

DONCASTER PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Update

Public Rights of Way - October 2011

Adopt-a-path Newsletter

Autumn is upon us and what a great time to enjoy the Doncaster countryside. Leaves are changing colour and falling from the trees, a truly beautiful time to walk, ride or drive your chosen path. It also seems a perfect time to update you on what's been happening over the summer months here in Public Rights of Way Team.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)

We've been working with our strategic transport team on a South Yorkshire bid to the Local Strategic Transport Fund. Part of the bid has been successful and we will be looking to improve some paths over the next 4 years.

Rights of way inspections

Since autumn 2007, all cross field paths are routinely inspected by the team in spring and autumn. The majority of landowners comply with their requirements to mark out the line of cross field paths and keep them clear from obstruction. However things change on a daily basis and any report cards that you can send in to us, detailing any problems found (eg overgrowth, obstructions, ploughing and cropping obstructions etc) are greatly appreciated. We are also asking members when they walk any paths to submit a report card even if the path is clear. This will give us a clearer picture as to the health of the public rights of way network in the Doncaster Borough. Report cards are available online or prepaid postcards are available upon request.

New rights of way

Footpaths added to map

- There are now footpaths on both sides of the Ea Beck between Thorpe in Balne and Royalty Lane, Thorpe Marsh.
- Moses Lane, Warmsworth is now a public footpath
- A public footpath has now been created between Toad Holes Lane and the M18 Underpass, at Rossington

Upgrading

- Wood Lane, Fishlake has been upgraded from footpath to Restricted Byway

Further details of these and future updates can be viewed online or by contacting the Public Rights of Way Team. See Public Rights of Way online.

New/replacement bridges



Rossington Bridleway No 14 In December 2009 the bridge was vandalised to such an extent that it had to be removed on health and safety grounds. In May 2011 the bridge was replaced. The picture above shows the bridge in June 2011, having just been replaced. Unfortunately the guard rails on the approach and a section of parapets were stolen in July 2011. The parapets have since been replaced and approach fencing is going to be replaced imminently using recycled plastic. Further improvements including decreasing the gradient of the access ramps have also been approved and this work will take place within the next couple of months.

Tickhill Footpath No 13 The 2 new bridges on the diverted route of public footpath number 13 Tickhill have been approved by our bridges team and will be ready for use when the certificate of compliance has been advertised.

Moss Footpath No 4 The bridge carrying footpath number 4 also provides pedestrian access to some bungalows, the deck had become rotten and dangerous; therefore a temporary closure was required. Works to repair the bridge have been completed and the path reopened.

Open Access Land

The Open Access Officer's contract ended in May; however any queries relating to open access should still be directed to the Public Rights of Way Team.

Public Rights of Way Online

Our web pages are constantly being updated and include an introduction to public rights of way, information for landowners and frequently asked questions, as well as information about the Trans Pennine Trail, volunteering, walking and cycling in Doncaster, enforcement, closures, claims, the local access forum, the public rights of way forum, the definitive map and any changes to it, schedule 14 claims, landowner declarations and access land. If however you can not find the information you need within our web pages, please do not hesitate to contact the team at { HYPERLINK "mailto:publicrightsofway@doncaster.gov.uk" }, who will be happy to help.

You may also have noticed that you can now report any issue with a public right of way via our on line reporting form, which can be found at { HYPERLINK "http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Leisure_in_Doncaster/Outdoor_Life/Public_Rights_of_Way/Report_a_problem.asp" }

For those of you without internet access don't worry! The prepaid reporting postcards are still available upon request, just call 01302 737409. We are also happy to send hard copies of any information requested where possible.

For more information contact: -

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