

Harwell Parish Rights of Way report December 2020 – M Ricketts

Revised 7 March 2021 for part of path 10 not shown, path 11 not shown correctly, CRB 18 not shown, path 25 now cleared.

The County Council has recently added RoWs numbers 21 to 25 to the Parish list. No. 21 is within GWP, 22, 23 and 24 are on the edge, and 25 provides a link from GWP to Cow Lane - it is on the map but not yet described on the official list. No 24 is a very short link and not shown separately on the map.

In addition, nos. 7 and 12 have been modified. Details of the DMMOs – Definitive Map Modification Orders – are given below.

The next page has a map of the whole Parish; an enlargement on 2 pages is given at the end.

In between are further details of some RoWs then the **Definitive Description from 2006**.

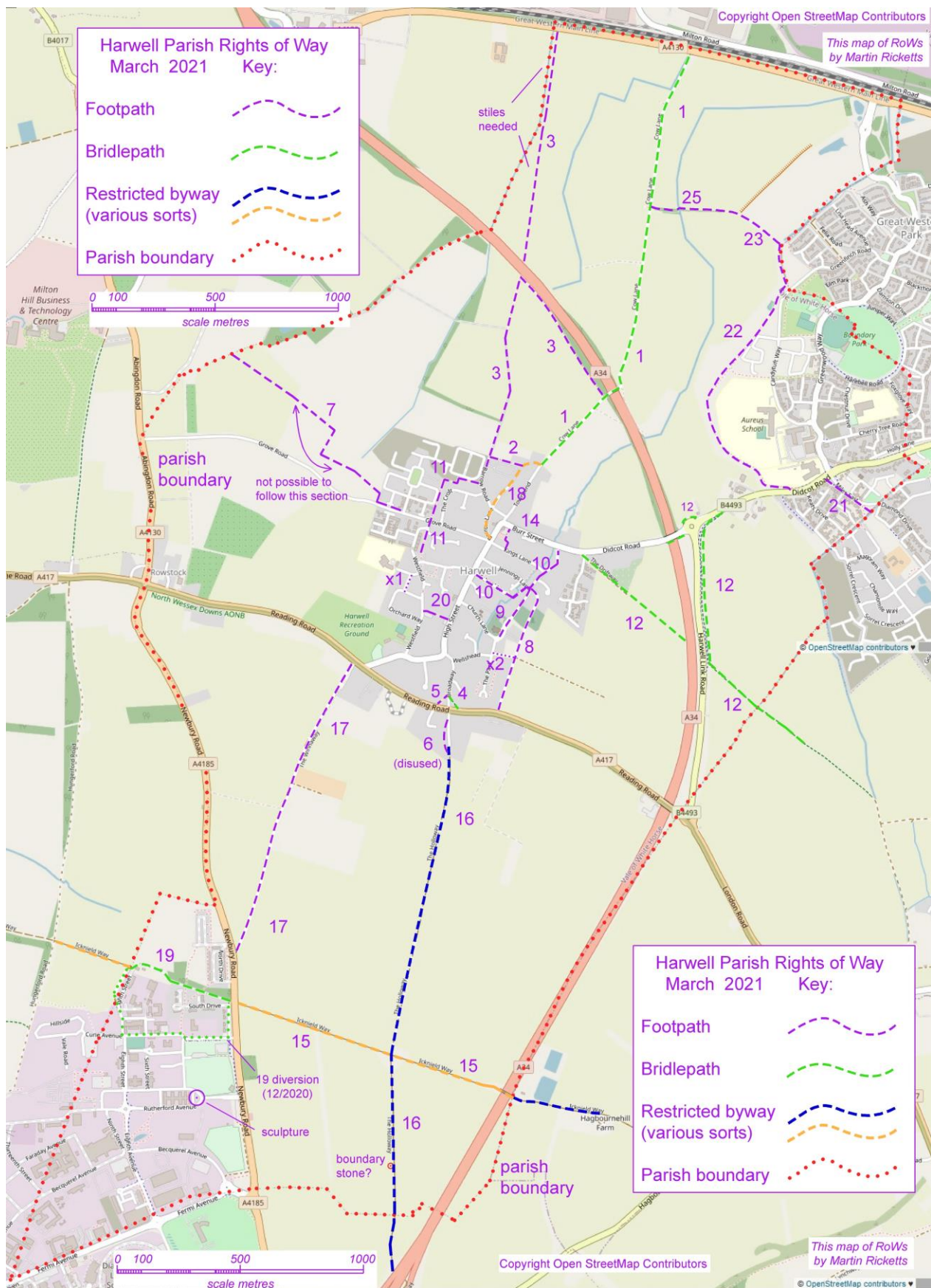
The RoWs that are currently not wholly useable are:

Footpath 3 isolated section north of A34: Stiles need repair – see below.

