



**Local Countryside Access Forum  
Tuesday 22 February 2005, 7.00 pm**

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(ITEM 3)

**BRACKNELL FOREST LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM  
4 OCTOBER 2004  
(7.00 pm – 8.00 pm)**

Present: Diana Pidgeon (Chairman)  
Celia Blay  
Cllr Anne Haydon  
Chris Gardner  
Mike Gates  
Peter Radband  
Stuart Tarrant (Vice Chairman)  
Caroline Tomalin

In attendance: James Dymond, Countryside Research Assistant  
Helen Tranter, Head of Culture & Visual Environment  
Heather White, Countryside & Rights of Way Officer

Apologies for absence were received from:

Taharah Azam  
Robert Bonney  
Michael Dyer  
Cllr Iain McCracken  
Mark Osman  
Derick Stickler  
Simon Weeks

**30. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all members of the Forum to the meeting.

**31. Mr Mick Hutson**

The Chairman sadly announced the death of Mick Hutson from Friends of the Earth, who would be dearly missed.

**32. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum held on 10 March 2004 were approved as a correct record.

**33. Watersplash Lane (Item 5)**

The Members of the Forum were updated on Watersplash Lane, Warfield. The ford was currently inaccessible and required significant engineering works to resolve the problems. The work would require raising the riverbed and grading back the road. Proposals to carry out the works were presently being considered by the Environment Agency, who would hopefully approve the plans and allow the work to commence in the current financial year.

34. **Syngenta Bridleway (Item 6)**

This project was now at the planning permission stage. A warning had been issued by the agricultural research station that state boundaries would need to be secured. Following a series of meetings, a best way forward had been negotiated. This would require the research station to create a right of way (bridleway), which would be 3m in width with the relevant hedging and pedestrian points included.

35. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) (Item 7)**

A project plan outlining tasks and timescales was circulated. Members of the Forum were advised that work on the ROWIP had now commenced and that over the next few months local consultation would be a major priority.

Information and feedback would be gathered from surveys and questionnaires, which would be copied and distributed to various public venues. The intention was to assess and collate the results by mid-end December. It was hoped that evaluation of provision would be carried out by March 2005 with a plan of action being decided upon by September 2005.

Members of the Forum provided some initial feedback on the questions listed in the survey. It was suggested that:

Question 2 – the survey should begin with the inclusion of a definition on the differences between footpaths and bridleways.

Question 4 – The survey should differentiate between motor cycles and motorised vehicles.

Question 5 – dog walking be included as a reason for use of public rights of way.

It was agreed that an audit on the Rights of Way be carried out to compare against the results of the survey. This would be further reported upon at the next meeting of the Forum.

It was further agreed that the next meeting of the Forum would be brought forward to take place in February.

36. **CROW Access Land/Trespass (Item 4)**

It was reported that 8 regions within England had already had their conclusive maps completed. Those within the South East and Cumbria had now become statutes, and on 14 December Bracknell Forest's map would also be included.

37. **Items for Next Meeting Agenda (Item 8)**

1. Rights of Way
2. Police response to crime – police to attend
3. Updates on projects

38. **Any Other Business (Item 9)**

It was highlighted that a letter had been received from Alun Michael (MP) from the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). The letter expressed appreciation for the level of commitment and dedication demonstrated by Forum Members over the last 12 months. The letter also provided information on DEFRA's work over the coming months, and welcomed further ideas and suggestions on improving and developing the role of local access forums.

