

# THE STATE OF RYEDALE'S PATHS: REPORT SURVEY

Barton le Willows Parish Council

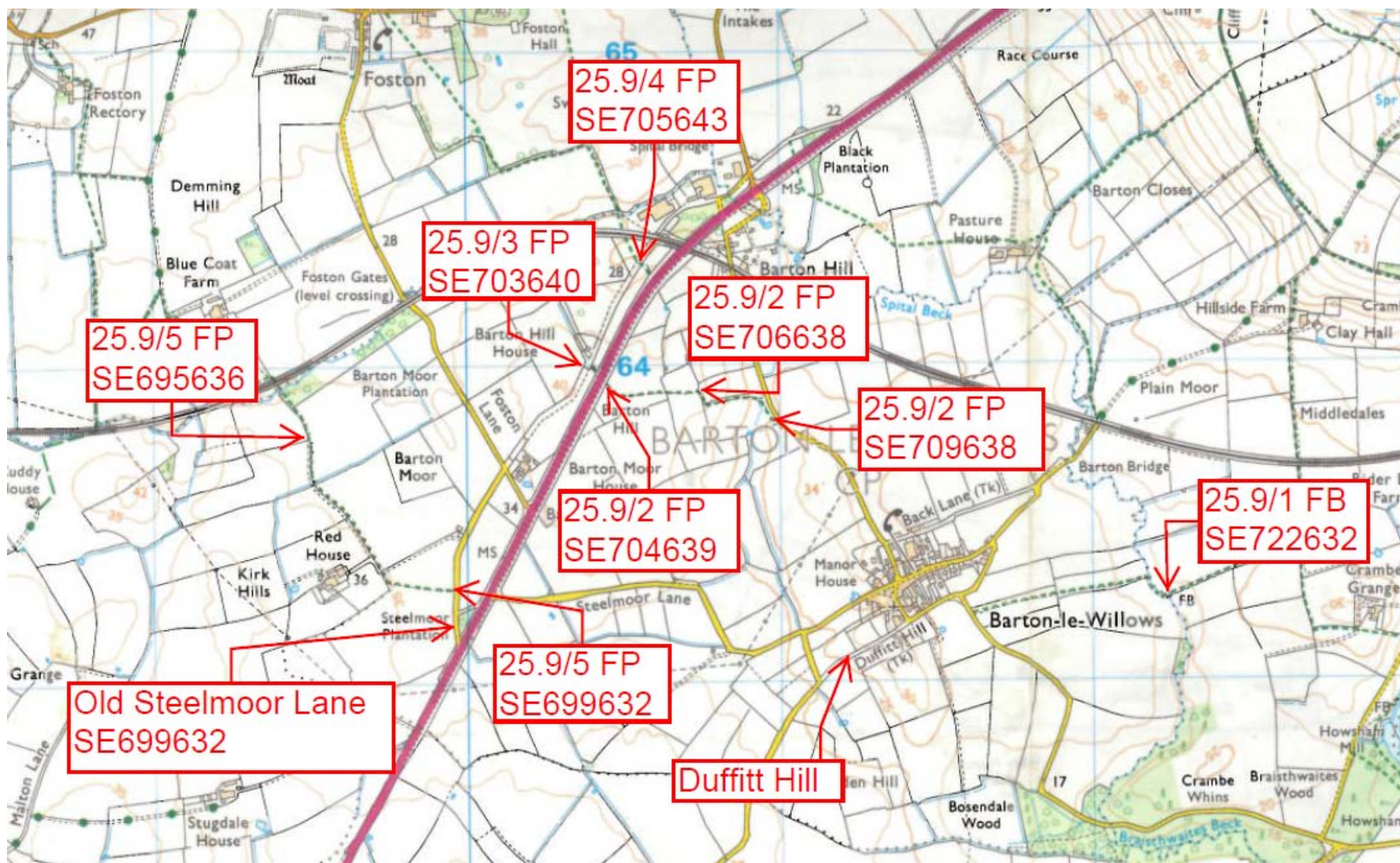
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## Background

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- Over the last 2 years the Ryedale Group of the Ramblers Association has carried out a survey of the Public Rights of Way (PROW) in Ryedale that are managed by the North Yorkshire Country Council (NYCC).
- To do this, a small team of volunteers walked, graded and reported upon a total of 1,546 footpaths and bridleways in 92 Ryedale parishes.
- The findings of the survey found that almost 2 in every 5 paths presented at least 1 problem, with many having multiple problems.
- The survey reported 9 problems associated with the PROWs within the Barton le Willows parish area.
- Summary of problems ranged from missing finger post marking entrance to PROW, no defined footpath due to cropping, PROW overgrown and not managed with one part of a footpath within the parish being impassable.
- This feedback to the Ryedale Group of the Ramblers Association provides recommendation from Barton le Willows parish council in order to rectify the current problems with the PROW within the parish.

