

Bridleways & unmade footpaths – width policy

The council has an obligation as Principal Litter Authority to keep bridleways and adopted unmade footpaths clear of litter and refuse. For clarity the council has adopted the following policy on the width of such highways.

- 1) The width shall be measured from the centre line of any bridleway and adopted unmade footpath. This centre line will be decided by a council officer by a site visit at the relevant location who will take the centre line from the visual effect of pedestrian activity on that bridleway or adopted unmade footpath.
- 2) Where there is a ditch, trees, bushes or fence, this will be classed as the boundary for that bridleway or unmade footpath if within 3 metres of the centre line for a bridleway and within 2 metres of the centre line for an unmade footpath.
- 3) Where no boundary exists the total width will be 3.5 metres for a bridleway and 2 metres for an unmade footpath evenly measured each side from the centre line.
- 4) Where there is a boundary on one side and not on the other, the above width in 3 above will be half and measured from the centre line.