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Buxton - Bure Valley Path - temporary closure for Ash Dieback tree felling works

Tree felling work on a section of the Bure Valley Path at Buxton, will start on Monday 4 October 2021 and is expected to take three weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Due to the nature of the work and to ensure safety for path users the path will need to be closed to the public between Mill Street overbridge and The River Bure overbridge while the work is underway. It will not be possible to join this stretch of the Bure Valley Path from any of the adjoining access points or public rights of way for the duration of the works.

A fully signed diversion route will be in place along Mill Street and Buxton with Lamas FP4 (please note an amendment from the original notice, which incorrectly referenced FP5). The stair set to the north of the River Bure bridge along FP4 will be used to re-join to path. Please note, cyclists must dismount if using the waymarked diversion.

Sections of the Bure Valley Path are due to be resurfaced between December 2021 and March 2022, including a section at Buxton station. This is part of a wider path improvement project aimed at enhancing the path for local users, visitors and is part of a wider sustainable tourism plan for Norfolk. Further information on the resurfacing work will be provided nearer the time.

Ash Dieback - Tree felling

The tree felling is designed to stop the spread of ash dieback which has unfortunately affected a high number of trees along the route.

Following annual surveys assessing tree health, the majority of trees on the northerly embankment have to be felled as their condition now poses a risk to path users and adjacent property.

Small sections of trees that contain no diseased ash are to be retained to assist with natural regeneration, and replanting with native species over the winter will make up 45% of future growth with natural regeneration forming the remaining 55%.

Some of the felled tree stems will remain in place, as an important future dead wood habitat. Branch wood and tops are to be chipped into piles, avoiding areas of important

vegetation. This will naturally decompose and enrich the soil. The result should be an overall improvement to the route's biodiversity.

The County Council thanks people for their patience while this essential work is carried out.

The work, which is expected to cost £34,900, will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors.

For Further Information:

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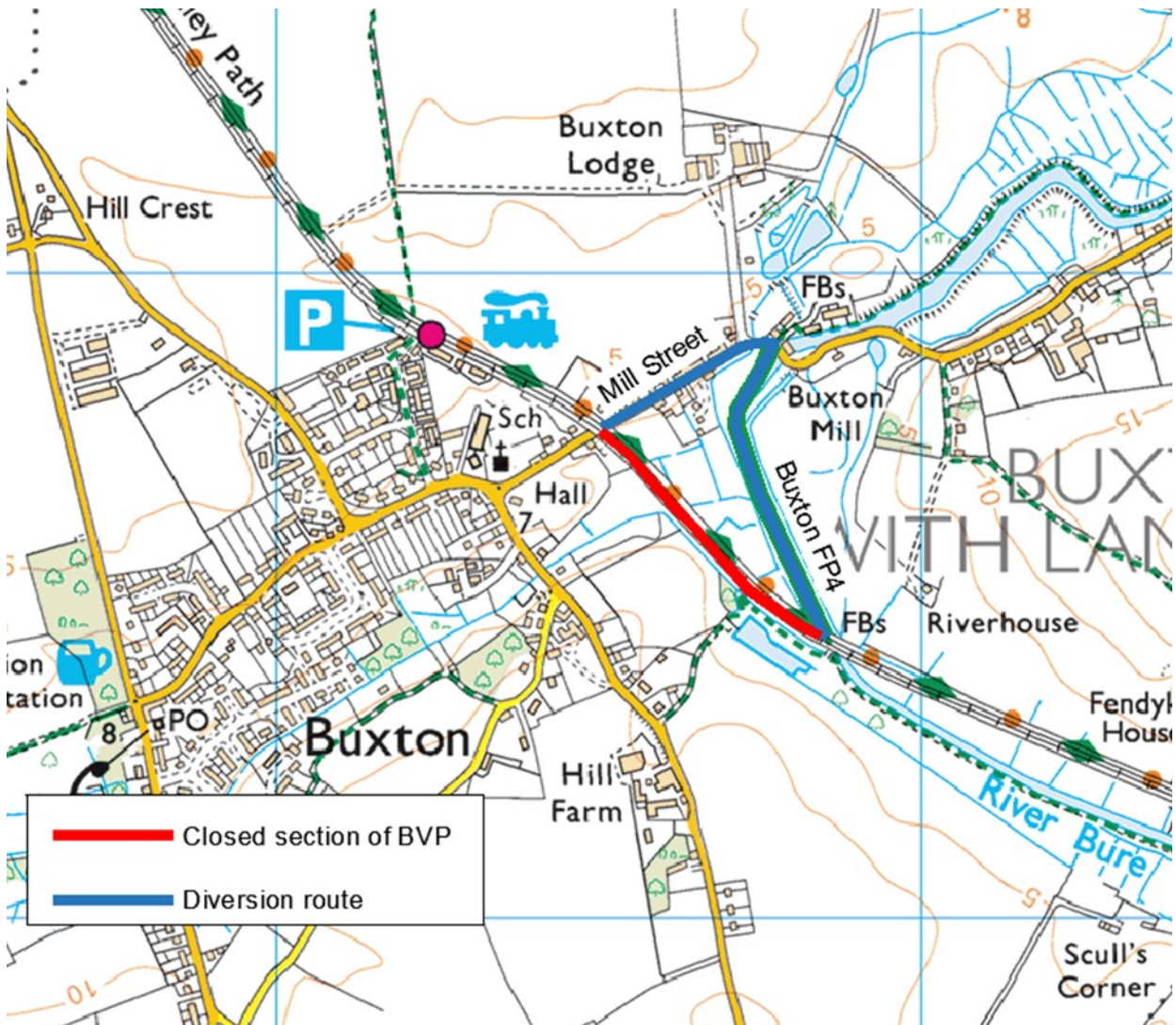


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The section outlined in red on the map below is the closed area of the Bure Valley Path (4th October – 25th October 2021).



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