

# **Bramber Parish Public Rights of Way Charter**

**Purpose** - Public Rights of Way (PROW) cross public land and private land owned by farmers and householders. Landowners have an obligation to make PROW accessible to individuals, and individuals using PROW have obligations to the landowner.

This charter details each party's obligations.

## **Landowner Obligations - The landowner has a duty to ensure:**

- PROWs are accessible by maintaining gates or stiles.
- PROWs are kept clear of vegetation, although it is acknowledged that this may be more challenging at certain times of the year
- PROWs are kept clear of physical obstructions, although ploughing and harvesting are required at certain times of the year.

## **PROW Users Obligations - The PROW user has a duty to ensure he/she:**

- Keeps strictly to the PROW and does not stray onto adjacent land.
- Uses a Footpath for walking or running only. Cycling, horse riding and motorised vehicles are not permitted (see Bridleways below).
- Keeps control of dogs and does not allow them to stray onto adjacent land.
- Keeps dogs on lead when in a field with livestock and, if chased by cattle, releases the dog immediately.
- Clears up and removes dog fouling.
- Reports any damage caused to the landowner.
- Avoids ground nesting birds.
- Leaves farm gates as you find them as you may be preventing animal access to water.

## **Bridleways**

In addition to Walkers and Runners, Equestrians and Cyclists are permitted on Bridleways, but not motorised vehicles unless the landowner has given permission. However, Cyclists must give way to Equestrians and Walkers.

## **West Sussex County Council and Bramber Parish Council**

West Sussex County Council works with landowners to ensure their obligations are achieved. It consults on a local level with Bramber Parish Council, which has intimate knowledge of its PROW network. West Sussex County Council can be contacted by both footpath users and landowners at [prow@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:prow@westsussex.gov.uk) or by calling 01243 777620

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