

HORSHAM TOWN URBAN AREA

TWITTENS UNDER THREAT SURVEY



FIRST REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Deregulation Act will trigger the closure in 2026 of the register of definitive maps of rights of way. This is being recognised by The Open Spaces Society, The Ramblers' Association and the British Horse Society who are working to ensure that rural rights of way are shown on the West Sussex County Council's Definitive Map. If they are not on the map the process to do so is very long-winded and could take 10 years to achieve if the landowner is uncooperative.

Realising that the legislation also applies to urban footpaths, twittens*, alleyways, etc, The Horsham Society has been concerned about these paths in the built-up area of Horsham Town (ie, the unparished area and North Horsham). We have identified over 40 such paths which are neither on the WSCC definitive map nor recognised as highways by the County. Of these, two-thirds are believed to be on land owned by HDC.

On the face of it, HDC ownership might imply that these HDC paths are safe against being closed without ceremony but we believe that higher authorities could change that. It only wants central Government to force District Councils to sell off all their land (think 'Right to Buy'), to find that these paths could be closed overnight in nine years' time. For this reason we would like to ask HDC to voluntarily dedicate all the paths which we have found and are on HDC land.

Whether on HDC land or not, if we are not to run the risk of losing these old pathways we need to start now on the long process of getting them shown on the definitive map. The next stage is to identify the other owners of the land before contacting them to see if they will voluntarily consent to designation as public rights of way.

* **Twitten:** A narrow path or passage between two walls or hedges [OED]; used in Sussex for a path or alleyway. This survey also includes other paths, footways, alleyways, snickets, etc.

Schedule of twittens discovered not on definitive Rights of Way (iMAP)

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NOTES:

- 1: This survey was to discover all twittens, footpaths, adopted highways that provided a route or cut-through from one location to another. It does not include short paths leading only to a single property or a small group of houses.
- 2: All adopted roads and pathways in Horsham are numbered with WSCC prefix E1760xxxx.
- 3: FP indicates a footpath on the definitive map.
- 4: Non-adopted paths and those NOT on the definitive Rights of Way map have a page number indicated in col 1 of the table and further details are on the relevant page of the full report.
- 5: It should be noted that for this First Report all searches of the Definitive Map and the adopted Highways were of the on-line maps, not those deposited at WSCC offices.

Paths believed to be on HDC land are shaded green in the 'Comments' column

Denne Neighbourhood Council area paths printed red

Forest Neighbourhood Council area paths printed yellow

Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council area paths printed blue

North Horsham Parish Council area paths printed black

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Ref No	Name	Start	OS Ref	Other End	OS Ref	Comment	Visited
1		Bens Acre	TQ19313071	Hampers Lane	TQ19313089	HDC land	21-6-16
5		Dickens Way	TQ18283000	9/10 Gyll Cres	TQ18922995	HDC land; Street lamps	21-6-16
7	Passageway	19 Market Square	TQ17253050	5 Middle St	TQ17253055		22-6-16
10	North Passage	25/26 Carfax	TQ17303060	18/19 Piries Pl	TQ17353060	Possibly HDC land	22-6-16
11		12/13 Piries Place	TQ17353060	Park Place	TQ17403060	HDC land or HDC Leased	22-6-16
13	West Walk	13/14 West Street	TQ17103065	Blackhorse Way	TQ17103060		22-6-16
14	West Walk Ext	Blackhorse Way	TQ17103060	The Forum	TQ17103060		22-6-16
16	Furnaux Walk	Parish Off/Sainsbury boundary	TQ 17083045	Bus Station Worthing Rd	TQ16933057		22-6-16
19		61/63 Manor Fields	TQ19253160	FP1695	TQ19203146	HDC land	25-10-16 31-10-16
20		37 Earlswood Close	TQ19033164	130 Manor Fields	TQ19203172	HDC recreation ground	25-10-16 31-10-16
25		94/96 Trafalgar Road	TQ17063170	17 White Hart Court	TQ17113170		
27		7 Shandy's Close	TQ16193038	5 Arunside	TQ16193041	Possibly HDC land	

