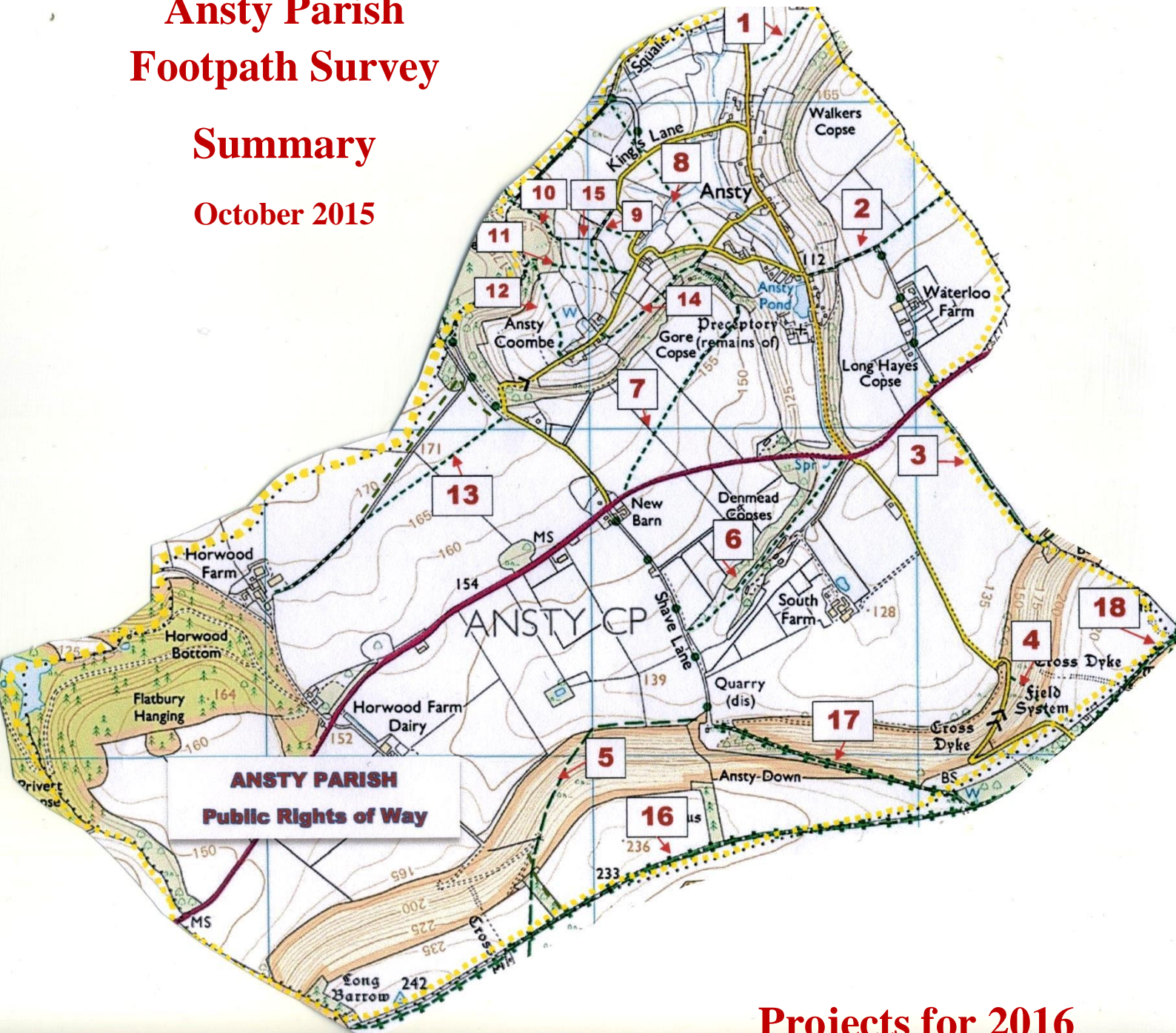


# Ansty Parish Footpath Survey

## Summary

October 2015



Projects for 2016

# In the parish of Ansty:

- **There are nearly 6 miles of public 'Rights of Way'**
- **81% of our Rights of Way are currently satisfactory**
- **There are 36 stiles to climb and 4 gates to open!**

Our footpaths, bridleways and byways are set in beautiful and vastly varying landscapes from high chalk downs, greensand ridges, steep sided coombes, sunken lanes and woodlands. Some are relaxing walks; others quite challenging and they are there for your use! Large areas of the slopes of the chalk downs are classed as 'access land'.