Footpath 6: This is quite overgrown and does not serve any useful purpose. The Parish Council has said it can be deleted.

Footpath 7: This was modified to skirt around the Grove Road north housing; further west the definitive route cannot be followed – see below.

Bridle Path 19: This currently has a diversion for remediation work on the Harwell site.

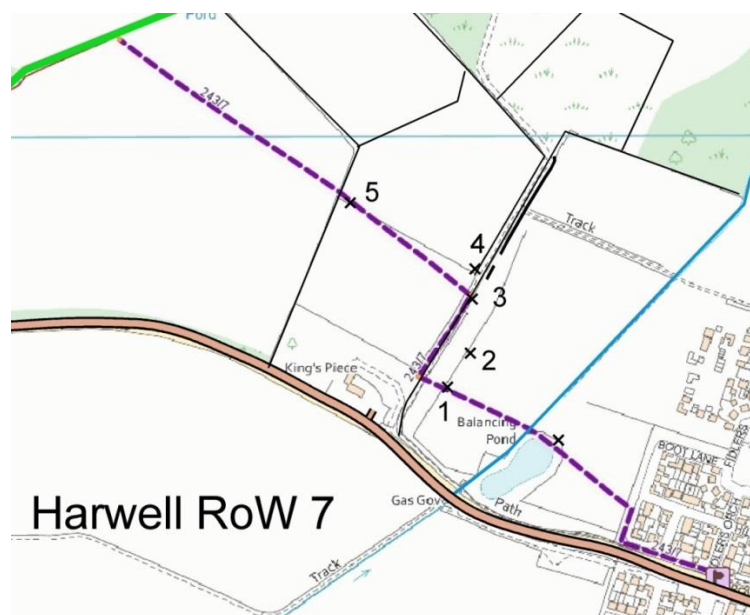


Footpath 3: This currently has 2 fences without stiles, one of which did have one:



Footpath 7: This path starts on the edge of Harwell village and runs roughly west to the Parish boundary. It was modified recently because of the new houses. Starting from the edge of the houses near the east end it skirts a balancing pond but on the west side of the field is a spoil heap from the development which looks semi-permanent.

A GPS has been used to record some points where photos have been taken. A section of the OCC map has been geo-referenced so the GPS track could be displayed. The 5 points where photos have been taken are shown:



1. Obstruction by spoil heap:



A small rucksack is at the point where the path should continue west.

2. Corner of spoil heap fence:



4. Where a track runs west with a line of trees on the left which obstruct the marked route



3. Where one can get to the old track looking south, so spoil heap is behind the foreground tree.



5. Near the next field boundary with gate slightly to the left.

Definitive Record:

For each Right of Way (RoW) the official information (2006) is given first in italics, and then any notes about its current state.

Types of RoW in Harwell Parish:

BOAT	Byway open to all traffic	BR	Bridle path
CRB	Restricted Byway	FP	Footpath

1 BR From Townsend at its junction with CRB 18, NE and N across the A34 to S boundary fence of the Didcot Link Road, A4130.

2 FP From N end of The Barrow (CRB 18), W to FP 3.

3 FP From the end of Barrow Road at NE end of FP 11, NNE and N to the S side of the A34, continuing N, towards Milton Parish Boundary from the N side of the A34 and terminating at the S boundary fence of the Didcot Link Road (A4130). NB. The 1975 side roads Order encompassing the extension to the A34 provided an additional length of FP 3 from the S side of the A34, leading SE along the SW side of the A34 embankment, within the orchard on the SW side of the fence, to Cow Lane (BR 1).

In 2 parts; north of the A34 is only accessible from the A4130.

4 BR From a point N of Warwick Cottage on Broadway Hill, SE along the track to Reading Road (A417) E of Warwick Cottage.

5 FP From Broadway Hill, opposite FP 4, SW to Reading Road (A417).

6 FP From 20m S of junction of Broadway and Holloway, S to BY 16 at head of the Cutting.

Expect to find this blocked by vegetation, so only the ends are accessible. The Parish Council has said it is happy to see it closed.

