

## News from the Parish Council



### Help save our Footpaths before the 2026 deadline

*“Our paths are one of our most precious assets. They connect us to our landscapes – ensuring we can explore our towns and cities on foot and enjoy walking in the countryside – and to our history and the people who formed them over the centuries.” If we lose our paths, a little bit of our past goes with them. This is our only opportunity to save thousands of miles of rights of way and time is running out. Some lost*

*paths are still in use, while others have become overgrown, but all were omitted from the “definitive” maps of 140,000 miles of paths that councils were required to draw up in the 1950s.” – Open Spaces Society*

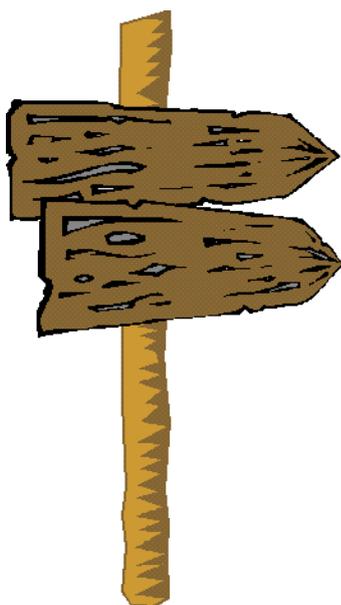
There may be footpaths, bridleways and carriageways that have been used for many years and now infrequently used or fallen into disuse.

There are footpaths that have been forgotten when the register known as the “definite map” was set up. There is a deadline to correct these omissions. **It is 2026.**

We need to start the registration process of all such paths now. Some have been in use for many years and just never been registered, some have been lost from the register and some have been created by use over more than the past 20 years and are entitled under the law to be registered.



By registering them we save them for posterity, for the generations to follow us. As custodians of our village it is our duty.



Whether we walk to commute, for leisure, to exercise our dogs, to ride our horses or our bicycles there is something for all in registering our paths of all types (Public footpaths, Public Bridleways, Restricted Byways, Byways Open to All Traffic) for us all.

There may even be possible a change of type if the evidence supports that the way is used and of suitable width and it is desirable. We need your assistance to gather all available information and we need it now.

The definitive map is to be found on the KCC PROW site and there is a link from our own website. It shows all registered paths and carriage ways.

The Parish Council has a very good collection of maps which shows in detail the paths that are registered and some that we know remain to be registered. Copies of these maps will be posted in the Village Hall and the library and will also be available online and from the Parish Clerk on request.

Please advise us of any paths that are not already registered that you know of or walk or ride over. Please also advise if you are prepared to submit a "Statement of Truth" to support this claim. These forms can be found on our website. But first, we need to identify all the paths, bridleways and byways.

Some identified ways will pass into other Parish Councils. Landowners, big and small, may wish to dedicate a path or way.

We will need to consult many and all interested parties to achieve a fully connected network suitable for the needs of all for generations to come.

It all starts here. It all starts now. Become involved and support us!

You are invited to beat the bounds with us at our village annual footpath walk! It's great fun, all welcome, all abilities, there are scones and of course we guaranty good weather.

## **Annual Footpath Walk**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**1.00 P.M.**

**Meet at Village Hall**

**Maps provided Free tea and  
homemade scones afterwards**

**All welcome**

### **Car Parking (again)**

As explained last month, the village won the battle, by getting an amendment agreed, and DDC are now no longer planning to charge in our Reach road carpark (yet!). However, we must and will remain vigilant. The war continues, here is the approved amendment that was referred to, but got lost in last month's mag. It is not particularly re-assuring.

The approved Amendment to Recommendation 7:

*"Noting the issues outlined in the report regarding the management of rural car parks and the potential benefits from the introduction of limited controls, to defer a decision on the precise arrangements, if any, within each carpark to allow detailed engagement with each Parish Council"*

I personally would have thought that the 210 comments from the village this January was a detailed engagement but...



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