39 The new Leisure Cycling and Mountain Biking leaflet was circulated.

40. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

**CHAIRMAN**

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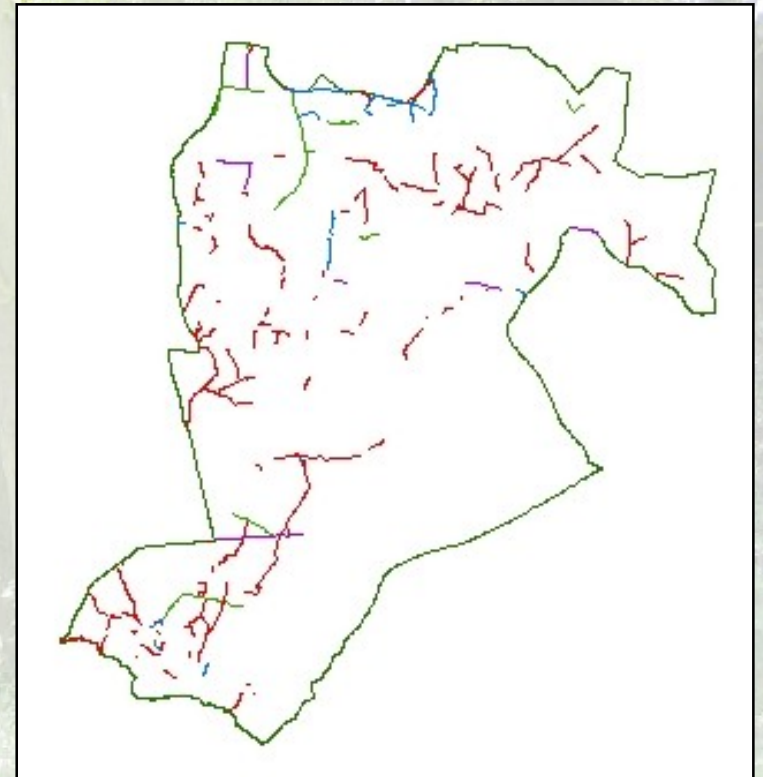
# Bracknell Forest Rights of Way Improvement Plan