## So far in the last year or so:

- ✓ **4 sections of our parish footpaths have been cleared**
- ✓ **8 new stiles have been installed, replacing old rotten ones**
- ✓ **2 new kissing gates have been installed.**

These upgrades are part of Wiltshire Council's initiative to improve accessibility along all of our 'rights of way' as well as encouraging all of us to become healthier and fitter by using them! To this end volunteers work with Wiltshire Council to help supply labour (and even expertise) whilst the Council supplies tools, equipment and guidance as to what needs doing.

In Ansty a small group of volunteers have got together to do additional work on our local ROWs as well as further afield. Regular clearance and maintenance has to be done year on year to keep our 6 miles of footpaths a pleasure to use.

## Projects in the pipeline for 2016:

- Replacing two missing FP post and finger signs. (FP1 High St to Yule Lane; FP6 off A30 to Shave Lane)
- Installing fence and steps on upper section of FP2
- Clearing fallen trees and debris blocking FP 11 in 12 Acre Copse
- New signs and access to FP3 bridleway
- Improving access via FP 8 from Kings Lane to Ansty Coombe Lane
- General maintenance and footpath clearance throughout the growing season

## Long term project:

- Upgrading FP5 from Shave Lane to Whitesheet Hill. This is a lovely but quite challenging walk.

**Look out for the publication of our circular walks around the parish!**

If you would like to become involved in helping us look after our 'rights of way' in Ansty contact:

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Other useful links:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/rightsofway/rightsofwaywherecanigo.htm>

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/volunteer-zone/become-a-volunteer/meet-our-volunteers/south-wiltshire-heavy-gang.aspx>

<https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-your-right-to-roam>

**Ansty Parish Wiltshire.**

**FOOTPATH SURVEY OCTOBER 2015**

**By Rob Wilkinson and Tim Martin**



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Parish Footpath	Accessibilty		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP1		%			Acc Signs W Markers				Stiles	Gates	Action needed. A new signpost is needed and at least a wooden safety rail to stop walkers stepping straight on to the road. It is possible that a stile may be needed - but not currently.	In October 2015 contractors ploughed through the stile and a signpost has gone missing (lifted out of its hole). *Stile might not be needed.
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	0	Total No	1	0		
	Difficult	0	In place	1	In place	0	0	Need repair	0	0		
	Impassable	0	Needed	1	Needed	0	0	Need renewal*	1	0		
FP1 Ansty High St to Yule Hill. 0.3km OS Ref: ST 955271 to 957273												
FP1 crosses single field from Ansty to Swallowcliffe boundary on Yule Hill												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP2		%			Acc Signs W Markers				Stiles	Gates	Footpath lower sections have been cleared by Avs. Action needed: Still some more clearance possibly.	Dangerous access to (and from road) requires at least a wooden rail for safety reasons.
	Satisfactory	80	Ideal No	1	Ideal No	0	2	Total No	1	0		
	Difficult	20	In place	1	In place	0	0	Need repair	1	0		
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	2	Need renewal	0	0		
FP2 Ansty High St to Swallowcliffe boundary. 0.5 km. OS Ref: ST 957265 to 963268												
FP2 traverses very steep slope from Ansty High St. Sign easily missed. Dangerous blind junction with road												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP3		%			Acc Signs W Markers				Stiles	Gates	Action needed. This bridleway is not fit for purpose as things stand at the moment. However, we are optimistic that things will be resolved.	* Old Way mark signs need replacing; Access signs need to be installed. A small section of permissive path to enable access to bridleway looks a good bet. Currently no apparent access: no sign/opening gate/or stile off A30
	Satisfactory	0	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	2	8	Total No	0	0		
	Difficult	0	In place	0	In place*	0	0	Need repair	0	0		
	Impassable	100	Needed	2	Needed	2	8	Need renewal	0	0		
FP3 (Bridleway) A30 - Swallowcliffe Boundary. 0.5 km. OS Ref: ST 960261 to ST 964256												
Poor visibility and Dangerous access on to A 30												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP4		%			Acc Signs W Markers				Stiles	Gates	Action needed; Considerable clearance of a short section off the Alvediston Rd needs to be cleared to allow access to the Scarp slope; Some remedial work needs to be done with the stile and signpost at the same location. Access land signs needed	Difficult access from Alvediston road. V steep needs a wooden rail or even steps; walkers haul on the sign post: loose post. Virtually impassable for about 30m due to scrub. Some attempt has been made at scrub clearance higher up.
	Satisfactory	80	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	2	0	Total No	2	0		
	Difficult	5	In place	2	In place	0	0	Need repair	0	0		
	Impassable	15	Needed	0	Needed	2	0	Need renewal	0	0		
FP4 Foot of Alvediston road hill to top just before by-way crossing road. 0.28km ST 96352 to ST 964251												
Poor visibility and Dangerous access onto Alvediston-Ansty road; very steep ascent												

