

To the Editor / Parish Council Chairman

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News Release and Advice Note

Possible end of public access to grant-aided permissive paths

The Leicestershire Local Access Forum is alerting the public and Parish Councils to grant-aided walking and riding routes which may be withdrawn as Government funding for them comes to an end. The Forum is urging people to enjoy these opportunities while they can and encouraging parish councils to take an active interest in their future. If landowners see people using them responsibly they are more likely to keep them open.

There are over 65 of these time-limited extra paths or access areas in the county. Full details are on the web at: <http://cwr.defra.gov.uk>

Landowners have created these permissive routes in exchange for public money via various agri-environment schemes, such as Higher Level Stewardship. On-going funding for access schemes has now ended. Some sites have already expired but others will last until various dates up to 2020. Most sites last only 10 years so are not on Ordnance Survey maps. Some are widely publicised but others are little known.

The Access Forum is suggesting that, where landowners have permissive access schemes which are due to end, local Parish Councils might talk with them about on-going informal access or even possibly enter into a permissive path agreement.

For further information on this issue

All the permissive access sites are listed on the following page of this Advice Note.

For more information on agri-environment schemes contact the Natural England Permissive Access Team in Cambridge. Telephone customer services helpline: 0300 060 1114

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For more information on the Access Forum

Access Forums were set up by Government to represent all the different groups with interests in countryside access, including farmers and landowners, and users such as walkers and riders. The Forum is an independent body although the County Council provides administrative support.

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Information from <http://cwr.defra.gov.uk> as at 26th March 2012

Nearest Place	Name / Location (Hover over the name for the hotlink to web details)	Year of expiry
Asfordby	Asfordby Farm (Welby Grange)	2018
Ashby de la Zouch	Wood Farm	2013
Barwell	Odd House Farm	2017
Bottesford	Castle View Farm	2019
Bretningby	Hall Farm	2020
Brooksby	Land near Brooksby Melton College	2019
Broughton Astley	Oak Lodge Farm (Site A)	2016
Buckminster	Buckminster (C)	2020
Burton Lazars	Chestnut Farm	2013
Burton on the Wolds	Prestwold Hall (D)	2019
Cold Overton	Land at Cold Overton (Stone House Farm)	2017
Cotes, nr Loughborough	Prestwold Hall (A); Prestwold Hall (B); Prestwold Hall (C)	2019
Countesthorpe	Countesthorpe Meadows	2013
Croxton Kerrial	Highfields Farm	2019
Frisby on the Wreake	Frisby Marsh	2012
Great Easton	Great Easton Pastures	2014
Great Easton	Manor Farm (Nr Caldecott)	2013
Great Easton	Rectory Farm	2012
Hallaton	Hallaton Motte and Bailey	2019
Hathern	Oakley Grange Farm	2019
Hathern	Oakley Grange Farm (Site 2)	2020
Hoton	Prestwold Hall (E); Prestwold Hall (F)	2019
Houghton on the Hill	Stoughton Estate (D); Stoughton Estate (E)	2020
Kibworth Beauchamp	Beauchamp Grange Farm	2017
Kibworth Harcourt	Paddocks Farm	2020
Launde	Launde Abbey (Hill Farm)	2019
Leicester	Aylestone Open Access	2019
Little Dalby, nr Somerby	Home Farm	2018
Little Stretton	Stoughton Estate (F); Stoughton Estate (G)	2020
Loddington	Hall Farm A; Hall Farm B	2020
Long Clawson	Break Hills (Hilltop Farm)	2019
Long Whatton	Manor Farm	2016
Lutterworth	Burbage Farms Site	2020
Marefield	Nr John O'Gaunt Covert (Sludge Hall Farm)	2014
Muston	Muston Meadows	2020
Nailstone	Park Farm	2012
Newtown Linford	Jelley Farms (A)	2019
Oadby	Stoughton Estate (A); Stoughton Estate (B);	2020
Owston	Manor Farm	2017
Ratcliffe Culey	Ratcliffe House Farm (site A)	2017
Saddington	Saddington Reservoir	2012
Saxelbye	Saxelbye to Saxelbye Wood	2020
Shangton	Washbrooks Farm	2010
Sheepy Magna	Ratcliffe House Farm (site B)	2017
Snarestone	Beanfield Farm	2017
Sproxton	Buckminster (B)	2020
Stonesby	Buckminster (A)	2020
Stoney Stanton	Highgate Lodge Farm	2017
Stoughton / Thurnby	Stoughton Estate (C);	2020
Swinford	Cave House B	2012
Thurlaston	Greens Lodge	2019
Thurlaston	Hoefields Farm	2018
Thurnby	Jelley Farms (B)	2019
Tilton On The Hill	Sludge Hall Farm	2014
Tur Langton	Tur Langton to Stonton Wyville (O'Sullivan Farms)	2019
Ullesthorpe	Lodge Farm	2017
Ullesthorpe	Manor Farm	2012
Ullesthorpe	Oak Lodge Farm (Site B)	2016
Welham	Valley Farm	2012
Witherley	Witherley Mill	2012
Wymondham	Wymondham Paths (C)	2020