*Consultation and Network Analysis – Initial Results*



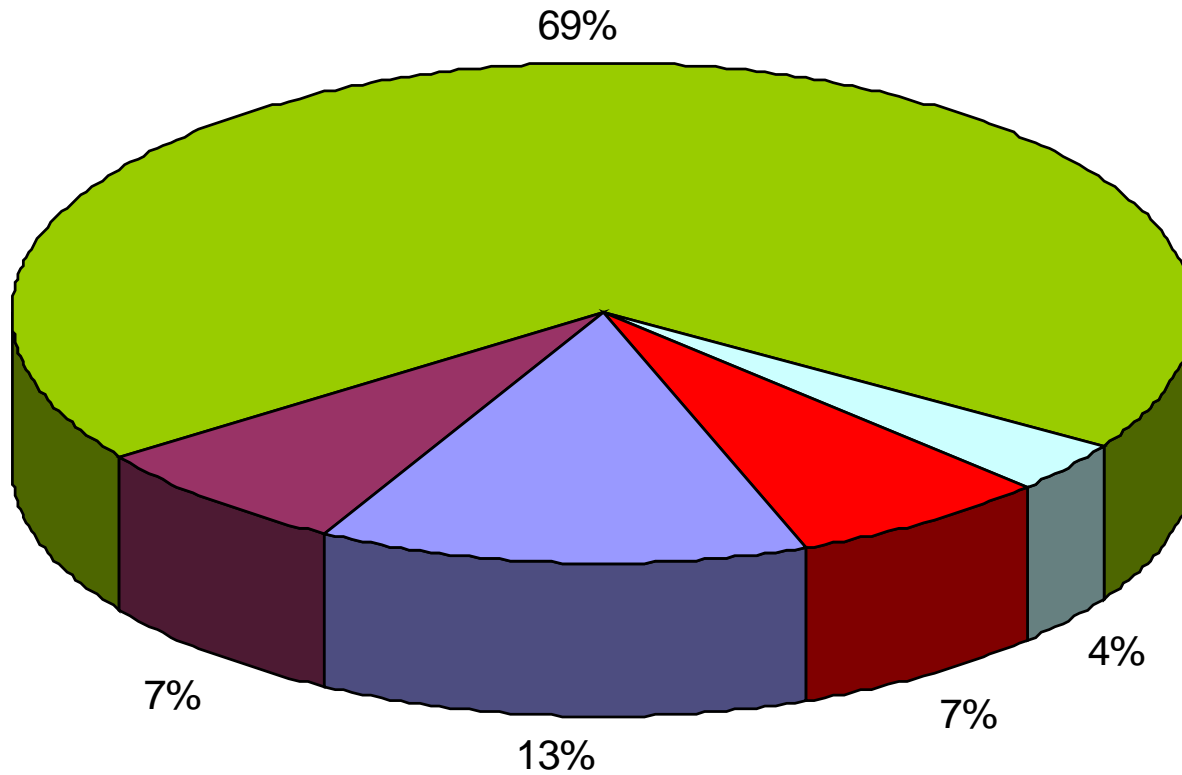
# 1. Network Evaluation

Bridleways	10.22 km
Byways (open to vehicles)	5.67 km
Footpaths	52.55 km
RUPPs (open to vehicles)	2.74 km
Byways & RUPPS (not open to vehicles)	5.43 km
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.62 km</b>