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Parish Footpath	Accessibility		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP5		%			Acc Signs W Markers			Stiles	Gates	Action underway. Extensive Survey 2015 to try and breathe life into this RoW. There are several suggestions in the pipeline re how to tackle this FP. Productive meeting in October 2015 with LandOwner Peter Dalton. Frankly all current stiles need renewing or substantial repair. Footpath clearance and a	Alternative footpath suggested; current path: poorly defined at beginning; stiles in poor state; access up scarp slope difficult initially - footpath clearance needed; difficult to see 'way'. Alternative FP along NE edge of Windbreak. Original by way not viable.	
	Satisfactory	75	Ideal No	4	Ideal No	3	14	Total No	6			1
	Difficult	25	In place	0	In place	0	0	Need repair	3			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	4	Needed	3	14	Need renewal	3			0
FP5 (Bridleway) Shave Lane off A30 to foot of Ansty Down.1.02 km. ST 953251 to ST 949245												
Currently difficult access; poor stiles nad poor 'way' up the ascent of Scarp slope. Exhilarating walk. Much needs to be done												
Parish Footpath	Accessibility		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP6		%			Acc Signs W Markers			Stiles	Gates	Footpath was totally impassable (brambles/vegetation) almost throughout its length in September 2015; Cleared by Avs in October 2015. Action needed:Signposts needs replacing and 3 stiles need repair/renewing	Ansty signpost went missing around October 14th 2015; Other signpost off Shave Lane pointing the way to FP 6 disappeared several years ago. New Landowner in October.	
	Satisfactory	95	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	4	Total No	4			0
	Difficult	5	In place	0	In place	0	0	Need repair	0			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	2	Needed	0	4	Need renewal	3			0
FP6 Just south of A30 junction with Ansty High St to Shave Lane (Denmead Copse). 0. 70-km. OS Ref: ST 957259 to ST 953254												
Care needed crossing A30 at Ansty High St stile												
Parish Footpath	Accessibility		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP7		%			Acc Signs W Markers			Stiles	Gates	Footpath from Ansty Coombe Lane to old Polo practice fields cleared in September 2015 by Avs. No urgent action needed currently.	A pleasant walk on a summer's evening. Forms a short circular route with Ansty Coombe Lane. OS map representation incorrect. (For all the right reasons).	
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	12	Total No	4			0
	Difficult	0	In place	2	In place	0	0	Need repair	1			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	12	Need renewal	1			0
FP7 Ansty Coombe Lane close to A30 junction to Ansty Coombe Lane-Blind Lane crossroads. 0.96 km. OS Ref: ST 951258 to ST 954												
A delightful walk with spectacular views												
Parish Footpath	Accessibility		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP8		%			Acc Signs W Markers			Stiles	Gates	Stile off Kings Lane towards Ansty Coombe Lane installed in 2014 (WC).The FP section from Kings Lane to Squalls restricted byway cleared September 2015 by Avs. Action needed:A Causeway/Bridge is needed to cross boggy land. HG input!; Two stiles need repair/renewal and 2 need	Predominantly a locals walk; also used by some runners. Limited access though due to deep bog in middlesection. See separate notes elsewhere.	
	Satisfactory	25	Ideal No	3	Ideal No	0	15	Total No	6			1
	Difficult	75	In place	3	In place	0	9	Need repair	1			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	6	Need renewal	1			0
FP8 Ansty Coombe Lane-Blind Lane crossroads via Kings Lane to Squalls Lane. 0.52km. OS Ref: ST 954266 to ST 951 270												
Limited access owing to a bog forming on the section between Kings Lane and Ansty Coombe Lane												