## Distribution of Footpath Problems within Barton le Willows CP



## Footpath Problem – 25.9/1

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### ❖ **Grid Reference:**

SE 722632

Footbridge across Spital Beck

### ❖ **Problem Description:**

Bank steep and slippery to gain access to footbridge.

Needs steps down to footbridge.

Additional step onto footbridge required.

### ❖ **Findings of Parish Council:**

As described by Ryedale Ramblers report survey.

### ❖ **Recommendations of Parish Council:**

Construction of steps down grass bank to bridge.

Additional step added to assist access to bridge.



## Footpath Problem – 25.9/2

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### ❖ **Grid Reference:**

SE 709638

### ❖ **Problem Description:**

Finger post lying in hedge.

Unclear as to direction of footpath.

Footpath overgrown, not maintained.



### ❖ **Findings of Parish Council:**

As described by Ryedale Ramblers report survey.

### ❖ **Recommendations of Parish Council:**

Finger post replaced to mark start of footpath.

Overgrown vegetation to be cleared to define footpath.



## Footpath Problem – 25.9/2

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### ❖ Grid Reference:

SE 706638 & SE 704639

### ❖ Problem Description:

Field gate a hurdle, needed repositioning after crossing.  
Footpath ploughed out and cropped – not replaced.



### ❖ Findings of Parish Council:

Field gate mounted on gate posts correctly.  
Field gate open and did not caused an obstruction.  
No definitive footpath marked due to cropping.



### ❖ Recommendations of Parish Council:

Definitive footpath needed after cropping.  
Field gates to be kept in working order.



## Footpath Problem – 25.9/3

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❖ **Grid Reference:**

SE 704640

❖ **Problem Description:**

No finger post where footpath leaves road.

Status of old Malton Road – is this public access?



❖ **Findings of Parish Council:**

No finger post showing direction of footpath.

Footpath leads to old Malton road – is this public access?



❖ **Recommendations of Parish Council:**

Finger post replaced to mark start of footpath.

Confirmation required from NYCC that old Malton Road is public access.



## Footpath Problem – 25.9/4

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### ❖ Grid Reference:

SE 706644

SE 706643

### ❖ Problem Description:

Muck pile causing obstruction on Old Malton Road



### ❖ Findings of Parish Council:

Muck pile removed, footpath clear.

Finger post lying on ground next to A64

Overgrown vegetation at stile crossing.



### ❖ Recommendations of Parish Council:

Landowner / Farmer informed to leave access for footpath.

Finger post replaced at footpath start at A64.

Overgrown vegetation at stile to be cut back.





## Footpath Problem – 25.9/5

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### ❖ Grid Reference:

SE 699632

### ❖ Problem Description:

No finger post where footpath leaves road.  
Gated unusable – does not open.

### ❖ Findings of Parish Council:

Finger post missing and gate unusable – had to climb over.  
Footpath ploughed out and cropped – no defined path.

### ❖ Recommendations of Parish Council:

Finger post to be reinstated showing path direction.  
Useable gate or stile to be put in place.  
Footpath to be reinstated after cropping.



## Footpath Problem – 25.9/5

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### ❖ Grid Reference:

SE 695636

SE 694639

### ❖ Problem Description:

Handrail missing on footbridge.

Footpath to parish boundary unusable.

### ❖ Findings of Parish Council:

Handrail missing on footbridge.

Footpath to parish boundary unusable – very overgrown.

Footpath signs damaged.

### ❖ Recommendations of Parish Council:

Handrail to be repaired on footbridge.

Footpath access to parish boundary to be reinstated.

Footpath signs to be repaired & reinstated.



## Old Steelmoor Lane, Duffit Hill & Back Lane

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### ❖ Grid Reference:

SE 702637	Old Steelmoor Lane
SE 714632	Duffit Hill
SE 716635	Back Lane



### ❖ Problem Description:

Tracks appear to be public access, but are they?

### ❖ Findings of Parish Council:

All tracks navigated, no signs advising private land.

### ❖ Recommendations of Parish Council:

Confirmation needed from NYCC that Old Steelmoor Lane, Duffit Hill and Back Lane are public access.

