

Sturmer Parish Council

Railway Amenity Walk

Owned by Sturmer Parish Council, the Sturmer Railway Amenity Walk (Essex) runs on the disused Haverhill to Sudbury line which operated from 1865 until 1967. It runs from Water Lane (Kedington Road) to Pope Mill Bridge where it then joins with Suffolk; East Town Park.

Vehicles

The Railway Amenity Walk is reserved predominantly for walkers and cyclists. Individual disability vehicles such as electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters are permitted. Prams and push-chairs are also permitted.

Other types of motor vehicles, mechanically propelled vehicles, *horse riding and horse carriage driving, are not permitted (**without the express prior written permission of Sturmer Parish Council.*)

Drones

The flying of drones, irrespective of size, is not permitted in any of the open spaces, walks or parks owned by Sturmer Parish Council.

The guidance set out by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) states that drone's should not be flown within 150ft (50m) of people and property. The majority of our parks, walks and open spaces are open to the public at any time and we are required to ensure that they are safe for all to use.

For more information visit the [Drone safe website](#)

Metal Detecting

The use of metal detectors are not permitted on the Railway Amenity Walk **without the express permission of Sturmer Parish Council.**

Dogs

As a responsible dog owner, you must know about and adhere to laws relating to dogs; your rights and responsibilities, in order to protect yourself, your dog, other people and other dogs. You do not have to put your dog on a lead, as long as it is under control. Always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Dog Litter Bins are provided along the Railway Amenity Walk.

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Sturmer Parish Council Tree Survey October 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Alan, Dave Bryce, tree surgeon and I recently carried out a survey of all trees affecting the railway line amenity walk. Dave made the following recommendations.

Willows

3 or 4 large, overhanging branches need shortening or removing. One tree leaning on the iron bridge near the flume to be removed. (Trees needing work have been marked with yellow spray).

Tree to the rear of Crunch Croft overhanging a house in Pope Court and needs to be cut back.

Ash

Twenty plus Ash trees with lower branches which have died need to be removed with rod and pole saw. Most are not large and do not pose immediate danger.

Dave identified a group of 6 or 7 tall Ash trees dead or dying from Ash dieback and need removing. These are to the rear of the Red Lion, on the north side of the walk approximately 50 metres from the Red Lion footpath towards Crunch Croft.

Field Maple

One with low, overhanging branch to be removed at the rear of Woods Close.

Elm

Between Crunch Croft and Pope Mill Bridge there is one dead Elm, not yet in a dangerous state but needing removal. Other Elms on the golf course side of the walk are likely to die within 3 years and need removal.

Hawthorn

One Hawthorn between Crunch Croft and Pope Mill bridge needs clearing of Russian vine.

Conclusion

Whilst Dave offered this advice and would be prepared to carry out all necessary work he stressed that he is not a qualified Arboriculturist and could not produce a written report or prepare a three year plan of action.

David Porth (Councillor)