

## The Round Aylesbury Walk – News and Issues

This is a route that follows paths around the edge of Aylesbury Town Parish and after much discussion for years within in Aylesbury Ramblers Mike Roe secured some funding from Aylesbury Vale District Council and this paid for all the way marking so signpost arms and way mark discs enabling the route to be opened in about 2000.

There is a [route description](#) that can also be downloaded from the BCC Walks and Rides page on their website by clicking on an interactive map however with all the recent building applications all around the town it has been thrown into some confusion. In case you are thinking of walking the route we have prepared a summary of what is happening on the route, the likely effects of each area of disruption and where we can the duration of the problem. It is our intention to get things properly way marked again as soon as work is completed in each area.

The current known problem areas are:

### Weston Turville

1. The permissive path through part of County Farm from the Wendover Road to Bedgrove Park – this is currently shut due to a development of 16 houses leaving people to find another way round. BCC intend to add the path to the definitive map making it a public right of way when the development is completed.
2. Footpath WTU/33 where it runs through behind Bedgrove allotments to the Tring Road – Housing is being built alongside New Road and while the path has not been closed it might undergo disruption at some point. The surface of the path will be upgraded and widened to cycleway standard within the development as part of the planning approval.
3. Footpath WTU/4 from the Tring Road to the border with Berton Parish – this field is part of an approved MDA area and the line of the path should be unaffected by the development but will be upgraded and may be subject to some disruption at some point once building commences.

### Berton with Broughton

1. Footpath BWB/9 where it passes between the 2 fishing lakes after crossing the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal is currently flooded between the two lakes and requires bridging (see below).
2. Footpath BWB/9 from the Canal to Broughton Lane is in the major development area for ~2,400 houses, is already disrupted and on-off closures are inevitable. (This project is the best bet for getting the bridge between the lakes installed or a diversion provided.)
3. **May 2017 Update** – BWB/9 is currently closed until further notice.

### HS2

1. The new Stoke Mandeville bypass will cross the route of SMA/16 (see 2 below).
2. HS2 also crosses the route on footpath SMA/16 which is to be closed for 18 months but we would seek to use SMA/17 as a diversion through the edge of Walton Court next to Southcourt. and we will seek to provide a diversion.
3. The route uses SBH/17A that runs to the west of Walton Court and even if open it has to connect with SMA/16 so will not be usable.
4. The route runs perilously close to the HS2 “take area” south of Coldharbour but should not be affected except maybe in the short-term for enabling work.

**Footnote** – The Vale of Aylesbury Plan and the new town status of a Garden Town could well mean that other developments may impact on the route in the future.

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