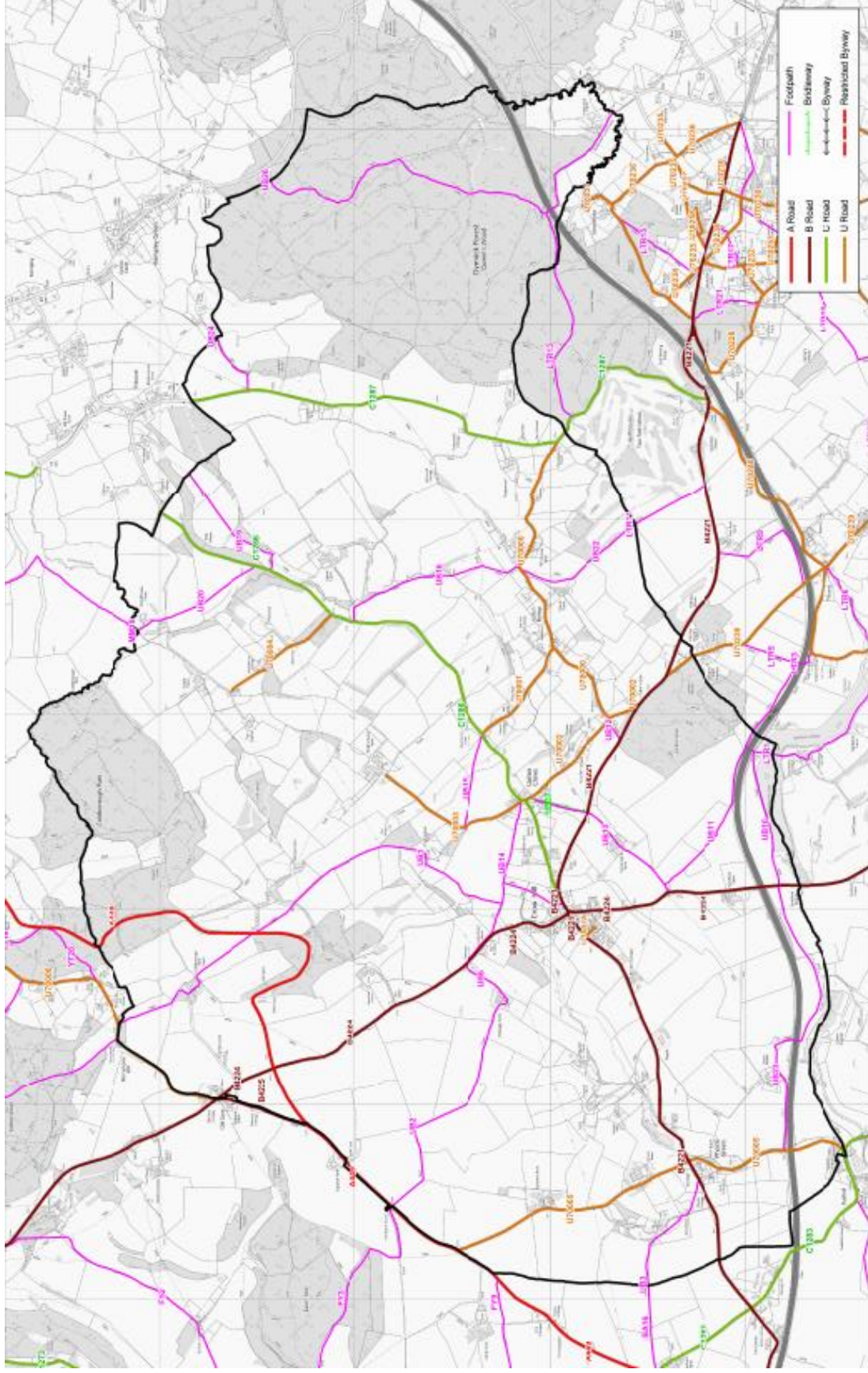


Parish of Upton Bishop

Baseline Survey Report on Parish Public Rights of Way



September 2019
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LOCATION PLAN -
UPON BISHOP
FROM HIGHWAYS

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NOTES

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Introduction

The report provides a baseline description of the condition of the footpaths in the parish of Upton Bishop, thereby allowing a maintenance plan to be drawn up and implemented taking into account the priorities, safety, resources and funding. Only Public Rights of Way (PROW), as defined in the Herefordshire Council (HC), are included in the report.

