

Conservation & Access Report - CSCC Meeting 6 September 2021

Cheddar Access

I am keeping in contact with Longleat but the situation is unchanged and they are unlikely to further discussions until later this year at earliest. Paul Stilman has also been keeping in contact with his past associates at Longleat. I passed on a request from Wessex for permission to remove of their kit from Spider but Longleat don't seem to want to respond on this request.

Star Shaft

The new gate has been ordered.

Singing River Mine

Situation has been publicised on web site and Facebook. New access arrangements being finalised. Landowner would like the gate replaced with one that looks better and in keeping with the garden location. Details to be agreed but need approval for up to £1000 expenditure on this.

Manor Farm Swallet

A new wall has now been built external to the original structure and is ready to have the new grill and gate fitted. The fabricators will be measuring in the next couple of weeks and fitting will be done as soon as it's made.

Manor Farm Mineshaft

Stabilisation work on the top of the shaft has been completed and the entrance has been raised above ground level as requested by the farmer. The new gate has been fitted.

Ubley Hill Pot

Further discussions with the new owner have taken place. Although he is denying access for the time being I believe he may be amenable to some access arrangements. Approval was given at the last meeting for expenditure for replacing the gate so that the entrance can be secured however as the entrance is located in what will effectively be his garden I would like the option to do other works on the entrance to make it more of a feature which I think he may find appealing. I would suggest an additional few hundred pounds be allowed for this.

Pondsmead Gates

The gates at Pondsmead were made and fitted by the end of May deadline and the landowner is happy.

Stoke Lane Slocker

The gates have been ordered.

Ubley Warren Reserve

Further attempts have been made to break into one site and the lock has been repaired and refitted. Standard locks have been fitted to a couple more of the outstanding entrances.

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