

High Street - 1900 & 2006



The historic village of Hambleton in Hampshire lies in the beautiful Meon Valley 14 miles south east of Winchester. Wooded downs shelter mellow cottages and a Saxon parish church dating back to the 11th century.

Enjoying the countryside

Hampshire boasts an extremely rich and diverse countryside and an extensive network of public paths which provide a range of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors. Rights of way are linear routes, often ancient trackways through deep countryside; there are over 3,000 miles of these in Hampshire. The map in this leaflet may also show access to other areas of land, such as commons, woodland, recreation grounds or conservation areas, and your Parish Council may know of guided walks or events. Many people will be able to reach countryside within a few hundred yards of home, and the plants, trees and views along the same paths often change dramatically through the seasons. We hope that this leaflet will encourage you to explore and enjoy your local countryside.

Maintaining rights of way

- Hampshire County Council:
- Ensures that rights of way are not obstructed
 - Maintains the surface in a fit condition for its intended use
 - Maintains some bridges
 - Signposts and waymarks paths
 - Authorises stiles and gates
 - Keeps the definitive map up to date
- Landowners:
- Keep back side growth and overhanging vegetation
 - Reinstate paths across fields after ploughing or planting crops
 - Maintain most stiles and gates
 - Should not obstruct paths or deter use of them
 - Should not plough paths at field edges
 - Should not keep dangerous animals (including certain bulls) on paths



Using Local Paths

Many rights of way cross private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind by keeping to the path and being responsible when using them. There are four types, as shown on the map key; please check which paths you are entitled to use (for example, cyclists cannot use footpaths). Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are allowed on all types of right of way. Any permissive paths or areas marked are not rights of way, but the landowner has given permission for the public to use them. To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:

- Be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
- Plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
- Protect plants and animals
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people



“Bat & Ball” overlooking Broadhalfpenny Down, historically the birthplace of English cricket

