

PI Survey Returns 2016/17 – Public Rights of Way

10.08% (59.3 kms) of the PROW network was surveyed, split between spring and autumn surveys. The paths surveyed were chosen by random selection.

The survey was undertaken by volunteers who are members of the Local Access Forum and have many years of experience of undertaking the PI surveys this provides valuable continuity.

The pass rate for 2016/17 - 59%

Compared to previous years	2011/12	45%
	2012/13	62%
	2013/14	69%
	2014/15	63%
	2015/16	71%

The pass rate is lower than last year; the average for the previous 5 years was 62%.

The Autumn return was 62% and matches the previous 5 year 62% average.

The Spring survey was undertaken in May rather than the usual April and this may have contributed to the slightly higher reporting of intimidating beasts/persons; livestock would have been out of the barns.

The late Spring survey may also have contributed to the slightly higher reporting of ploughing/cropping issues. Although only 5 out of 52 paths failed due to ploughing, two of these were exceptionally long paths and directly dropped the Spring result from a 63% to 56% pass rate. An average Autumn return could not counteract the Spring result and pull-up the final yearly figure.

78 new issues we're added to the maintenance database; the issues falling within Priority Levels 4 to 6.