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Grid Square: SD 9628

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Overall Assessment: The majority of paths are well signed and accessible. There are two notable exceptions (Lower Pilling GR 965283 – paths from here going both south to the river and north –east to some dwellings appear to be blocked. Colden Road at GR 964285 – the path going east towards Higher Slater Ings is blocked at the dwellings. An alternative is 75m to the north, but that is not the point!) both of which have been notified to Calderdale as enforcement problems.

At Shaw Bottom, the path from GR966281 going south-east to link up with the Pennine Way does not appear to exist on the ground, but that presents no problems.

Navigation around Long High Top GR 967289 can be confusing but does not represent a serious problem.

The grid offers a range of gentle riverside walks and interlinking field paths, as well as more strenuous paths climbing in and out of valleys and on to open moorland. A number of the paths form part of the Pennine and Calderdale Way.

A number of paths appear to be infrequently used in the Colden area and at the time of walking were overgrown with nettles – these were easily trodden down.

The more invasive and notable problem is the Himalayan Balsam. This is starting to move further along the valley along the banks of Hebble Water and towards the Colden area overtaking the natural vegetation of the area.

It has been reported to Calderdale as a maintenance problem.

May's shop and café lend a welcome stopping place for an excellent cup of coffee/tea and the ideal place to buy essential - and indeed some luxury - supplies. There is always the option of lunch in the New Delight Inn.

Enforcement Problems Or Difficulties To Formally Report To Calderdale MBC: 1. Lower Pilling GR 965283 – paths from here going both south to the river and north –east to some dwellings appear to be blocked.

2. Colden Road at GR 964285 – the path going east towards Higher Slater Ings is blocked at the dwellings.

Maintenance Problems Or Difficulties To Formally Report To Calderdale MBC: Himalayan Balsam is starting to move further along the valley along the banks of Hebble Water and towards the Colden area overtaking the natural vegetation of the area.