

Safer access to the footpath from Ansty High Street (north) to Swallowcliffe (Yule Hill)

At the last Ansty Village Meeting in May a parishioner wondered if the footpath access (FP1) from Ansty High Street (north) to Swallowcliffe (Yule Hill) could be made easier and safer when ascending from or descending to the road from a field. She rightly pointed out that there used to be a 'step-over stile' here (before it was removed by the landowner); the High Street was a busy thoroughfare; the access off the road is quite steep and could be slippery when wet and she wondered if some kind of step could be constructed to improve matters when alighting on or off the road.

The voluntary Ansty footpath maintenance team have recently been able to erect a hand rail and have created a step to assist in making this access safer. Of course, it is the High Street traffic that one must always be very wary of and from the drivers' point of view the sight line for this footpath access (mainly due to tall hedges) is always going to be difficult. So, walkers, please be very aware of the dangers!



Left- Fingerpost sign pointing to Yule Hill, showing cleared access, a new step and a wooden hand rail

Below- Showing the hand rail and step down to Ansty High Street

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