There are 17 listed footpaths and 1 bridleway in the parish, defined by their HC numbering system e.g. UB1, UB2 etc. To identify each stile, gate or significant feature a unique number has now been used in the report e.g. UB1/1, UB1/2 etc.

From March 2019 all Herefordshire Council P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) funding ceased. Regrettably a long term period of equipment renewal was not undertaken on the countdown to this date in order to reduce costs of repairing existing gates and stiles or to provide equipment for the Parish Footpaths Officer (PFO) and Parish Footpath Volunteers (PFV).

Conclusions

The survey focused on the 100 features at the crossing points of hedgerows, fences and walls. A breakdown of these items is listed below:

- Wooden stiles 48
- Signposts 29
- Steel & wooden gates 15
- Pedestrian bridges 2
- Pedestrian gaps 4
- Wooden steps runs 2

Many of the 100 features are overgrown and a more detailed examination and assessment of each feature will be undertaken alongside clearance of each feature. However a lot do appear to be old and in need of different degrees of repair or replacement to ensure reasonable access and safety for footpath users.

The following footpaths are considered to be impassable:

- UB3 overgrown and impassable at 8 to 9.
- UB12 Stile rotten and overgrown at 1.
- UB13 Overgrown and impassable between 1 and 2. Stile rotten and overgrown at 5,6 & 7. However Bridleway UB27 is generally used and runs parallel at these points, 5,6 & 7.
- UB22 Field gate at 1 locked and no stile on fence line at 4.

Clarification is required in the case of four footpaths where the alignment in places does not appear to be the same as the route shown on the Herefordshire Council PROW Definitive Map:

- UB1 7 to 8
- UB14 1 to 2
- UB19 1 to 2
- UB20 1 to 2

When renewing equipment, compliance with the British Standard 5709 (2006)2 is recommended. Regarding the type of equipment to be used the standard says that in the absence of explicitly identified counter reasons the following structures should be used in this order of preference: Gap - Gate - Kissing Gate - Stile.

HC/BBLP Prow Department has a commitment not to make access more restrictive i.e. replacing a gate with a stile.

Generally the walking conditions of the paths themselves is reasonable in most instances but not all. The condition of waymarks has not been recorded in detail in this report due to the large number of improvements required. Signposts are required at key locations such as access points from roads and waymarks are required throughout the routes.

Clearance and improving the stiles and gates etc is considered a priority over waymarks at this time. However, actions to waymark all routes would be valuable for walkers and would help to protect crops in some cases and ensure walkers do not stray in search of the correct Prow route. There are some sections of footpaths that would benefit from waymarking sooner if possible, particularly near buildings.

List of Footpaths as described by Herefordshire Council.

Reference	From	To
UB1	C.rd. 70 yds. E of Crow Hill Roads	C.rd. 130 yds. WSW of Perrystone Tower
UB2	C.rd at Burnt House	FP6 at Wobage Farm
UB3	C.rd. 130 yds. W of Phocle Green Cross Rds	P.bdy. 300 yds. W of Phocle Farm
UB6	C.rd. 500 yds. N of Crow Hill Cross Rds	FP2 at Wobage Farm
UB10	C.rd. 300 yds. S of Sandford Farm	P.bdy. 30 yds. N of Rudhall Brook
UB11	C.rd. 300 yds. N of Sandford Farm	P.bdy. 130 yds. SW of Lynders Wood
UB12	C.rd. 230 yds. WNW of Hilltop	C.rd. 200 yds. NW of Hill Top
UB13	FP11, 330 yds. of Sandford Farm	Upton Crews Cross Rds
UB14	C.rd. at Upton Crews Cross Rds	C.rd. 430 yds. NNW of Crow Hill Cross Rds
UB15	C.rd. 350 yds. NNW of Upton Crews Cross Roads	C.rd. at Upton School
UB16	C.rd. 140 yds. NW of Tanhouse	C.rd. 360 yds. WSW of Upton Court
UB19	C.bdy. 50 yds. SE of Yeld Wood	C.rd. 300 yds. N of Upton Court
UB20	C.rd. 400 yds. N of Upton Court	P.bdy. 70 yds. NW of Woodhouse Farm
UB22	C.rd. 120 yds. WNW of Tanhouse	P.bdy. 530 yds. SE of Marsh Farm
UB23	C.rd. 120 yds. N of Foxhall Mill	C.rd. 300 yds. S of Sandford Farm
UB24	C.rd. 380 yds. N of Daubies Farm	C.bdy. 200 yds. WSW of Moor House
UB26	C.bdy. 130 yds. SE of Swagwater Farm	C.bdy. 370 yds. S of Woodcocks Farm