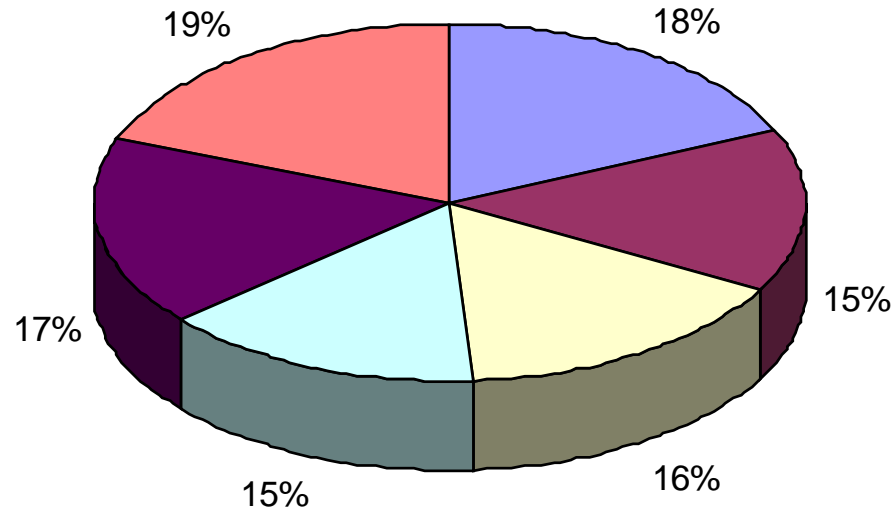


## Bracknell Forest public rights of way by type



■ Bridleway ■ Byway ■ Footpath ■ RUPP ■ Byway or RUPP with TRO

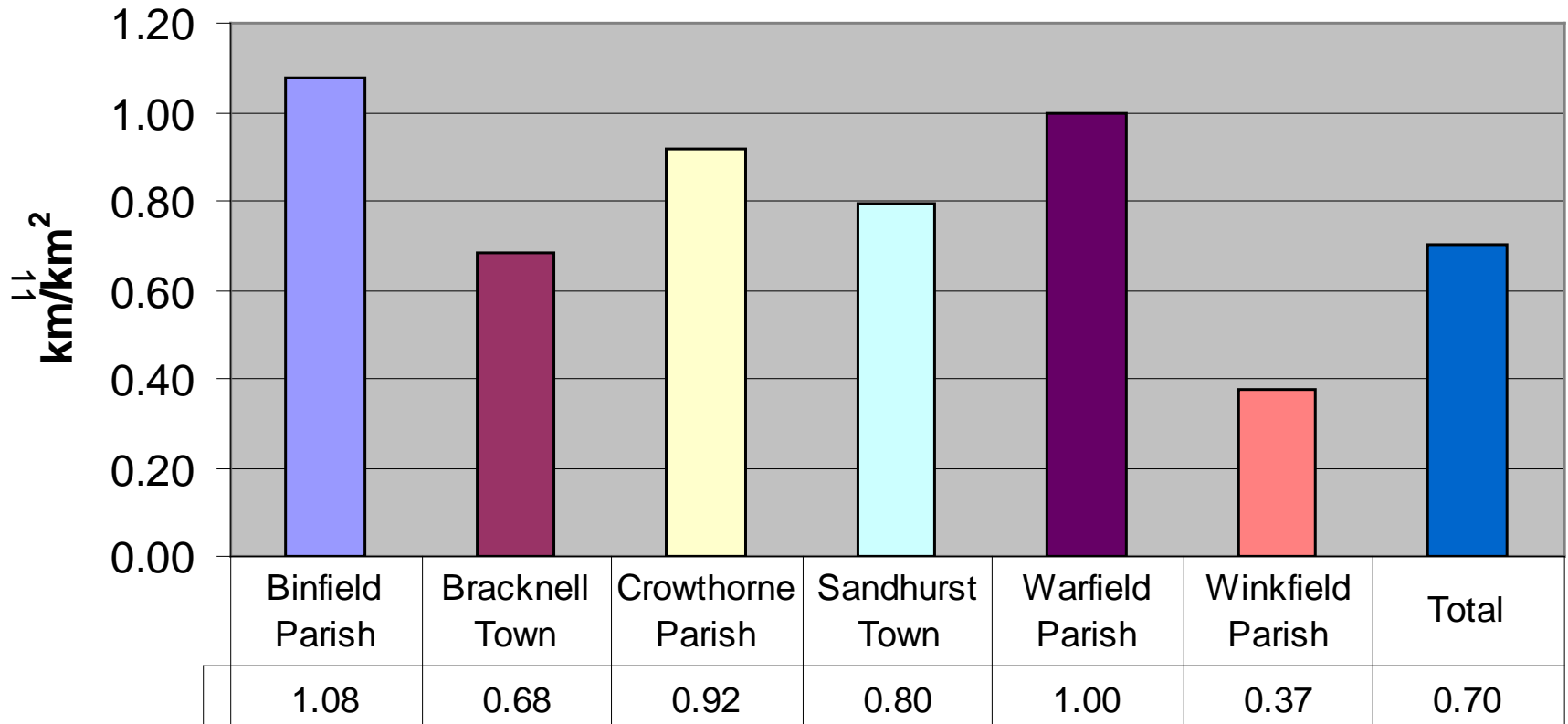