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FP9	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	Stile off Kings Lane needs some repair or even renewal. Exposed barbed wire on and near Stile dangerously exposed. Quite well used; stile rarely used because makeshift gate usually open.	
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	1	Ideal No	0	0	Total No	2		0
	Difficult	0	In place	1	In place	0	0	Need repair	1		0
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	0	Need renewal	0		0
FP9 Kings Lane to junction with FP 15 (Thatchers Cottage). 0.08 km. ST 951265 to 951266											
Parish Footpath	Accessibility	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15		Observations	
FP10	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	No urgent action needed. Stile at entrance to 12 Acre Copse renewed in summer 2015 Avs =WC; other stile off Ansty Coombe Lane replaced by gate in late summer 2014 plus a sleeper causeway to help walkers avoid bog conditions	
	Satisfactory	95	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	2	Total No	1		0
	Difficult	5	In place	0	In place	0	2	Need repair	0		0
	Impassable	0	Needed	2	Needed	0	0	Need renewal	0		0
FP10 Ansty Coombe Lane (Frogpond) to Squalls Lane restr byway. 0.57 km. OS Ref: 951265 to 948267											
Parish Footpath	Accessibility	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15		Observations	
FP11	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	Stile at entrance to 12 Acre Copse renewed in summer 2015. Avs +WC. Other stile off Ansty Coombe Lane replaced by gate in late summer 2014 plus a sleeper causeway to help walkers avoid bog conditions. Avs,WC and HG; Action Needed: <b>Sleeper causeway needs to be longer; A post waymarker is needed to indicate direction of FP 11 from TIS77 FP to</b>	
	Satisfactory	0	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	7	Total No	1		1
	Difficult	100	In place	1	In place	0	3	Need repair	0		0
	Impassable	0	Needed	1	Needed	0	4	Need renewal	0		0
FP11 Ansty Coombe Lane (Frogpond) to junct with FP Tis77 (12 Acre Copse) 0.33 km. ) OS Ref: 951265 to 948265											
Poor access via FP11 due to fallen trees and debris that has remained there since 2103											
Parish Footpath	Accessibility	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15		Observations	
FP12	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	Stile at entrance to 12 Acre Copse renewed in summer 2015 Avs + WC. Other stile off Ansty Coombe near The Hundred repaired by landowner in C 2012/3 after falling tree damaged it. Both stile access points cleared of veg growth summer 2015 by Avs. Action not needed at present.	
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	1	Ideal No	0	3	Total No	2		0
	Difficult	0	In place	1	In place	0	2	Need repair	0		0
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	1	Need renewal	0		0
FP12 Ansty Coombe Lane (The Hundred) to Junction with FP11 and Tis77 (12 Acre Copse) 0.35 km. OS Ref: ST 949262 948265											

