

# WHAT CAN BE DONE ?

## Hazel Wood, Nailsworth/Avening

### October 09

In response to a report from MCTTG, concerned by the deep clay and stretch of entrenched chicken wire on this track, the **Public Rights of Way Team** sent in a scraper and took off the worst of the deep mud to see what was underneath.

This exercise took four days at a cost of approx **£2000**.

After riding this track as part of a “horse experience” day organised by the BHS and Glos County Council, PROW Officer Mike Barton was keen to do his best to alleviate the worst of the problems here before the winter set in. This track is used by many local riders and a local riding school and livery yard, as well as walkers and mountain-bike riders.

We understand the chicken wire removal was quite a challenge, but well worth the effort as it has been a hazard for quite some time.

The vegetation was cut back to ensure that there is sufficient clearance for horses, but to cut back the whole canopy would have involved a “cherry picker” which would have needed considerable extra funding.

The plan was to let the track over-winter and inspect it again in the spring, when the Rights of Way Team would be prioritising their limited funds again.



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