

OTTERBOURNE COMMON
SPECIFICATION FOR WORKS TO DITCH AND EARTH BANKS

1. Chapel Lane

1. From Yew Tree Cottage (cottage at north east corner).
Extend ditch and earth bank beyond the Right of Way post to reduce gap to 1.5 m (footpath).
Re-site the R of W post.
2. Scrape out existing ditch and increase bank height up to 45 cms above road level from above to the bend.
3. At the bend, allow vehicular width entry for WCC grass cutters.
4. Concrete in new 1 m high man-made timber (MMT) post at end of bank.
Concrete in replacement drop post (brought forward from existing).
Concrete in new 1 m high MMT post at opposite end (telegraph pole side) where bank will continue on.
5. Continue scraping out existing ditch where necessary and increasing bank height up to 45 cm above road level on south side of Chapel Lane only down to Boyatt Lane junction.
Leave existing wooden walkway in place half way down the length.
6. At junction of Boyatt Lane, create bank behind the concrete slab and signs to join with bank at junction of service road.

2. Chapel Lane by the Allotments

1. Along Boyatt Lane end – create new ditch and bank between allotment hedge and junction of Chapel Lane following round to meet with the existing ditch and bank.
2. At allotments gate – continue bank from roadway towards allotment hedge on both sides. Slope the bank from the roadway to the allotment gate, so a vehicle can reverse into the allotment gate. Finish 1.5 m from the hedge to allow for grass cutters.
3. Remove drop post.

3. Central Service Road

1. At rear of No. 2 Hilltop Cottages, after the vehicular easement to the garage (where currently there are posts), create new ditch and bank crossways to the wall, allowing vehicular width for grass cutters.
2. Concrete in replacement drop post.

4. Boyatt Lane – on north side of common only

1. From 'The Otter' pub sign at the junction with Otterbourne Hill, improve bank as necessary to height of up to 45 cm above road level to bus stop.
2. Create new wooden walkway with chicken wire (similar to others) across ditch where there is a trodden path.
3. Continue existing ditch and bank around the gravelled area.
4. Create new ditch and bank along final west side of gravelled area to within 1.5 m (footpath) of No.1 Hilltop Cottage boundary white fence.

5. Otterbourne Hill

1. Create new ditch and bank along line of existing posts up to 45 cm height from junction of Boyatt Lane to central service road, extending round into service road to finish at the gorse bushes.
2. Create new wooden walkway with chicken wire across ditch just north of the bus shelter to give access through.

6. Unmade lane off Boyatt Lane

1. Along length – scrape out and repair existing earth banks and ditches.