## Bracknell Forest public rights of way by parish



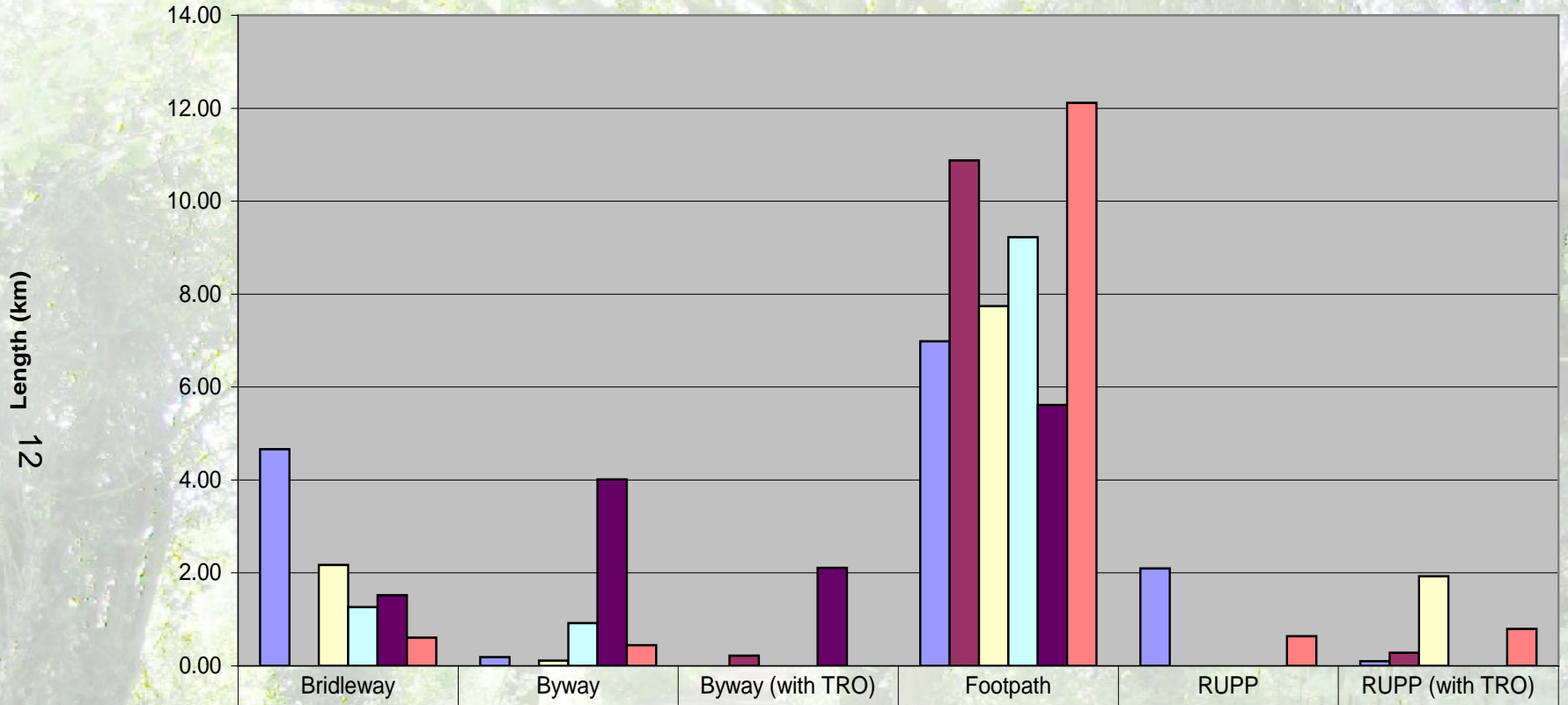
■ BINFIELD 
 ■ BRACKNELL 
 ■ CROWTHORNE 
 ■ SANDHURST 
 ■ WARFIELD 
 ■ WINKFIELD

