

LITTLE RIBSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Little Ribston Footpaths and Pavements

Dear Little Ribston Resident:

The Little Ribston Parish Council would like to request you to consider the following housekeeping points in the interests of the safety of all the village residents and footpath users:

Polite request

We have been asked by a number of residents to take these issues to the authorities. The Parish Council hope improvements can be made without the need for further action

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1. **Residents' Car Parking:** Please can you keep your cars parked on the road rather than across the footpaths. The footpaths are well used, especially by the school children in the mornings and afternoons. The footpath users are currently being forced onto the road where cars have been parked across the already narrow pavements. The through traffic in the village seldom pays heed to the 30mph limit and clearly any potential impact with a fully insured and repairable parked car is far more desirable than with any of the pedestrian footpath users. It would also help farm vehicles access Spofforth Lane if residents did not park on both sides of the road near the junction.
2. **Hedges and Garden Foliage:** A number of residents have allowed their garden foliage, especially Leylandii hedges, to overhang the footpaths, in some cases by up to 2 feet. Whilst this might appear attractive, it is forcing footpath users including the school children onto the roadway and into the path of the fast moving through traffic. Please can you review your garden shrubbery which overhangs the footpath and trim the branches and leaves which are restricting the width of the pavements. A survey has been completed with details of which boundaries are of concern (contact the Clerk for details).
3. **Dog Poo:** Whilst most residents do clean up after their pets, it has been brought to our attention that some residents are not cleaning up after their dogs whilst out walking on the village footpaths. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures. Please can you pick up your dog poo if your dog has deposited it on the footpath. This will enhance the enjoyment and appearance of the footpaths for all the village residents.
4. **Children riding scooters and bicycles on the Pavement:** It is illegal for children to ride scooters or bicycles on the pavement (Section 72 of the Highways Act). BRAKE recommends that children under 10 should only cycle on safe cycle paths, away from motorised traffic. It is therefore safer and more considerate for all, if cycling on the pavement does not take place.