

**Grid square**  
SD9928

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**Overall assessment**

The area is very varied and picturesque. A lot of clambering up and down wooded hillsides was involved, the steep sections were quite difficult underfoot.

Footpaths and stiles in the non-wooded areas are generally in good condition and easily accessible..

Some of the paths appear unused.

**Comparison with information in previous report (if appropriate)**  
Not applicable.

**Enforcement problems or difficulties to formally report to Calderdale MBC.**

At the top of Boston Hill in Old Town, the footpath at the end of the gardens is so overgrown that walkers are using the field next to it. The wall at either end of the footpath has collapsed, probably due to people climbing over it to get in the field. Only one resident keeps the foliage trimmed back. Photographs have been taken.

**Maintenance problems or difficulties to formally report to Calderdale MBC**

Old Town has very few footpath signs, the main ones seem to be on the roadside. Yellow blobs would be good enough.

One of the paths from Boston Hill to the woods has disappeared. The wall has been replaced with a wire and post fence but there's no stile, however it's possible to climb between the wires.

Also in Old Town, there are several stiles with broken or missing gates, and a broken kissing gate, probably not a priority but photographs have been taken and a maintenance form sent to the Council.

On a path leading to Upper Lee near Midgehole there's a problem with Himalayan Balsam, also the steps need the weeds clearing away.

There's a fallen tree in Lee Wood and another one further along above the bowling green at Salem.

**Other particular problems or difficulties encountered**

There's one gap stile in Old Town which is so tall and narrow that anyone of above average build would not be able to get through.

Spring Wood and the wood at the other side of Keighley Road were quite difficult to walk through, although some of the paths were fairly easy to navigate. This is due to the gradients. They could be tricky in wet weather.

**Other comments, if any**

This grid square needs at least two people to walk it together in the wooded sections.

Overall it's been a very enjoyable and worthwhile thing to do.