Binfield	14.04km
Bracknell	11.37km
Crowthorne	11.95km
Sandhurst	11.41km
Warfield	13.25km
Winkfield	14.6km
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76.62km</b>

## Density of public rights of way in Bracknell Forest

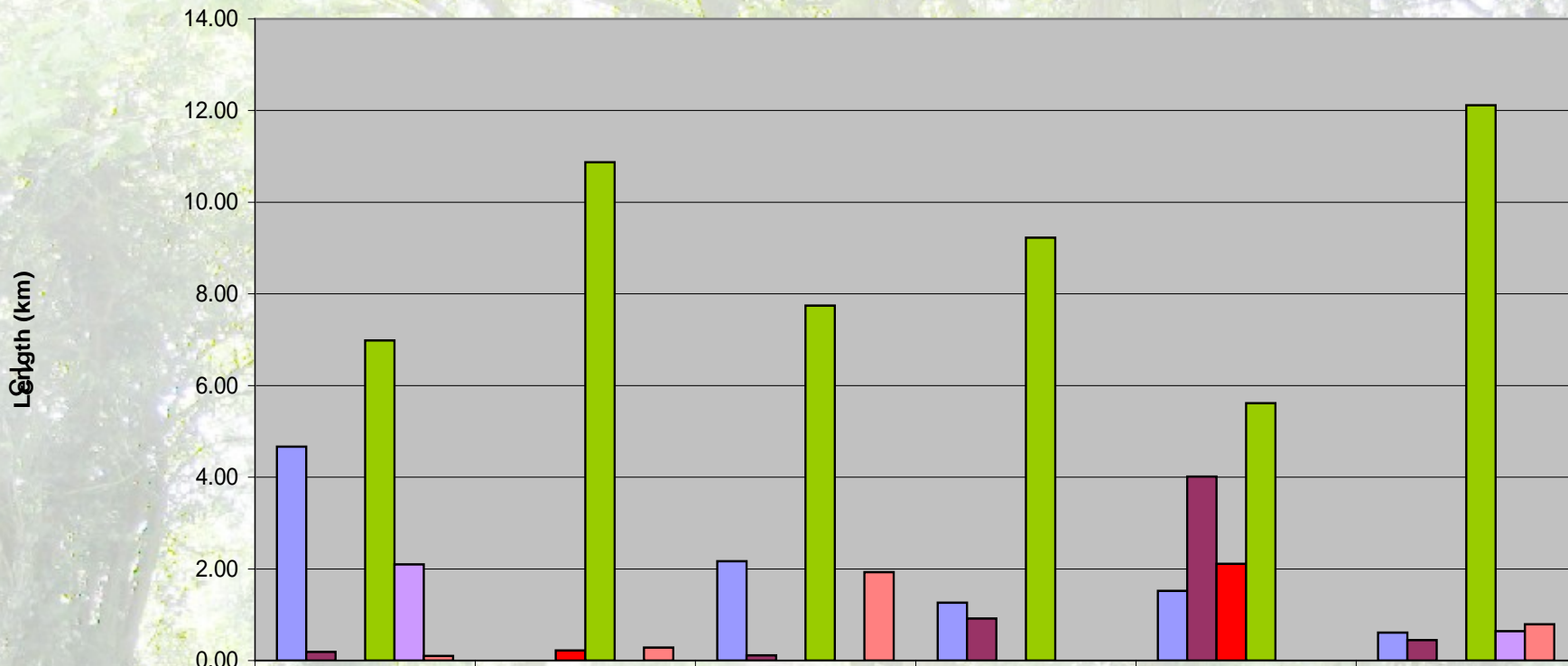


### Public rights of way by type and parish



	Bridleway	Byway	Byway (with TRO)	Footpath	RUPP	RUPP (with TRO)
<span style="color: blue;">■</span> BINFIELD	4.66	0.19	0.00	6.98	2.10	0.10
<span style="color: maroon;">■</span> BRACKNELL	0.00	0.00	0.22	10.87	0.00	0.28
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> CROWTHORNE	2.17	0.11	0.00	7.74	0.00	1.93
<span style="color: cyan;">■</span> SANDHURST	1.27	0.92	0.00	9.22	0.00	0.00
<span style="color: purple;">■</span> WARFIELD	1.52	4.01	2.11	5.61	0.00	0.00
<span style="color: red;">■</span> WINKFIELD	0.61	0.45	0.00	12.12	0.64	0.79

### Public rights of way by type and parish



	BINFIELD	BRACKNELL	CROWTHORNE	SANDHURST	WARFIELD	WINKFIELD
Bridleway	4.66	0.00	2.17	1.27	1.52	0.61
Byway	0.19	0.00	0.11	0.92	4.01	0.45
Byway (with TRO)	0.00	0.22	0.00	0.00	2.11	0.00
Footpath	6.98	10.87	7.74	9.22	5.61	12.12
RUPP	2.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.64
RUPP (with TRO)	0.10	0.28	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.79

- Analysis of network (e.g. quality) also undertaken:
  - Survey & photos of each right of way
  - List of ‘furniture’, obstacles, condition etc

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Crowthorne FP17

Report date \_\_\_\_\_

### RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN AUDIT FORM

*Path*

Parish	Sandhurst
Status	BR
No.	20
Name	
Start/Finish	Crowthorne BR9 to South Road
Length	310m
Maintenance Contract	
Volunteer Inspector	Joan Feather
General Description	Part of main bridleway across Wildmoor Heath
Surface	Unsurfaced
Comments on surface	Firm & generally good condition

*Furniture*

Signs & Waymarks	Sign at South Road Sign at footbridge
Stiles Step-over Ramblers Squeeze	
Gates Kissing 2 way Standard	At footbridge
Bridges Sleeper Built	Concrete footbridge over stream
Barriers Pedestrian Vehicle	
Recent Work	
Other Comments	

# 2. Consultation

- Questionnaire distributed via website, press, clubs & organisations, parish & town councils, libraries.
- 161 responses received

**What is a 'public right of way'?**  
Footpath – for use on foot only  
Bridleway – for use on foot, on horseback or by bicycle  
Byway – for use by all users, including motorised vehicles