7 FP From Grove Road near crossing of FP 11, NW, NE and NW to Ham House and Milton Parish Boundary. Awarded 6ft width.

This only runs to the Parish boundary.

8 FP From Reading Road (A417), W of Park Council Houses, NNE and NW to FP 10 at Brook Farm.

The description says 'W of' – should be 'E of' and they are no longer Council houses.

9 FP From FP 8 at Brook Farm, SW to Church Lane at Prince's Manor.

10 FP From School Lane at the School, SE and NE to Burr Street near the Stream.

Recent flooding at bridge.

11 FP From Orchard Way Estate, NNE across Grove Road and generally ESE to Barrow Road at southern end of FP 3.

The definitive map shows the path only to the west of houses in Manor Green, ie not extending to Gaveston Road. Before the surrounding houses were built, it included the now short path between Orchard Way and The Styles.

12 BR *From Blenheim Hill, SE across A34 to West Hagbourne Parish Boundary with a spur running NW from the Bypass, adjacent to the E side of the Bypass, to Didcot Road, then ESE across the bridge over the A34 for approximately 90m, adjacent to the S side of Didcot Road.*

* Don't cross A34 directly! In 2 parts, western one a dead end at A34.

14 FP *From Burr Street adjacent The Crispin Inn (as was), generally S to King's Lane.*

15 CRB *From Abingdon/Newbury Road (A4185), opposite A.E.R.E. and South Drive, leading ESE across BY 16 and the A34(T) Abingdon Bypass to the West Hagbourne Parish Boundary on Hagbourne Hill.*

Hard track all the way. Adjoins no 19 and 401/13 in West Hagbourne Parish. This along with no. 19 is part of route 44 of the National Cycle Network

16 BOAT *From Hollow Way at its junction with FP 6, S across the Icknield Way (CRB 15) to Chilton Parish Boundary.*

The part from SU 490 880 to the junction at SU 489 873 is rough and muddy at times. South of the junction with no. 15 it is a hard track. This joins 164/10 of Chilton Parish. A stone at SU 489 867 may be an original Parish Boundary stone from nearby.

17 FP *From Reading/Wantage Road (A417) at Harwell Turning, SSW to Abingdon/Newbury Road (A34) opposite A.E.R.E.*

The Winnaway.

18 CRB *From Village Street adjoining Talbot's Lane? N and NE to N end of Townsend.*

This is along Barrow Lane. Talbot's Lane now known as Grove Road.

19 BR *From Abingdon/Newbury Road (old A34) opposite junction of CRB 15, WNW and SW through the A.E.R.E. site to the East Hendred Parish Boundary S of the A.E.R.E. sewage works at its junction with East Hendred CRB 24.*

20 *From High Street at Technical Institute (Village Hall) WNW to the Car Park adjoining property No. 38 Westfield Road.*

Not yet existing that need requesting:

X1. There is a short path between Orchard Way and the Styles, as noted above under RoW 11. This was part of the footpath 11 before housing was built.

X2. The status of the farm track from GR 4927 8892 to GR 4936 8890 is unclear. It has been used as a bridleway for many years.

These two are marked with purple dots on the maps:

Map Modification orders:

