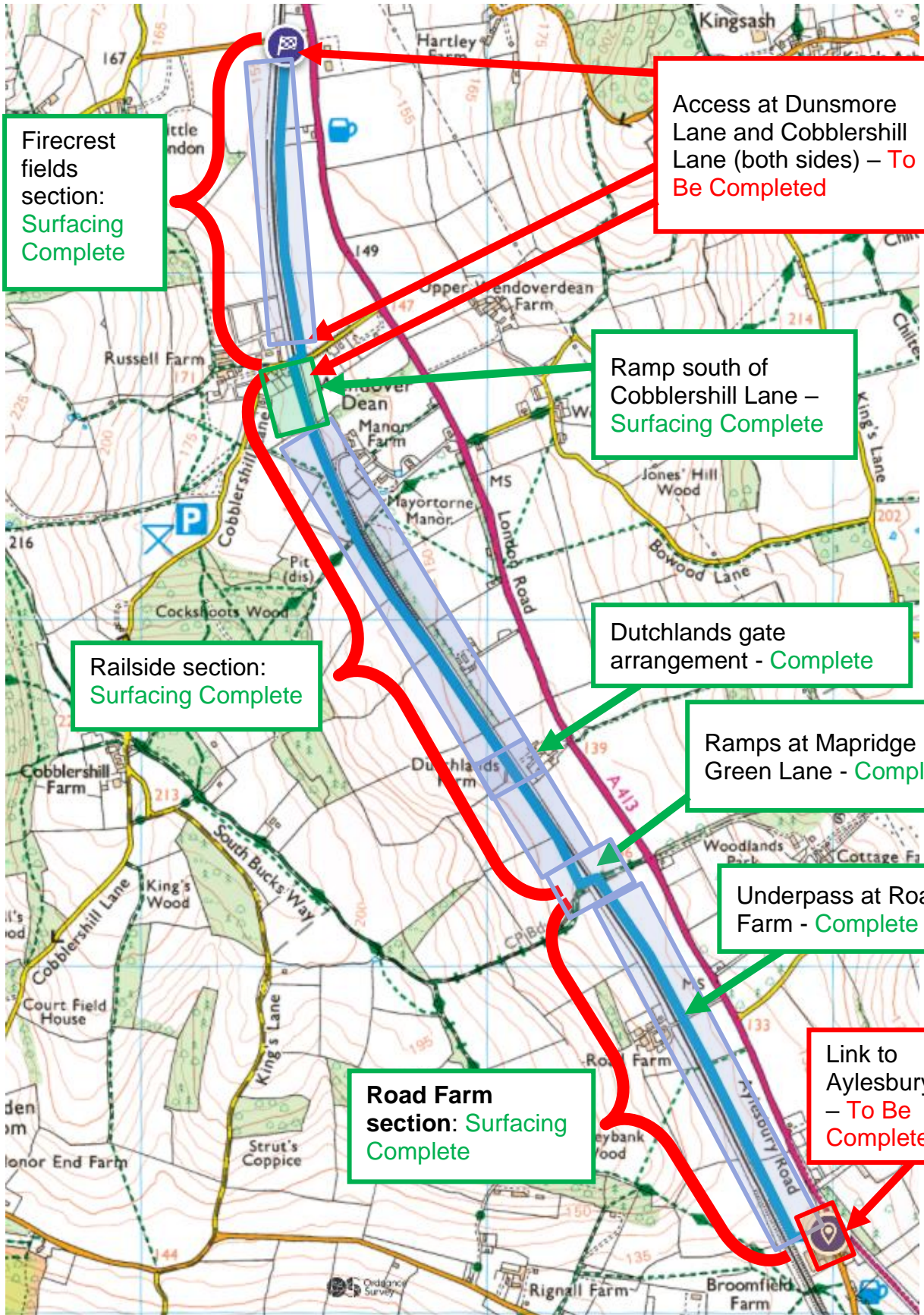
Work is continuing, often behind the scenes, but the path will not be fully open this year as we had hoped.

With this in mind we are considering options for opening smaller sections such as the Firecrest Fields section behind the Firecrest Public House to allow you to experience some of what the new path has to offer. More details on this will follow in due course.

We would like to thank everybody for their ongoing support and patience, especially the local residents and landowners.

Vegetation Maturing Along the Path





Firecrest fields section: Surfacing Complete

Access at Dunsmore Lane and Cobblershill Lane (both sides) – To Be Completed

Ramp south of Cobblershill Lane – Surfacing Complete

Railside section: Surfacing Complete

Dutchlands gate arrangement - Complete

Ramps at Mapridge Green Lane - Complete

Underpass at Road Farm - Complete

Road Farm section: Surfacing Complete

Link to Aylesbury Road – To Be Completed

Upcoming works planned **Oct onwards:**

- Installation of picnic benches
- Installation of wayfinding signage and wildlife boards
- Dunsmore Lane entrance/exit point to be completed
- Entrance/exits at Cobblershill Lane (north and south) to be completed
- Consideration to be given to opening small sections once the entrance/exit points at Dunsmore Lane and Cobblershill Lane are finished.

Call for Volunteers

Sustrans is interested in creating a list of volunteers to help with tasks on the path this autumn and going forwards.

If this is something you would like to be involved in and you are happy to be contacted by Sustrans and our partner charities regarding this, please email south@sustrans.org.uk.

Please note, the path will not be open to the public until construction works are complete and it is safe to do so. At this time the path remains a construction site.

There are isolated construction works taking place at different points along the path and multiple dead ends that mean there are very limited exit points.

Please respect our construction team, residents and landowners adjacent to the path by not accessing it at this time.

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