Bracknell Forest Rights of Way Improvement Plan  
Survey

1. Where do you live?  
 Outside Bracknell Forest borough     In Bracknell Forest borough  
 Blitheid     Crowthorne     Bracknell  
 Winkfield     Sandhurst     Winkfield

2. Do you use countryside footpaths, bridleways & byways (public rights of way) in Bracknell Forest borough?  
 Yes (go to Q.3)     No (go to Q.7D)

3. How often do you use public rights of way in the borough?  
 Once a day     Once a week  
 Once a month     Less than once a month

4. What is the main way that you use public rights of way?  
 On foot     By bicycle  
 On horseback     By motorcycle  
 By motorised vehicle     Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

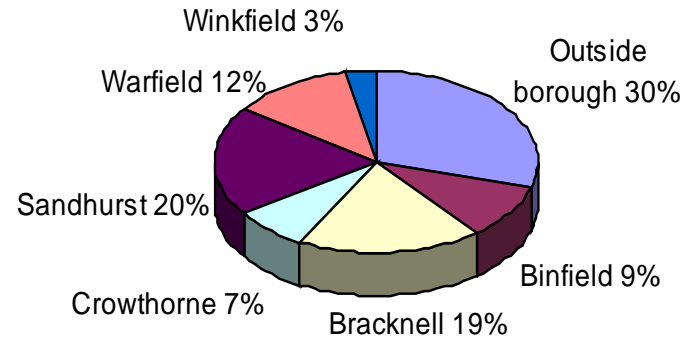
5. What is your main reason for using public rights of way?  
 Leisure & recreation (e.g. country walks or rides)  
 Dog walking  
 Getting around (e.g. to shops or to work)  
 Access to some facility  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

6. Where in the borough do you mainly use public rights of way?  
 Blitheid     Bracknell  
 Crowthorne     Sandhurst  
 Winkfield     Winkfield

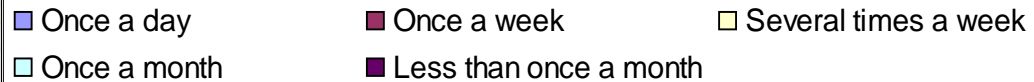
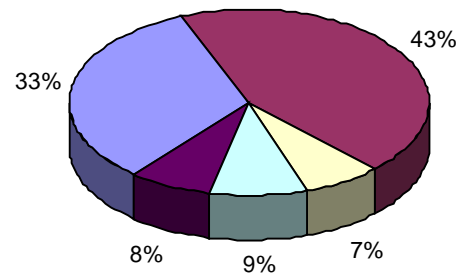
7. Why do you choose to use these public rights of way most?  
 Near to home     Favorite area / routes  
 Easy to get to     Quality of paths  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

8. How do you rate the overall physical condition of these paths?  
 Excellent     Good     Average  
 Poor     Very poor