Bridleway as described by Herefordshire Council








Reference	From	To
UB27	Street ID 23228753	








Grid References have been obtained using <https://gridreferencefinder.com/> and can be used to locate site locations.


Footpath distances are approximate and have been calculated using <https://www.google.co.uk/maps> measure distance tool.

Public Rights Of Way (Prow) Details

Footpath UB1




UB1		Moving N to NNW Distance;2.83km	C.rd. 70 yds. E of Crow Hill Roads	C.rd 310 yds WSW Perrystone Towers	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB1/1	Steps, leading into hedge lined path	Reasonable Maintain path-way Clear fingerpost	Maintain hedge to allow access Clear signpost	SO 64033 26944	
UB1/2	Wooden Stile	Reasonable Stile overgrown, hedge growing over	Clear vegetation	SO 64025 26961	
	Footpath fenced off from field with stock fence and barbed wire	Poor Path overgrown with nettles	Clear vegetation	SO 64038 26981	
UB1/3	Wooden Stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear Vegetation	SO 64106 27118	
UB1/4	Wooden Stile	Good	None at Present	SO 64114 27175	
UB1/5	Wooden Stile	Reasonable Overgrown with nettles and tree branches	Clear Vegetation	SO 64140 27235	
UB1/6	Wooden Style	Reasonable. Stile & approach overgrown. Difficult to locate as overgrown with	Clear Vegetation	SO 64194 27547	

		branches.			
UB1/7	Wooden Stile	Good	None at present	SO 64220 27619	
UB1/8	Wooden Stile	Good	None at present	SO 64315 27879	
UB1/9	Double wooden gates	Good	None at present	SO 64205 28106	
UB1/10	Double wooden gates	Good	None at present	SO 64044 28306	
UB1/11	Wooden Stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 63891 28489	
UB1/12	Wooden signpost junction with A449 with steps leading to UB1/12	Reasonable Overgrown, steps to be cleared.	Clear vegetation	SO 63891 28489	
UB1/13	Wooden Stile. Signpost	Poor Steps and stile overgrown Signpost fallen down, rotted	Clear vegetation Replace signpost	SO 63876 28522	
UB1/14	Gate post with waymarker. Path going across corn field	Reasonable	Replace way-marker	SO 63536 28935	

UB1/15	No signpost	Poor No Signpost Difficult to identify footpath location.	Install signpost	SO 63372 29207	
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Note; UB1, UB14, UB6 and UB2 form part of the Herefordshire Trail.







Footpath UB2



UB2	Moving S to SE Distance; 1.3km	C.rd at Burnt House		FP6 at Wobage Farm	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
	UB6 leads into UB2 within Wobage Farm complex	Waymarkers poor	Install new waymarkers	SO 63515 27250	
	Footpath along old track way	Hedges recently trimmed	Maintaining access as hedges grow back	SO 63328 27322	
UB2/1	Metal gates - on A449 Gates tied together , not locked.	Reasonable No stile or signpost	Ensure gates remain unlocked or replace with 2in1 gate. Install signpost	SO 62479 27810	

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Footpath UB3

UB3	Moving W to NW Distance; 665m	C.rd. 130 yds. W of Phocle Green Cross Rds		P.bdy. 300 yds. W of Phocle Farm	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB3/1	Wooden Stile & Signpost	Good	None at present	SO 62612 26245	






