

I have addressed the reported obstruction of footpath 89 at Purprise - from John & Liz

The report is that the line of the path is obstructed by a wooden door between the buildings that won't/can't be opened.

Initial investigations suggest that the Definitive Map could be questioned as to its accuracy. The path is not shown as a definitive line on the Def Map of 1952, & old O.S. maps show the path running NNW across the corner of Purprise Barn - that route is available today.

The definitive line shows a route coming up the field to the north of the wall. The OS shows the route coming up to the south of the wall.

On the ground it is the latter route that is clearly used - the definitive line is not walkable.

Historical evidence back to c.1907 shows the OS route as the only route (even the Def Map of 1952 shows the path on the OS route).

The used route (confirmed by the OS maps) is that shown as a red broken line on the attached map.

The occupants of Purprise are very co-operative & 2 out of 3 families are regular users of the path network. They were unaware of the problem (happy in the knowledge that the route was as per the OS map) & had inherited it from previous owners. It is not an intentional & deliberate obstruction.

I propose at this time:

Improved waymarking to help walkers stay with the OS map route (a good commodious route)
Full examination/review by our Definitive Map Officer in due course.
Any necessary modifications etc after the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Sorry for the delay in response - large numbers of obstructions slowing response times.

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