

Many of you may have wondered about the footpath marked on the Ordnance Survey map across the Winterton Valley between Orlandon hamlet and Winterton hill across the valley. For many years it has not existed – Peter tried to walk it shortly after we moved here and was faced by an impenetrable mass of scrub and bog! This footpath has now been re-opened, along a slightly different route about 200 metres east of the original route. It starts about 200 metres south of Orlandon on the Mullock- St Brides road. Here are Peter's thoughts after he tried the new footpath for the first time on a circular walk from Mullock Bridge:

“A recently re-opened (with diversion) footpath gives new perspectives on the Gann, and an opportunity to see more of Winterton Marsh and one of the reservoirs in the valley.

Park at Mullock Bridge, and walk towards Haverfordwest and then up the lane towards St Brides. The lane skirts wet scrub, and then our house (Orlandon Kilns) before going uphill. Keep an eye open for bullfinches. After a few hundred yards, and before reaching the collection of colourful cottages at Orlandon, you will come across a new footpath sign pointing into the field on your left. The path takes you along the edge of the field and then on to a boardwalk passing through the wet scrub and carr in the valley bottom. It then skirts the edge of the carr, before turning to diagonally ascend the hill. On the way up there are views over Winterton Marsh, a potato reservoir, and even of our house and garden (look for the green summerhouse). At the top of the hill the path joins the path from Winterton Farm to Mullock Bridge. From here there are wide views over the Gann from Mullock Bridge down towards Dale and then across the Haven to Sheep Island. After skirting the edge of fields (well signposted) the path descends down to Mullock Bridge.

The walk takes 45 minutes – 1 hour.

There is also the opportunity to incorporate this path across the valley in a circular walk from St Brides.

Thanks to Peter Evans of Orlandon Farm, Steve Ford of Winterton Farm, and the National Park for opening up this path, and giving us a super walk straight from home!”