UB3/2	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 62548 26256	
UB3/3	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Signpost overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 62449 26261	
UB3/4	Signpost and open gateway	Reasonable Signpost overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 62548 26255	
UB3/5	Metal Gate Gate not locked	Reasonable Waymarker required to assist with clarity of route	Install waymarker	SO 62308 26442	
UB3/6	Wooden stile	Reasonable Footpath leading to UB3/7	None at present	SO 62295 26472	
	Footpath between UB3/6 and UB6/7		Improve waymarking		
UB3/7	Wooden gate	Poor Gate broken and overgrown. Way markers required	Clear vegetation Gate needs replacement or pedestrian gap	SO 62271 26492	
	Footpath running alongside hedge-row	Poor Footpath overgrown to UB3/8	Crop and hedge-row overgrowing footpath		

UB3/8	Pedestrian Gap	Poor footpath completely overgrown between UB3/8 and 9	Clear vegetation	SO 62112 26499	
UB3/9	Wooden stile	Poor Footpath completely overgrown from UB3/8	Clear vegetation	SO 62070 26495	
Note; UB3 at Parish Boundary joins Brampton Abbots footpath BA16					

Footpath UB6


UB6	Moving SE to NW Distance; 550m	C.rd. 500 yds. N of Crow Hill Cross Rds		FP2 at Wobage Farm	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB6/1	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 63877 27299	
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UB6/2	Wooden stile & wooden step supports. Hazardous steep bank leading down onto B4224	Poor Overgrown, steps on bank re cutting No signpost	Clear vegetation Re cut steps Install signpost	SO 63877 27299	
	UB6 joins into UB2			SO 63515 27250	
Note; UB1, UB14, UB6 and UB2 form part of the Herefordshire Trail.					









Footpath UB10




UB10		Moving W to E Distance; 777m	C.rd. 300 yds. S of Sandford Farm		P.bdy. 30 yds. N of Rudhall Brook	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph	
UB10/1	Metal gate	Good Accessible, gate unlocked. Signpost opposite at UB23	None at present	SO 64128 25830		
UB10/2	Wooden stile	Reasonable	Clear vegetation	SO 64266 25859		
	Footpath along-side Drummonds Dub	Good	None at present			
UB10/4	M50 underpass Leading to UB11	Good	None at present	SO 64808 25953		
	Footpath between lakes towards LTR1 & Rudhall Brook. Parish Boundary		None at present	SO 64794 25855		

Note UB10 joins into Linton footpath LTR1



Footpath UB11

UB11		Moving WNW to ESE Distance; 975m	C.rd. 300 yds. N of Sandford Farm		P.bdy. 130 yds. SW of Lynders Wood	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph	
UB11/1	Pedestrian access next to gateway.	Good No Signpost	Install signpost	SO 64099 26399		

UB11/2	Wooden Stile	Reasonable Becoming overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64130 26410	
UB11/3	Wooden Stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64205 26319	
	Footpath across planted field	Good	None at present	SO 64228 26289	
UB11/5	Double wooden stile and steps	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64288 26225	
		Reasonable	Clear vegetation		
	Footpath across planted field - sprayed	Good	None at present	SO 64317 26206	
UB11/7	Wooden stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64523 26076	
UB11/8	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 64508 26084	








UB11/9	M50 underpass Leading to UB10 & Drummond's Dub	Good	None at present	SO 64816 25968	
UB11/10	Metal gate with pedestrian gap on left hand side	Good	None at present	SO 64850 25985	
	Footpath continues alongside M50 and joins into LTR3	Good	None at present	SO 64921 25946	
Note;UB11 continues and joins into LTR3					

Footpath UB12

UB12 No	Moving SW to NE Distance; 106m	C.rd. 230 yds. WNW of Hilltop	C.rd. 200 yds. NW of Hill Top		
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB12/1	Wooden stile & signpost	Poor Overgrown and not accessible. Stile rotten and needs replacement.	Clear vegetation New stile & sign post Vegetation cleared roadside	SO 64875 26639	
UB12/2	Wooden stile & signpost	Poor Rotten wooden post on stile cross step	Cross step posts need replacement.	SO 64952 26714	