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Parish Footpath	Accessibilty	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15	Observations			
FP13	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	Stile off Ansty Coombe Lane (top) giving access to the Horwood Farm track renewed in the summer of 2015. (Avs and WC) Other Action underway. Involving alternative permissive FPs and access	A lovely walk, linking in with Wardour Woods and Old and New Wardour Castle. Fantastic views of the Downs. *Not able to quantify accessibility in the case of FP13 but there is good access	
	Satisfactory*	100	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	6	Total No	2			0
	Difficult	0	In place	1	In place	0	0	Need repair	0			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	1	Needed	0	6	Need renewal*	1			0
FP13 Ansty Coombe Lane (top) to Horwood Farm. 0.89 km. OS Ref: ST 947260 to 940255												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15	Observations			
FP14	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	A 'locals' walk. Super views of the Coombe. Safe alternative to the narrow lane and Frogpond bend		
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	2	Ideal No	0	11	Total No	4		0	
	Difficult	0	In place	2	In place	0	0	Need repair	0		0	
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	11	Need renewal	1		0	
FP14 Ansty Coombe Lane/Blind Lane junct to Ansty Coombe Lane (Basil's Cottage). 0.43 km. OS Ref: ST 954265 950263												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15	Observations			
FP15	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	New gate replaced a stile along boundary with Thatchers Cottage. Replaced by Avs and Derek from WC., The old signpost looks worse for wear and probably needs replacing.	A very short track section linking with several other FPs within Ansty Coombe. Nice and tidy.	
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	1	Ideal No	0	2	Total No	0			1
	Difficult	0	In place	1	In place	0	0	Need repair	0			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	1	Needed	0	2	Need renewal	1			0
FP15 Track pat Thatchers Cottage to Kings Lane. 0.11km. OS Ref: ST 950266 to 951267												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty	Sign Posts		Signage Provision		Stiles & Gates		Achieved in 2014/15	Observations			
FP16	%				Acc Signs	W	Markers	Stiles	Gates	Action Needed: 2 post markers needed to link FP 5 with byway (FP 16 - Ansty section) with ALV15 bridleway to Berwick St John. See FP5	Deep rolling ruts on the byway here but generally satisfactory. Difficulties here differentatating between bridleway access and FP access....	
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	0	Ideal No	0	0	Total No	0			0
	Difficult	0	In place	0	In place	0	0	Need repair	0			0
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	0	Need renewal	0			0
FP16 Part of Shaston-Salisbury byway above Ansty Down. 0.62 km OS Ref: ST 951246 to 957248												

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Parish Footpath	Accessibilty		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP17		%			Acc Signs W Markers				Stiles	Gates		A two way sign will be needed where FP5 meets FP 17
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	3	Ideal No	4	2	Total No	0	0		
	Difficult	0	In place	2	In place	0	0	Need repair	0	0		
	Impassable	0	Needed	1	Needed	4	2	Need renewal	0	0		
FP17 (Shave Lane) from foot of Ansty Down (old lime kiln area to Ansty Boundary just before Shaston-Salisbry byway. 0.82 km OS Ref: ST 953251 to 961248												
Parish Footpath	Accessibilty		Sign Posts		Signage Provision			Stiles & Gates			Achieved in 2014/15	Observations
FP18		%			Acc Signs W Markers				Stiles	Gates		
	Satisfactory	100	Ideal No	0	Ideal No	0	2	Total No	0	0		
	Difficult	0	In place	0	In place	0	0	Need repair	0	0		
	Impassable	0	Needed	0	Needed	0	2	Need renewal	0	0		
FP18 Tiny section of Shaston Salisbury byway (within Ansty parish boundary) above Middle Down/Swallowcliffe Down. 0.1 km OS Ref: ST 967253 to 968254												

Analysis October 2015	ALL PATHS										WC – Wiltshire Council Avs – Ansty Volunteers HG - Heavy Gang
Total Dist (km)	Accessibility	%	Sign Posts	Signage	Acc Signs W Markers	Stiles & Gates	Stiles	Gates	Achievements 2014-2015		
8.65 km (5.8 miles)	Satisfactory	81	Ideal No 32	Ideal No	11 90	Total No	36	4	sections of path cleared 4		
	Difficult	13	In place 18	In place	0 16	Need repair	7	0	new stiles installed 8		
	Impassable	6	Needed 15	Needed	11 74	Need renewal	12	0	new gates installed 2		