

TEMPORARY CLOSURE NOTICE

Friday May 21st to October 2021

----- ASH DIEBACK -----

In the interest of public safety, use of this permissive path is temporarily prohibited.

Alternative routes are shown on the accompanying map

Due to the risk of falling Ash trees, Centurion Way will be closed between Binderton Bridge and West Dean tunnel.

There are around 300 Ash trees along Centurion Way within falling distance of the licensed path. Arboriculturalist surveys identified dieback advancing through large volumes of Ash trees presenting a safety risk to the public.

Further habitat and tree surveys are being undertaken to ensure compliance with habitat regulations and inform essential tree felling methodology to minimise habitat and wildlife disturbance.

We are working hard to keep the closure to a minimum and apologise for any inconvenience caused to your journey.

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Ash dieback - A fungus infects the tree and weakens it to the point where it becomes brittle and likely to fall.