Footpath UB13









UB13	Moving SSW to NNE Distance; 860m	FP11, 330 yds. of Sandford Farm	Upton Crews Cross Rds
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No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB11/1 Note UB11/1 leads into UB13	Pedestrian access next to gateway.	Reasonable Clear vegetation No signpost	Install signpost	SO 64099 26399	
UB13/1	Wooden gate	Reasonable Overgrown restricting gate movement	Clear vegetation	SO 64218 26477	
UB13/1 to UB13/2	Footpath separated from field by electric fence	Poor Pinch points created by electric fence	Clear vegetation Widen path at pinch points to avoid electric fence on one side and barbed on the other.	SO 64233 26497	
UB13/1 to UB13/2	Footpath	Poor Overgrown with nettles and impassable	Clear vegetation	SO 64243 26517	
UB13/1 to UB13/2				SO 64290 26588	
UB13/2	Wooden stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64307 26619	
UB13/3	Pedestrian wooden & field gate	Good Main gate normally open providing access, pedestrian gate over grown	Clear vegetation	SO 64490 26797	

UB13/4	Signposts	Good	Keep vegetation clear	SO 64499 26811	
UB13/5	Wooden stile	Poor	Clear vegetation	SO 64495 26811	
UB13/6	Wooden stile	Poor Stile rotten	Clear vegetation	SO 64543 26993	
UB13/7	Wooden stile	Poor Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64555 27041	
UB13/8	Metal pedestrian gate	Good	None at present	SO 64563 27073	
UB13/9	Signpost - bridleway	Good	None at present	SO 64572 27093	

Footpath UB14






UB14	Moving ESE to WNW Distance; 684m	C.rd. at Upton Crews Cross Rds	C.rd. 430 yds. NNW of Crow Hill Cross Rds		
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB14/1	Signpost	Good	None at present	SO 64531 27176	

				SO 64520 27153	
UB14/2	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 64459 27168	
UB14/3	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 64459 27168	
UB14/4	Wooden gate	Good	None at present	SO 64140 27240	
UB14/5	Wooden stile Approach from Upton Crews	Poor Access overgrown with nettles	Clear vegetation	SO 64029 27247	
UB14/5	Wooden stile Approach from Crow Hill	Good		SO 64029 27247	
UB14/6	Wooden foot- bridge - railway sleepers	Poor Overgrown, gaps between sleepers and wood rotting	Clear vegetation and review bridge condition	SO 63944 27286	
UB14/7	Metal gate & Signpost	Reasonable Gate not locked and accessible Footpath sign missing off post	Replace sign / signpost	SO 63880 27296	


UB14 joins into UB6 and then UB2



Note; UB1, UB14, UB6 and UB2 form part of the Herefordshire Trail.

Footpath UB15





UB15		Moving WNW to ESE Distance; 465m		C.rd. 350 yds. NNW of Upton Crews Cross Roads		C.rd. at Upton School	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph		
UB15/1	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64428 27439			
	Crop field	No clear access across field as per route but good permissive headland foot-path all around field perimeter		SO 64433 27441			
UB15/2	Wooden stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64708 27382			
UB15/3	Wooden stile x 2	Good	Consider improving covering over barbed wire	SO 64747 27375			
UB15/4	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 64882 27342			

Footpath UB16

UB16		Moving SSE to NNW Distance; 990m		C.rd. 140 yds. NW of Tanhouse		C.rd. 360 yds. WSW of Upton Court	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph		
UB16/1	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 65755 27169			

UB16/2	Wooden stile	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 65757 27343	
UB16/3	Signpost	Good	None at present	SO 65477 27998	





Footpath UB19

UB19	Moving SW to NE Distance 680m	C.bdy. 50 yds. SE of Yeld Wood		C.rd. 300 yds. N of Upton Court	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB19/1	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 65740 28445	
UB19/2	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 65872 28676	
UB19/3	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 66103 28775	
	Footpath leading to Parish Boundary & Fishpool			SO 66196 28812	



Note UB19 at Parish Boundary joins Gloucestershire, Kempley footpath GKE42









Footpath UB20

UB20	Moving SE to NW Distance; 730m	C.rd. 400 yds. N of Upton Court		P.bdy. 70 yds. NW of Woodhouse Farm	
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph


UB20/1	Metal gate & wooden signpost Gate open & accessible on visits	Good	None at present	SO 65757 28510	
UB20/2	Wooden stile	Good	None at present	SO 65518 28781	
UB20/3	Metal gates & footbridge over Kempley Brook	Poor Gates completely overgrown and not accessible	Clear vegetation Liased with land owner. 01.07.19	SO 65417 29114	
Parish boundary on footbridge	Metal gates & footbridge	Good	Owner cleared vegetation covering gates and footbridge 21.08.19	SO 65417 29114	
Note; UB20 at Parish Boundary joins Much Marcle footpath MM19 providing access to Much Marcle ridge walks					