## Where do Bracknell Forest Rights of Way Users Live

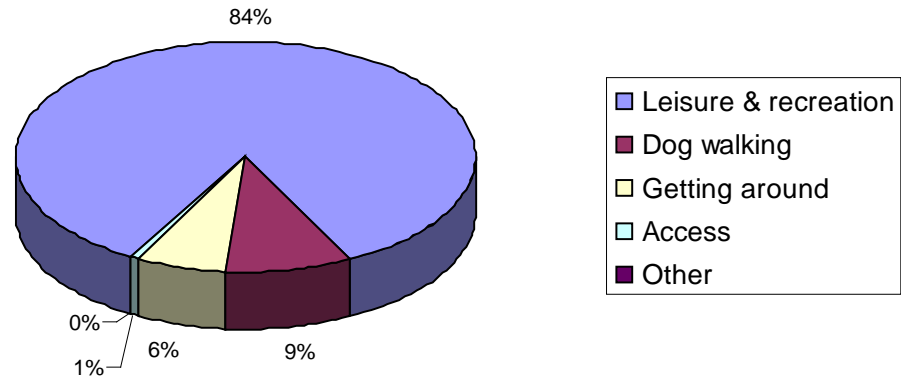


## How Often Do People Use Bracknell Forest Public Rights of Way

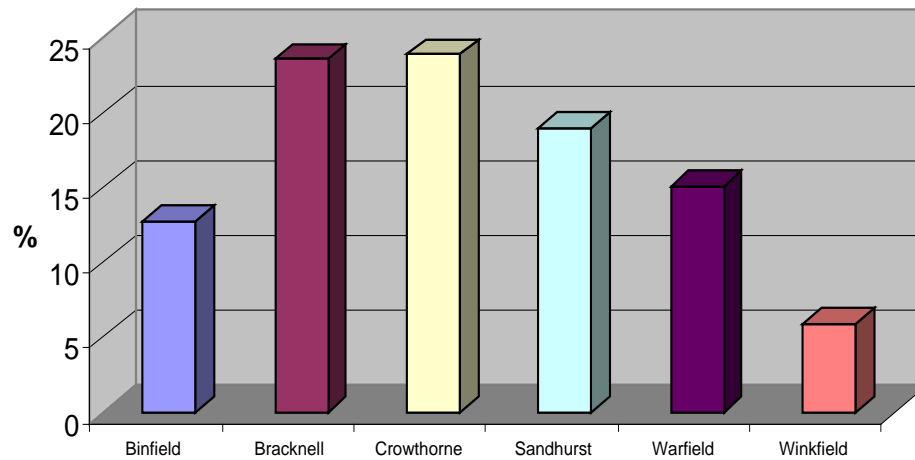




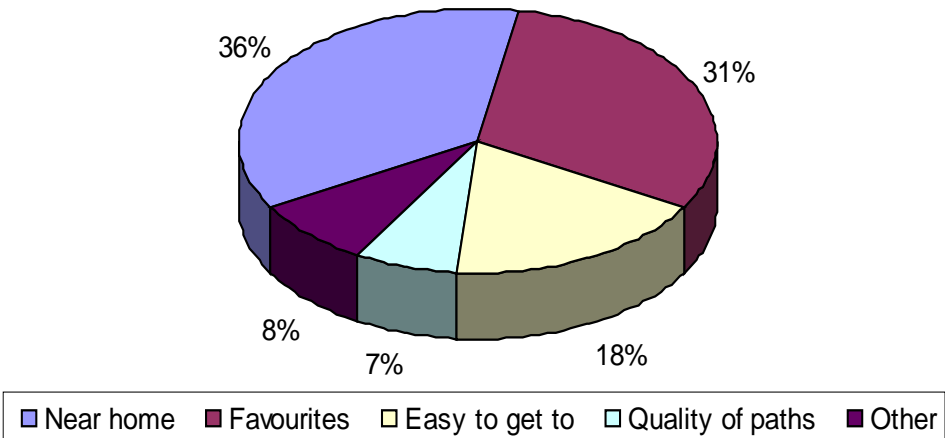
### Reasons for using Bracknell Forest public rights of way



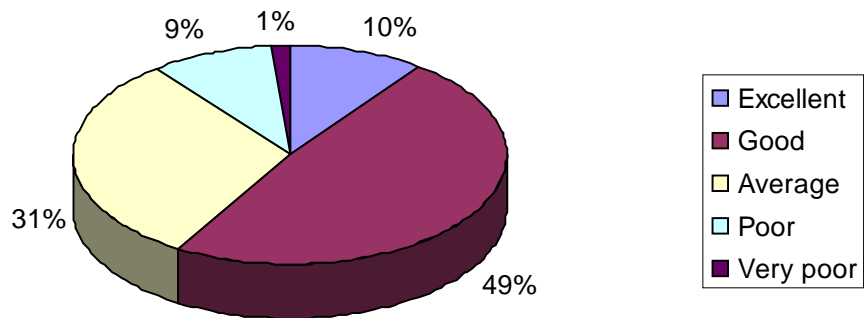
### Where in Bracknell Forest do people use public rights of way



### Why people use public rights of way in particular Bracknell Forest areas



### Opinions of the physical condition of Bracknell Forest public rights of way





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Agenda Item 11

***Crowthorne BW13 – view north towards Nine Mile Ride***



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***Crowthorne BW13 – view south towards Caesar's Camp***