

LANCASHIRE FOOTPATH RECORDS

These papers relate primarily to parts of Lancashire west of a line from Preston to Warrington, particularly to the West Lancashire District.

1. The deposit comprises
 - (a) 67 Ordnance Survey maps of the County Series on a scale of 6" to one mile. They are mostly 1926-1929 editions but some are 1909-1911.
 - (b) written reports c. 1927-1933 on the footpaths marked on about 30 of these maps, mostly with detailed descriptions of individual footpaths.
 - (c) similar reports on OS sheet 92SW (which is missing).
 - (d) lists of RA claims and objections relating to the Draft Maps of public rights of way prepared under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.
 - (e) correspondence files, c.1928-1936.
 - (f) papers relating to footpath diversion and extinguishment orders applied for, refused, made and confirmed from 1949 to 1936.
 - (g) schedules of public footpaths drawn up by various local authorities before 1939
 - (h) miscellaneous papers relevant to the foregoing, including key maps.
2. The written reports are unique and provide detailed descriptions of footpaths as they were c.1927-1933 for about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the present West Lancashire District. The information is not available elsewhere. The correspondence files include somewhat similar reports on Aughton (1962, 1972 and 1975) and Bretherton (1972), and there are much more abbreviated reports on one or two other parishes.
3. The maps and written reports were originally intended to be complementary and the former are frequently annotated to indicate the precise location of features mentioned in the reports. In much later survey work however, the Area simply used symbols marked on maps, written reports being confined to descriptions of obstructions or other information which could not be readily conveyed by marking up the maps. Later the maps were used as working records of the Draft and finally of the Definitive Map and were extensively annotated. Consequently there may be several series of numbers on any one map:
 - (1) Those used in the original RA survey (mainly red ink)
 - (2) Numbers used in official schedules (mostly added in purple)
 - (3) County Council reference numbers for objections, claims etc. These are usually shown as 'Obj.xxx' (and can usually be traced in the index as 'LO/xxx'.)
 - (4) cross references to correspondence files, \e.g. LC/xx, LD/xx, LE/xx
4. The papers supplementing 1(d) include detailed notes relating to large numbers of claims and objections lodged by other parties, records of annotations on the original returns made by parishes and queries put to local authorities prior to the production of the first formal Draft, much correspondence and notes on and copies of County Council determinations. In total, there is much evidence on the circumstances in which paths were included on the original Draft Map.

Ormskirk Urban District Council.



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Please quote the
following reference—
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*Council Offices,
Burscough Street,
Ormskirk.*

20th January, 1953.

Mr. J. W. Smith,
Hon. Chairman, Footpaths Committee,
The Ramblers' Association,
73, Morningside Road,
Liverpool. 11.

Dear Sir,

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.
Survey of Public Footpaths.

In reply to the queries raised with your letter of the
7th instant:

- Query No. 1. This is shown as an existing footpath number 39 on
the map deposited with the Lancashire County Council.
(see attached tracing number 27/1/2.
- Query No. 2. A footpath is shown on the ordnance sheet linking
footpath 39 to 40, but this is in the Wigan R.D.C. area.
- Query No. 3. I agree that there should be a footpath along the
Ellerbrook and I have numbered it No. 136 and asked
the County Council to add it to the deposited map.

Yours faithfully,

Josiah Taylor
Clerk of the Council.



ORMSKIRK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXISTING FOOTPATHS COBB'S BROW
LANE - HIGHER LANE NEWBURGH
1 INCH TO 1 MILE
PLAN NO. 27/1/2



January 1953

FOOTPATH QUERIES.

NEWBURGH (84 S.E).

(1) Path from Cobbs Brow Lane E. to boundary and on to Higher Lane, Dungeon Lane, Dalten.

The part in Dalten admitted. Please insert part in Ormskirk.

on DM

N of boundary admitted

(2) Path from above path No. 1, N. along boundary, past path from Mount Pleasant, to footbridge, where path crosses boundary into Dalten Parish Council.

Continuation of this path running N. alongside boundary in Dalten Parish to Higher Lane, shown by Dalten Parish Council. Part named completes path. Please insert.

not on DM

claim

on DM

Agree N. to footbridge

HOSCAR MOSS (84 N.E).

(1) Path alongside Eller Brook, continuation to boundary with Rufford Parish required.

Path shown by Rufford Parish Council from White Bridge alongside Eller Brook as far as boundary with Ormskirk U.D.C. Continuation required from here to path shown by Ormskirk U.D.C.

claim

not on DM

included on DM

two admitted Ormskirk U.D.C.

See inclusion gap above

Sheets found 85 SE NW NE 93 NW