Footpath UB22







UB22	Moving SSE to NNW Distance;692m	C.rd. 120 yds. WNW of Tan-house	P.bdy. 530 yds. SE of Marsh Farm		
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB22/1	Signpost	Good	None at present	SO 65741 27149	
UB22/2	Metal gate	Poor Metal gate locked No stile	Identify land-owner Install stile	SO 65730 27139	


		Gated locked with chain & combination padlock		SO 65730 27139	
	Footpath & way marker on post between UB22/2 & UB22/3			SO 65733 27130	
UB22/3	Wooden gate	Poor Overgrown with access difficult from both direction	Clear vegetation	SO 65691 27041	
UB22/4	Previous wooden stile ? Now missing and post and rail fence	Poor Waymarkers on fence post & tree indicate route and likely stile.	Identify land-owner Install stile	SO 65689 26922	
		Relatively new fence around storage/parking area but no stile.		SO 65689 26922	
UB22/5	Signpost	Good Indicating route through storage / parking area	None at present	SO 65696 26880	
UB22/6	Wooden stile	Reasonable	Clear vegetation	SO 65783 26795	
Parish Boundary	Parish Boundary at tree & hedge line			SO 65959 26556	

Note; UB22 at Parish Boundary joins Linton footpath LTR11 and continues to B4221




LTR11 at junction B4221	Wooden stile & signpost	Good Footpath leading to UB22		SO 66169 26206	
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Footpath UB23

UB23	Moving E to W Distance; 1.57km	C.rd. 120 yds. N of Foxhall Mill	C.rd. 300 yds. S of Sandford Farm		
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB23/1	Signpost	Reasonable Overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 62766 25802	
UB23/2	Electrically operated gates	Reasonable Gates do operate but could appear restrictive	Improved signage	SO 63279 25838	
			Consider signage through garden to UB23/3		
UB23/3	Wooden gate	Good	None at present	SO 63330 25799	
UB23/4	Wooden stile	Poor Overgrown - stile inaccessible	Clear vegetation	SO 63335 25706	
UB23/5	Wooden stile	Reasonable	Clear vegetation	SO 63760 25695	


UB23/6	Wooden stile & signpost	Reasonable Overgrown. signpost finger missing	Clear vegetation Install new signpost/sign	SO 64120 25828	
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Footpath UB24

UB24	Moving SW to NE Distance; 338m	C.rd. 380 yds. N of Daubies Farm	C.bdy. 200 yds. WSW of Moor House		
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB24/1	Signpost	Reasonable Signpost overgrown	Clear vegetation	SO 66666 28546	
	Junction C1287 - footpath/ driveway leading to Moor House Gloucestershire Kempley footpath GKE36				
	Footpath continues to County Boundary with Gloucestershire				


Note; UB24 at Parish Boundary joins Gloucestershire / Kempley footpath GKE36

Footpath UB26

UB26	Moving SE to NW Distance; 2.38km	C.bdy. 130 yds. SE of Swagwater Farm	C.bdy. 370 yds. S of Woodcocks Farm		
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
	Signpost at junction Swagwater Lane junction Ivy House Lane, Gloucestershire	Good Signpost indicating Bridleway, Gorsley & Kilcot footpath GJK2	Gloucestershire	SO 68158 26556	

UB26/1	County Boundary Swagwater Lane junction entrance Haywood Farm campsite entrance	Poor No Signpost	Install signpost	SO 68076 26679	
	Numerous footpath Waymarkers leading to County Boundary approx 75m from Queens Wood Dymock Carpark	Good	None at present	SO 67922 26774	
Note; UB26 joins into Gloucestershire Kempley footpath GKE43					
	Signpost	Good	None at present - Gloucestershire	SO 67809 28446	

Bridleway UB27

UB27	Moving Distance; 302m	Street ID 23228753			
No	Feature	Condition	Action	Grid Ref	Photograph
UB27/1	Signposts	Good Overgrown	Maintain access - clear vegetation	SO 64499 26811	
UB27/2	Signpost	Good	None at present	SO 64572 27093	