

Report on Bradninch Public Footpaths, By-Ways and Bridleways Sept 2025



FP1 - Kensham Avenue to Parsonage Street
2010 metres



No signage at either end of footpath
Gate across footpath is padlocked.

Action required - Install signage and remove padlock.

FP1 Addendum – Weaver Bridge to Garlandhayes Farm
800 metres



The path is well signposted with finger boards at each end and intersections. The path runs across the middle of fields which are currently fully planted with maize crop. It is possible to walk through the crop on the line of the path, or to navigate more easily round the boundary of the field.

No action required.

FP1a - Kensham Avenue, Park Farm, alongside railway line to Hele
1370 metres



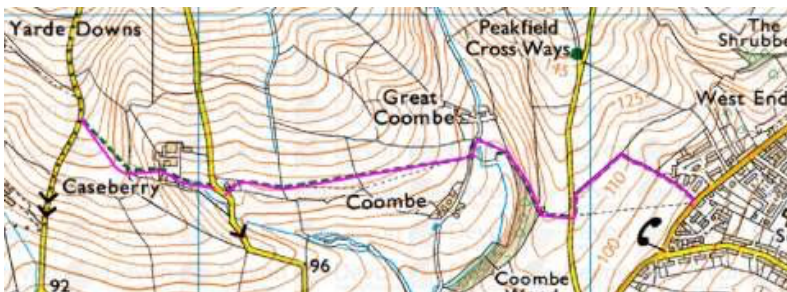
No action required

FP3 - Hele Road, Charwell Lane to Cemetery Lane to Millway
350 metres



Nothing to report.
No action required.

FP4 - West End Road to Casebury
1920 metres



Only point to note was the entrance above Lower Coombe Farm – steps overgrown with Nettle/Brambles
No action required

FP5 - Hen Street to Back Lane
820 metres



No action required

FP6 - Hen Street to Beacon Hill
420 metres



Footpath and steps generally in good condition, however gate at top of steps at Hen Street end does not engage and needs fixing.

FP7 - Culver Close
370 metres



No action required

BW8 – Russel Park Lane - Bradninch Common to Colebrook
470 metres



Surface of track is being eroded to form gully making bridleway unsuitable for walkers or riders. A 10m section of the track is very boggy and cannot be walked without getting wet feet.

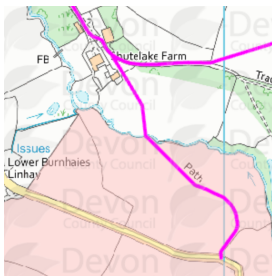
Action required to surface of lane and drainage measures.

FP11 – Wishays Farm, Trinity
230m



No action required

FP12 – Shutelake, near Butterleigh
250 metres



Sign post, at southern end, is difficult to read as it has been bleached by the sun and suggest it needs replacing.

Action required – replace footpath sign

BW13 – Back Street

80 metres

No action required

FP14 – Westbeare Lane, Hele Road Allotments to Kensham Avenue

740 metres



No action required

FP15 – Hele Paper Mill to Exeter Road, alongside Hele Payne Farm

440 metres



All clear and signposted.

No action required

FP16 - Hele Road to Dukes Orchard

110 metres



Nothing to report

No action required

FP18 - Back Street

80 metres



No action required

Strawberry Lane – Parsonage Street to Cullompton Hill , above Trinity Cross

925 metres



At the Parsonage Street end of the track the signpost is either broken or loose in the ground and is about to fail.

Action required – repair sign post.

Cranishaies Lane – Parsonage Street to Highdown Farm
725 metres



Lane in very good condition

No action required

Singleton's Lane – Back Lane to Beacon Hill
510 metres



Lane showing some signs of erosion with small gully forming in lane.
No signage at either end of lane.

No action required.

Fordishaies Lane – Week Cross to Bagmore Hill, Trinity
900 metres



Erosion has and is forming deep gullies along the northern 750m of this lane making it very difficult to walk or ride along. Hedges have not been cut this year making the lane just one person wide.

There is no signage at either end of this lane.

Hedge trimming and significant drainage and surfacing works are required to make this lane easily useable, the majority, which is not used by the farmer, has minimal use.

Wishays Farm Lane
650 metres



'Unsuitable for motors' signs at both ends of track are broken and are not significantly visible to deter delivery vehicles from using this lane, which has very deep ruts in places making it unsuitable for motors! However, it is okay for walkers and riders and is very well used.

Action required - Reinstate signs at both ends of lane