

NEWENT CYCLING GROUP AGM 2022 - MARTYN'S REPORT

OXENHALL LANE FORD

We continue to strive to provide a cycling and pedestrian bridge on the downstream side of the ford, in order to enable cyclists and walkers to cross the ford safely, and to reduce the number of injury accidents which continue to occur.

The Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Public Rights of Way team are now involved and have provided a more realistic estimate of the cost of installing an appropriate bridge. Funding is still an issue, and despite appealing to NCG members for contributions, and the possible willingness of Gorsley & Kilcot Parish Council to make a contribution, the match-funding promised by GCC Highways continues to be problematic.

Gill Moseley, our new County Councillor, has also taken up the cudgels, but we still await news of any successful grant of money from the two pots to which she has access.

So the wheels continue to grind very slowly, but grind they do.

May I take this opportunity of reminding you that although relatively safe during the winter, now that the algae is starting to grow again in the warmer temperatures, the base of the ford is once again hazardous, and sadly this lovely lane between Oxenhall and Gorsley must be out of bounds for organized rides.

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