Chiltern Way Updates

Introduction
The Chiltern Society wants you to enjoy walking the Chiltern Way, so we regularly check the paths and waymarking on the route. However, from time to time the route needs to be temporarily or permanently diverted. This note describes where the Chiltern Way currently follows a different route to that described in the latest version of the guide to the route - *The Chiltern Way & Chiltern Way Extensions* - published in 2016 (You can buy the book from the Chiltern Society or from Amazon).

The sections and page numbers referred to below are from this book. The location information and description below assume you are walking the route clockwise. The grid reference gives the point where the description starts.

The maps below are from OpenStreet map:
- The route to use is shown by the blue overlay line.
- The previous or blocked route is shown by the red overlay line.

Chorleywood West to Chalfont St Giles
Changes to p29-30

Sections B, C
Location: path junction north of Newland Park. Gridref: TQ 0116 9425

A film production company is currently making a film in Newland Park. The Chiltern Way running to the west of Newland Park is expected to remain open for the remainder of 2021 (red on plan right).
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Little Hampden to Lee Gate (p153-154)

P154 Sections D-G
Location: Mayortorne Manor. Gridref: SP 8766 0429

The footpath past Durham Farm is expected to be closed until 2026 due to HS2 works. Because of the length of the diversion the Chiltern Way has been re-routed onto the footpath next to Bowood Lane. This new route is now permanently signed.

Original route in blue, new route in red.

Shortly after crossing the Chiltern Line railway bridge, turn half-right on a footpath. Cross two fields diagonally to reach the A413 via a stile in the corner of the second field. Take the footpath 20m to the left on the far side of the road. The path turns right to run alongside, but above, Bowood Lane. There will be a manned crossing through the HS2 construction site, and possible slight diversions while the new Bowood Lane bridge is being constructed. On reaching Kings Lane, turn left for 20m, then right onto TLE/4/2.

Just before reaching the Lee, turn sharp-left to follow the Chiltern Link northwards for around 750m. Take the second footpath to the right to re-join the Chiltern Way.
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Chalk Hill to Bidwell (pp177-178)

p178 Section I
Location: Bidwell. Gridref: TL 0114 2432
At the east end of the Blue Water woods, the Chiltern Way is currently blocked. Instead of turning left onto a footpath, continue on the concrete track which soon turns left. Follow it round to the right and you are back on the Chiltern Way route.

Bidwell to Chalton
Changes to Bidwell/Chalton section pp179-180.

p179 Section A
Location: Bidwell. Gridref: TL 0148 2436
The housing development on HR45 has now been completed. Footpath HR45 is currently closed for resurfacing. After crossing the road at the mini-roundabout, instead of turning left on the footpath, continue up Aylesbury drive and follow it round to the left above a small park. Continue down Gressingham Meadow and across the grass between barriers to rejoin the footpath.
Section C
Location: Bridleway bridge across A5. Gridref: TL 0181 2569
The new A5 –M1 Link Road is completed. When approaching the intersection of FP HR14 and BW HR22 the path will rise onto an embankment. Turn left onto BW HR22 and go over the bridge on the new road. At the north end turn left, descend the embankment and then right to return to the original line of BW HR22. See map below.

Grove Farm – Diversion requested due to Covid19
Location: North of Bridleway bridge across A5. Gridref: TL 0182 2582
The owner of Grove Farm has asked that you use an alternative route to avoid the farm during the Covid19 outbreak.

You are still entitled to use the definitive route, shown in blue on the map. You are asked to use the route shown in red on the map. This starts north of the bridge just after the path turns left. Turn right and follow the path uphill, to the left of a hedge. This is a good, clear path with fine views and is a little shorter than the official route. At the top, you emerge through a bridle gate onto a broad hedged track and turn right to continue on the Chiltern Way.