



Here in Whitchurch we are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful open countryside and many public rights of way. So what is a **Public Right of Way**?

Public Rights of Way are access routes that you have a legal right to use and are used mainly when visiting the countryside and other open spaces. How a Public Right of way can be used depends on its classification.

Footpaths can be used by walkers.

Bridleways can be used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Restricted Byways can be used for the same activities as bridleways and also non motorised vehicles such as horse drawn carriages.

Byways Open To All Traffic are mainly used for the same activities as restricted byways but can also be used by mechanically propelled vehicles such as motorbikes.

Remember To Always Follow The Countryside Code

Respecting Others Property – Being a Good Visitor

Your use and enjoyment of the countryside should always be considerate. You must not cause damage to the countryside, or the wildlife it supports.

Remember

The countryside is a place where many people live and work. These people also have rights which the law protects, and which you should respect.

Dogs

Do not let your dog foul on the Right of Way / farmland or any place that the public may use. It is common sense to watch your dog carefully on a bridleway, or byway, where you might meet horses. Dogs should always be kept on a lead when crossing farmland with animals grazing.

Below Is The Code For Walkers

- Keep to public paths on farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross hedges, walls & fences.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep all dogs under close control.
- Guard against all risk of fire.
- Take your litter home.



**Rights of Way in our area are managed by:
Hampshire County Council**

North Area Access Team: Tel: 01256 347075 Report a Problem: <https://row.hants.gov.uk>

Whitchurch Town Council

Footpaths Officer Tel: 01256 892107

