

Rights of Way and Countryside Access User Survey 2026

This survey supports the review of the Bracknell Forest Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP).

Responses are anonymous and will help us prioritise improvements to rights of way and wider countryside access.

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Table for the surveyor to complete:

Survey details	Example answers	Add details to this column:
Date (day/month/year)	05/06/2026	
Start and finish times	13:00 to 14:00	
Parish	Warfield	
RoW name	Hedge Lane	
RoW classification	Bridleway	
RoW No.	26	
Weather conditions (e.g. sunny, cloudy, rainy)	Cloudy with light drizzle	
Surveyor name	Rose Wicks	
Surveyor (brief) observations	A lot of dog walkers	

Section 1: Your use of public rights of way

1. Do you live in Bracknell Forest Borough?

Select one answer only.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide the first part of your home postcode (for example, RG12): _____
This helps us understand where people are travelling from.

2. Do you currently use Bracknell Forest's public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways, byways) and/or other countryside access routes, such as green lanes, permissive paths and open spaces?

Select one answer only.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

If No or Not sure, please skip to Section 3 (Non-users).

3. Where do you mainly use these routes?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Binfield ☐ Bracknell ☐ Crowthorne ☐ Sandhurst ☐ Warfield ☐ Winkfield ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

4. How often do you use them on average?

Select one answer only.

- ☐ More than once a day ☐ Once a day (daily) ☐ Once a week (weekly)
- ☐ Once a month (monthly) ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

5. How do you mainly use them?

Select up to two answers.

- ☐ Walking
- ☐ Cycling or scootering (including e-bikes/scooters)
- ☐ Horse riding
- ☐ Mobility scooter or powered wheelchair
- ☐ Manual wheelchair
- ☐ With a pushchair/buggy
- ☐ Motorcycling
- ☐ Horse or pony-drawn carriage
- ☐ Motor vehicle (where permitted)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

6. What do you value about the routes and influences your choice to use them?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Close to home
- ☐ Favourite leisure or recreation route
- ☐ Suitable for dog walking
- ☐ Access to nature and wildlife
- ☐ Access to green spaces/open countryside
- ☐ Easy to access (parking and public transport links)
- ☐ Useful for everyday journeys (shops, school, work, station)
- ☐ Well signposted and waymarked
- ☐ Good surface (not too muddy or uneven)
- ☐ Few barriers (no stiles, not overgrown)
- ☐ Feels safe (quiet roads, controlled livestock, friendly people)
- ☐ Quiet and peaceful (solitude)
- ☐ Opportunities to socialise (group walks and rides)
- ☐ Scenery or heritage value
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Section 2: Condition and accessibility (for users)

7. Overall, how easy do you find using local public rights of way?

Select one answer only.

☐ Usually easy ☐ Sometimes difficult ☐ Often difficult ☐ Don't know / no opinion

8. Please rate the condition of these features and how they affect access.

Select one box per row.

Features	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor	Don't know or N/A
Structures (stiles, gates, footbridges and steps)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Vegetation (grass, trees, hedges)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Path surface (drainage and steep gradients)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Signs/waymarking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Useable path width (passing space/high fencing)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Road crossings/traffic safety	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Presence of livestock	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Section 3: If you don't use them

9. If you don't use public rights of way, why not?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Don't know what they are
- ☐ Don't know where to find them
- ☐ Not interested in using them
- ☐ Don't need to use them
- ☐ Don't have enough time
- ☐ In poor condition
- ☐ Accessibility issues (barriers, surfaces, gradients)
- ☐ Don't feel safe or confident in using them
- ☐ Health condition limits my use
- ☐ Lack of accessibility information
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Section 4: Improvements and priorities

10. What would you most like to see improved?

*Select **no more than** five answers.*

- ☐ Improved surfaces / drainage
- ☐ Replace stiles with accessible gates
- ☐ Vegetation cutting and increased path widths
- ☐ More / clearer signage
- ☐ New links to improve connectivity (bridges, crossings)
- ☐ Better links to open spaces
- ☐ Improved route information (maps, accessibility details)

- ☐ More circular and local routes
- ☐ More multi-user routes (walking, cycling, horse riding)
- ☐ Additional facilities (parking, seating)
- ☐ Safer road crossings
- ☐ Improved access for users of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and pushchairs
- ☐ Better management of conflict between users
- ☐ Improved livestock management
- ☐ Nothing or I don't know
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

11. How do you prefer to find information and routes?

Select all answers that apply.

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|--|---|
| ☐ Council website or online map | ☐ On-site signage and waymarkers |
| ☐ Printed leaflets or maps | ☐ Community groups or social media |
| ☐ Mobile phone apps | ☐ Word of mouth |

Section 5: About you (optional)

12. Do you have a disability or health condition that affects your use of these routes?

Select one answer only.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

13. Do you use any of the following aids or adaptations?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Mobility scooter or powered wheelchair
- ☐ Manual wheelchair
- ☐ Walking aid (sticks, frame)
- ☐ Pushchair/buggy
- ☐ Assistance dog
- ☐ Mobile phone apps (for navigation or accessibility information)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Section 6: Any other comments

14. If you have any other comments, please include these in the space below.

Thank you for taking part. After the survey closes on Monday, 31 August 2026, we will review and analyse the results before publishing a summary of the findings.