

Warwickshire County Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Parish survey

Overview

Warwickshire County Council is responsible for around 1700 miles of public rights of way. These paths are both in the countryside and urban areas. They are important for enjoying and exploring, for travelling to work or school and for health and wellbeing. They are part of what makes Warwickshire a special place to live, work and enjoy.

A public right of way is a path that anyone has the legal right to use. There are four types:


- Footpaths for walking, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Bridleways for walking, horse riding, cycling, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs
- Restricted byways for walking, horse riding, cycling, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs and horse-drawn carriages
- Byways for all modes including motorised vehicles

Every council that is responsible for public rights of way must have a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). This is a strategy which sets out how public rights of way meet the needs of the public, now and in the future. Our current Rights of Way Improvement Plan dates from 2011 and now needs to be reviewed.

Your feedback will help to develop the priorities and actions of the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which will be produced later in 2024. Once the new Rights of Way Improvement Plan has been finalised and approved by the council it will be published on Warwickshire County Council's website.

Please complete our survey by 10 March 2024.

How to return your completed survey online at


The process of producing the new ROWIP is being supported by an external consultant. If you need to discuss the process of preparing the new ROWIP or specific questions about the exercise please contact wccrowip@blackwoodbayne.co.uk. Alternatively, please contact Warwickshire County Council on 01926 410410.

This survey is to support the Improvement Plan only. If you want to report a problem on a public right of way please click on this link:

<https://rowreporting.warwickshire.gov.uk/CAMSWeb/standardmap.aspx>

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Privacy Notice (Please read)

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous. If you reply to an anonymous survey then no personal details will be captured.

Information you provide in any additional correspondence to our surveys and consultations, including personal information, may be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and/or Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) and the Data Protection Act (DPA). If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential and not shared, including your contact details, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, we cannot always guarantee confidentiality.

To see how we use your personal data and what your information rights are, please read our overall customer privacy notice at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privacy or contact our Customer Service Centre on 01926 410410.

Please tick here to confirm you are happy for us to collect your response.

(Required)

Background information

Please enter the name of the town or parish council you are replying on behalf of:

Name of Council *(Required)*

In what capacity are you representing the parish or town council? *(Required)*

Please select all that apply

Parish or town clerk

Parish or town councillor

Chair

Footpaths / access warden

Other (please specify)

Does your parish have a public rights of way officer, warden or other representative?

Please select only one item

Yes

No

Don't know

Do you have volunteers who help with maintenance and improvement of the public rights of way in your area?

Please select only one item

Yes

No

Don't know

If yes, please provide more details of the work they carry out:

Your views

Do any of the following issues negatively affect the experience of users of public rights of way in your parish?

Please select all that apply

- Poor cleanliness / unpleasant environment on public rights of way
- Public rights of way overgrown
- Crops blocking the public rights of way
- Aggressive dogs
- Dog fouling
- The paths are not accessible enough
- Issues with livestock
- Illegal use of public rights of way
- Threatening behaviour by landowners
- Threatening behaviour by other path users
- Litter and cleanliness
- Anti-social behaviour / safety issues
- Other (please explain below)

What are your top three priorities for improving public rights of way in your Parish?

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
Improved waymarking along routes (directional signs on the route showing you where to go)			
Clearing overgrown paths			
Reinstating routes blocked by crops			
Opening up paths which have been deliberately blocked			
Repairing bridges and steps which are in poor condition			
Removing stiles or replacing them with gates to make paths more accessible			
Other (Please specify below)			

Please use this space to explain other priority if selected:

Please tell us the reasons for your answers or other comments you wish to make on the condition of public rights of way in your parish.

Reporting a Rights of Way problem

Have you reported a public rights of way issue to Warwickshire County Council in the past 12 months?

Please select only one item

Yes

No

Not sure

If yes, how did you report the problem?

Please select all that apply

Through Warwickshire County Council's online public rights of way (through the online map)

By contacting the Public Rights of Way team directly, either by email or telephone,

By contacting Warwickshire County Councils Customer Services, either by email or telephone

Other (please specify)

How easy or difficult did you find it to report a Rights of Way problem?

Please indicate how easy you found the reporting method(s) used.

	Very difficult	Difficult	Neutral	Easy	Very Easy	Not used
Reporting online using rights of way map						
Contacting WCC Customer Services by phone						
Contacting Rights of Way Service by email, phone, or letter						

Please explain further if you found it difficult:

Your thoughts

What improvements, if any, do you think need to be made to the public rights of way network in your parish to accommodate future needs (for example increased population, increased use of public rights of way, major infrastructure projects)?

We aim to provide a public rights of way network that serves the needs of Warwickshire County residents. What do you think should be priorities for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan?

Would your Parish be interested in taking a more proactive role in relation to your local Rights of Way? (For example, through surveying the condition of paths, carrying out small scale works such as waymarking, or supporting a volunteer group).

Please select only one item

- Yes - interested to find out more
- Possibly - interested to find out more
- No
- Not sure / don't know

Do you have any additional comments which will help us to draft the Rights of Way Improvement Plan?

Thank you for completing this survey