

# County Councillor Ed Maxfield



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Dear Friend

## Replacement bridge for footpath

I just thought I would share a little bit of good news at the start of the year.

I know many people enjoy walking the footpath that runs through the spinney between Bradfield and Trunch, next to Bradfield Road. At the last meeting of Trunch Parish Council I was asked to find out whether the broken bridge over the beck will be repaired.

I contacted the team at County Hall that looks after our footpaths and the good news is that plans to replace the bridge are progressing. It is going to be a few months before the work is done but a new bridge has been designed. The contractors have also been asked to prepare all the paperwork that needs to go to the Inland Drainage Board. The Inland Drainage Board manages the beck and has to give its permission for the work to go ahead. Once that has been done, the work can be scheduled.

It might be the early summer before the work is completed: anything involving work around rivers seems to involve a lot of bureaucracy! But I will keep checking in with the team to make sure it is moving forward and hopefully we will all be able to enjoy the walk without the diversion soon.

If you ever have any issues with roads or footpaths that you want to raise with me, please do get in touch.

Best wishes

