

## Footpaths in Wheatley

There are 16 footpaths in Wheatley in the “Definitive Statement of Public Rights of Way for Oxfordshire”, and shown on the Definitive map. In addition, there are several paths between houses in the village that are not in the definitive statement, and a few well-used unofficial paths around the periphery of the village.

Also, a small part of Holton parish has now been transferred to Wheatley; within this area are 2 footpaths described in the Definitive Statement, and shown on the definitive map, namely FP251/11 and part of FP251/9. Additionally, there are some paths through the woodland and field to the north of London Road (numbered 200+ below). There are no official paths through the Brooks University site (which is also covered by the plan) but it is possible to walk through the site.

Details are in the table below.

I/D	Description	Start point	End point	Notes
101	Path from High Street through old burial ground, past war memorial, to junction of Bell Lane and Station Road	59550574	59530563	
102	Path from High Street, beside Cornfield Bakery, to Farm Close Road	59680569	59660563	
103	Path from St. Mary’s Close to Church Road	59630584	59620579	
104	Path from The Glebe, beside the churchyard to Church Road	59750583	59740575	
105	Path from High Street, beside King and Queen P.H. to SODC car park in Church Road	59550574	59550578	
106	Part of FP407/4 past playground between Farm Close Road and junction of Kelham Hall Drive and Kimber Close	59520561	59470557	Noted as a break in the definitive statement
107	Path from The Avenue to Roman Road	60450540	60390532	There are actually 2 ways through here
108	Path from Coopers Close, to the North of Littleworth Park to join FP407/2	58850559	59070564	
109	Four paths into Cullum Road Recreation Ground	Various		

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110	Track from corner of FP407/1 to Windmill Lane, beside the windmill	58770546	58900522	This crosses a part of WHE8, as identified in the SODB Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2013 (SHLAA)
111	Track from Roman Road to join FP407/6	60480525	60910474	
112	Path across field from the end of Roman Road North-East to London Road	60480525	60750540	This crosses WHE15 from the SHLAA. There may be other commonly used paths in this field.
113	Path from North of 55 Littleworth South-East to Windmill Lane, near Southern end of FP407/1	58540529	58750512	This crosses WHE7 from the SHLAA
114	Track from corner of FP256/5 to Ladder Hill, alongside Mill View nursery	59010489	59330484	
115	Alternative, more direct route for FP407/8 (from Westfield Road to FP215/4)	59290608	59020669	
116	Alternative route for FP407/8, utilising part of the metalled drive	59290608	59020669	
117	Track between London Road and Church Road	59970573	59870580	Possibly once known as "Crown Tap Lane", see Wheatley Newsletter April-May 2017 p18
118	Permissive footpath around the Natural England Environmental Stewardship scheme along the River Thames.	61170475	Same	Circular walk, branching off FP407/6.
119+	Permissive paths across the Howe, as detailed on the maps at the Howe Close and lower Windmill Lane entrances.			Map showing these paths is on the notice boards.
201	Path through woodland, from the end of the A40 bridge to London Road	59610605	59740592	
202	Path through woodland, then into the new Taylor-Wimpey estate	59610605	59760595	This path was mentioned in the Taylor-Wimpey document about the estate, and provision was made for it. However, it has recently been blocked.

**Notes:**

FP Numerical references are to footpaths as numbered on the Definitive Maps.

Identification numbers given to paths in this document start at 101 to avoid confusion with the definitive paths.

Start and End points are grid references to nearest 10m, and are approximate.

## Paths alongside roads

A survey of these footpaths has been undertaken by the footpaths group, and presented to the WNP committee.

Most of the main roads through the village have a footpath on at least one side, although there are exceptions where roads are too narrow, notably on Crown Road, Windmill Lane and the road through Littleworth, and on some roads the path changes from side to side, e.g. on Ladder Hill. Access for pedestrians to Morland House Surgery from Holloway Road requires an awkward crossing, possibly a site for a zebra crossing.

One point to note is that the proposed pedestrian crossing from the new development North of London Road seems to be awkwardly sited – it would be much better if it was between the entrance to the new development and The Glebe. Why would pedestrians walk 20 yards up the road to the crossing, then back down again?