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Dear Mr Guest,

Slippery Jetty Jubilee route, Ditton Meadows / Stourbridge Common

Several of our members have recently fallen on this bridge (the one that runs under the railway bridge and joins Ditton Meadows and Stourbridge Common). Although there are anti-slip strips on the surface these are several inches apart. While this is fine for pedestrians a bike wheel can be in-between these strips. Cornering or braking, even at low speed, on this wet wood surface results in a skid and a fall. This problem is made worse as braking and cornering are necessary due to the bends in bridge.

We hope we can suggest a simple and cheap solution.

The bridge on Burrell's walk, which used to be just planks, had a board placed over the top with a rough, anti slip surface. This is excellent. We would like to see the same surface on the Jubilee Jetty, either applied directly to the Jetty, or applied to boards fixed to the Jetty. Obviously if boards are used then care needs to be taken to chamfer the edges at either end of the bridge.

While the other two wooden bridges on this route do not present the same problems, as it is not necessary to corner on them, maybe it would be good to add the non slip surface to these too.

In summary please can you investigate the matter and tell us whether it would be possible to apply an anti-skid surface to these bridges.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

Richard Taylor