 COUNTY COUNCIL 21st February 2006					
Date	Parish/Path Number	Description	Width	Conditions & Limitations	Remarks
10/08/2006	Harpsden Footpath 25 242/25	From the road at Hunt's Green at SU 7441-8058 SW for approx. 62m to the W corner of the green at SU 7436 8056, then generally W for approx. 324m to the drive of Huntswood House at SU 7405 8061, and then generally WNW for approx. 550m to FP13 at SU 7352 8079, and then NW for approx. 112m to the northernmost point of Pond Copse at SU 7344 8087.		Gate at SU 7344 8087	Added by Modification Order confirmed 10.08.2006.
01/01/2019	Harwell Footpath 7 243/7	From Grove Road near crossing of FP 11, leading WNW and NNE as diverted, then NW, NE and NW to Ham House and Milton Parish boundary.	Awarded width 6ft. 3 m between SU 4890 8949 and SU 4881 8956.		1) Diversion Order confirmed 21.09.2017; came into effect 23.11.2017. 2) Former Ham House was at grid ref. SU486898.
07/06/2018	Harwell Bridleway 12 243/12	From Blenheim Hill, SE across A34 to West Hagbourne Parish boundary, with a spur running generally N, adjacent to the E side of the Harwell link road, as diverted, to the roundabout on Didcot Road, then NE along the S side of Didcot Road to SU 5014 8946, continuing on the N side of the road from SU 5008 8947 generally W around the roundabout to SU 5003 8944. A further section leads from SU 5002 8939, N for approximately 13m then WSW across the bridge over the A34 for approximately 90m, adjacent to the S side of Didcot Road.	4 m between SU 5013 8888 and SU 5014 8946; and between SU 5008 8947 and SU 5003 8944.		1) Winchester-Preston Trunk Road (Chilton-Drayton Side Roads) Order 1975. 2) Diversion Order confirmed 31.01.2017. BR terminates at highway boundary (which is not shown on map) at SU 5014 8946.
01/01/2016	Harwell Footpath 22 243/22	From SU 5041 9057, running generally S past FP23 to SU 5044 9041, then leading generally SW, SE and E as diverted to SU 5046 8959, then S to the B4493 Didcot - Harwell road at SU 5046 8958. A spur leads from SU 5044 9041 SSE to Didcot FP32 at the Didcot parish boundary at SU 5045 9039.	1.8m between SU 5041 9057 and SU 5045 9039; and between SU 5046 8959 and SU 5046 8958. 2m between SU 5044 9041 and SU 5046 8959.	No gate, stile or other form of entrance to be erected between SU 5041 9057 and SU 5045 9039; or between SU 5046 8959 and SU 5046 8958.	(1) Added by HA1980 S.25 Dedication Deed signed and came into effect 13.05.2014. (2) Diversion Order confirmed 28.03.2014; came into effect 16.06.2014.
18/04/2016	Harwell Footpath 23 243/23	From SU 5025 9068, leading generally ESE, SSE and ESE past FP 22 to Didcot FP36 at the Didcot parish boundary.	1.8 m between SU 5025 9068 and SU 5029 9066. 2m elsewhere.	No gate, stile or other form of entrance to be erected by the owner between SU 5025 9068 and SU 5029 9066.	Added by HA1980 S.25 Dedication Deed 16.12.2014; came into effect 17.12.2014. Diversion Order confirmed 06.10.2014; came into effect 17.12.2014.

 OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Changes to the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way since 21st February 2006					
Date	Parish/Path Number	Description	Width	Conditions & Limitations	Remarks
01/01/2018	Harwell Footpath 24 243/24	From Didcot FP 37 at the Didcot parish boundary, leading N and NW for approx. 16 m.	1.8 m.	No gate, stile, or other form of entrance to be erected by the owner.	Added by HA 1980 S.25 Dedication Deed 18.01.2017.

DMMO in progress:

Case list # Date Received Our ref	Parish & Details of Effect	Applicants	Stage of Progress	Officer dealing with application
3. 28/04/2003 01879	Didcot, East Hagbourne Harwell & West Hagbourne To add 6 FPs: A: E Hagbourne-Park Road at SU51518891 to East Hagbourne FP1 at SU51228889 B: Harwell BR1 at SU49899071 to Harwell FP23 at SU50259068 L: Didcot/W Hagbourne-B4493 (Wantage Rd) at SU51138979 to FPM at SU5079389504 M: FPL at SU5079389504 to B4493 at SU50608963 P: Didcot FP35 at SU50869091 to meet Didcot FP34 (proposed) at SU51189091 R: Didcot FP35 at SU50619074 to SU50739060 (EXTINGUISHED) Regarding Route R - On 13th May 2019 SODC confirmed an Extinguishment Order made under s118 of the Highways act 1980 deleting the route of Claimed Route R. At the same time SODC confirmed a Creation Order for a new route and which links Didcot Fp 21 and Didcot Fp 35. The created route runs parallel with the extinguished Route R but has the advantage of not being obstructed by properties constructed within the GWP site. The Extinguishment Order came into effect on confirmation. The Creation Order came into effect on the date of certification by OCC which was 17th June 2019. (An additional 8 routes were also applied for, but have since been dedicated)	CPRE South Oxfordshire/Oxford City Area Mr Nick Moon	15b. We have published a Notice of Confirmation of the Order	Lisa Gray Technical Officer Countryside Records Email: lisa.gray@oxfordshire.gov.uk Tel: 01865 328946

