

Closure of the Footpath along the Brow

On 11th November 2021, a meeting was held to discuss the Brow, involving representatives from the Town Council, the County Council and the Town Council's consultants Fairhurst. A representative from the PCC was also in attendance as an observer. At the meeting it was agreed that Fairhurst would make a further site inspection, which took place on 15th November.

On 25th November, the PCC received advice from Fairhurst, via the Town Council, regarding church land adjoining the Brow footpath. The key point was that the land bordering the Brow footpath in the new graveyard was at risk of slope movement. In order to establish the level of risk, it would be necessary to carry out an investigation of the area, involving some borehole drilling. The PCC will be negotiating a contract to carry out this work.

In addition, the original investigation of the riverbank by Fairhurst had identified that inadequate surface water drainage might be contributing to the instability of the slope. The PCC is commissioning a survey of the drains under the church land to establish the position, and what, if anything needs to be done. This work is likely to be carried out towards the end of January and the beginning of February 2022, the earliest dates available from the contractor.

Until the results are known from the above two site investigations, it is not possible to plan for a safe pathway to connect the old and new churchyards. In the meantime the temporary arrangements for visiting the new churchyard via the rectory garden on Sundays and Thursdays will continue.

Kirkby Lonsdale Parochial Church Council.

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