

Fences, hedges and other barriers

You must not erect or leave any structure or object across the right of way that obstructs the public. This includes not allowing any hedge or other vegetation to grow over any gap, gate or stile on the public right of way.

Signs and Waymarks

To ensure the public knows where they are allowed to walk, Herefordshire Council will provide waymarks along the route at key points. This helps to avoid trespass by people losing their way.

You may not place signs of a false or misleading nature on or near a right of way, that are likely to deter its lawful use.

Overgrowth

You are responsible for ensuring hedges, trees or other vegetation on your land does not cause an obstruction to the user on foot, horse, bicycle or in a carriage or vehicle as appropriate.

Moving Public Rights of Way

Public Rights of Way can only be moved by legal order. You can apply to divert the line of a path but a charge will generally be made for this service and the process may be lengthy and with no guarantee of success.

Where you can get help and advice?

Parish Councils have various powers with regards to rights of way and may be able to help with the maintenance and improvement of paths, particularly where they participate in the Parish Lengthsman scheme funded by Herefordshire Council.

We Can Help You

Each of Herefordshire Council's localities has a dedicated steward who understands the needs of their locality acting as a first point of contact for day to day enquiries on the Rights of Way network. Where required they can refer to our team of specialist Rights of Way staff.

Further information is available on the Herefordshire Council's website where you can also log a query or request for service.

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/public-rights-of-way>

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Public Rights of Way Advice for Farmers & Landowners



Do you have a Public Right of Way that crosses your land?

What are your legal responsibilities?

How can we help you?

Please note: The advice in this leaflet, of necessity, is only a general summary and not a full statement of the law.