30		Telephone exchange car park	TQ17703070	North St, Capitol theatre	TQ17413079		
31		12/14 Nuthatch Way	TQ17683337	Land south of A264	TQ17393340	HDC land	25-10-16
32		159 Pondtail Road	TQ18083334	Land south of A264	TQ18122745	HDC land	25-10-16
33		Pondtail Drive	TQ78533339	11 Durfold Road	TQ17873342	HDC	25-10-16
42		Recreation ground	TQ17733356	16/18 Amundsen Rd 18-24 Pondtail Close	TQ17753270 TQ17713257	HDC land	25-10-16
43		North Heath Lane	TQ18053276	Mallow Close	TQ18333274	HDC land	
44		Hosp/Fire Stn, Hurst Rd	TQ17603170	Horsham Park	TQ17533130	HDC	1-11-16
46		71 Amberley Rd/14 Whitehorse Rd	TQ19563279	4/5 Earles Meadow	TQ19603281		25-10-16
53	Higgins Way	74/76 Bennetts Road	TQ18413015	Brighton Road	TQ18193005	HDC land (Bennetts Field)	1-11-16
63		Wallis Way (end of adopted)	TQ19403166	Leechpool Lane (school)	TQ19363165	See path 159	
65		Park Place	TQ17413051	Park Way	TQ17433050		1-11-16
66	Riverside Walk	Warnham Road	TQ16813228	Arunside Via Guildford Road	TQ16183043 TQ15903094	HDC land	
67	Riverside Walk	Blackbridge Lane	TQ16463056	Worthing Road	TQ16753040	HDC land	
68	Riverside Walk	Worthing Road	TQ16783039	Mill Bay Lane	TQ16893030	Homestream House owners	
69	Riverside Walk	Mill Bay Lane	TQ16893030	Denne Road	TQ17103003	HDC land	
70A	Riverside Walk	Chesworth Lane	TQ17422995	FP1672	TQ17492965	HDC Chesworth Farm	
70B	Riverside Walk	FP1672	TQ17772938	Kerves Lane	TQ18212941	HDC Chesworth Farm	
71	Riverside Walk	Kerves Lane	TQ18242949	FP3712	TQ18452957	HDC land	
72	Riverside Walk	Doomsday Green	TQ19162990	Forest Road Via Hampers Lane	TQ20153208 TQ19343088	HDC land	
73	Riverside Walk	FP1575, Owlcastle Farm	TQ19983360	FP1586	TQ19623341		
74	Riverside Walk	FP1586	TQ19533330	A264/Railway underpass	TQ19083310		
75	Riverside Walk	A264/Railway underpass	TQ19723307	FP1586	TQ19493324	HDC land	
76	Riverside Walk	Rusper Road	TQ18683293	Chennells Brook	TQ18313284	HDC land	
77	Riverside Walk	Chennells Brook	TQ18313284	North Heath Lane	TQ18053278		
78	Riverside Walk	2 Cook Road	TQ17983276	Pondtail Road	TQ17633286	HDC land	
79	Piries Place	4 Piries Place	TQ17353055	9 Piries Place	TQ17403060	HDC Leased (?) land	
160		Trafalger Rd Baptist Church Boundary	TQ17093178 TQ17193178	Boundary Fishers Ct, North Parade	TQ17193178 TQ17243180	'private Road' notice	23-11-16
162		Holbrook Shops & Surgery	TQ19063299	Ref 164	TQ19053299		24-11-16
164		Lemington Way	TQ18913312	Bartholemew Way	TQ19103295		24-11-16

		Petworth Drive	TQ18913307	Holbook Shops car park	TQ19083301		
170		45/54 April Close	TQ17253192	North Parade	TQ17283190		
171		44/46 April Close	TQ17253196	Pondtail Road	TQ17233197		
172		5 Windrum Close	TQ15722994	12 Henderson Way	TQ15742990		
173		Footpath E17601813	TQ15902993	Near 61 Garanary Way	TQ15913001	East of Alder Copse	

HORSHAM TWITTENS

discovered,

NOT

Highways

or on

Rights of Way Register

Including

Riverside Walk

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