

"There was nowhere to go but everywhere."  
Jack Kerouac



Derbyshire Dales Group Ramblers  
Peak District Local Access forum  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

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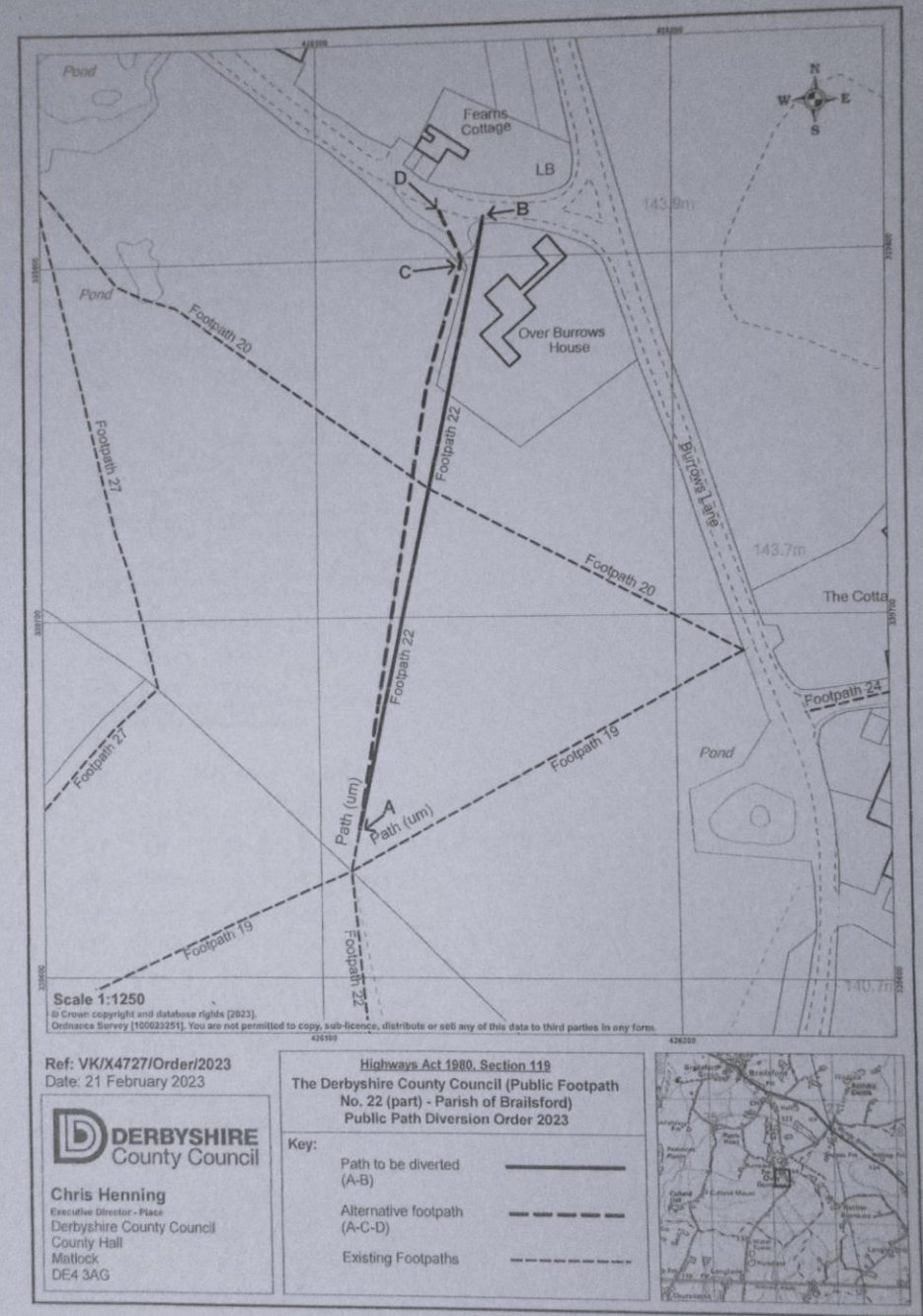
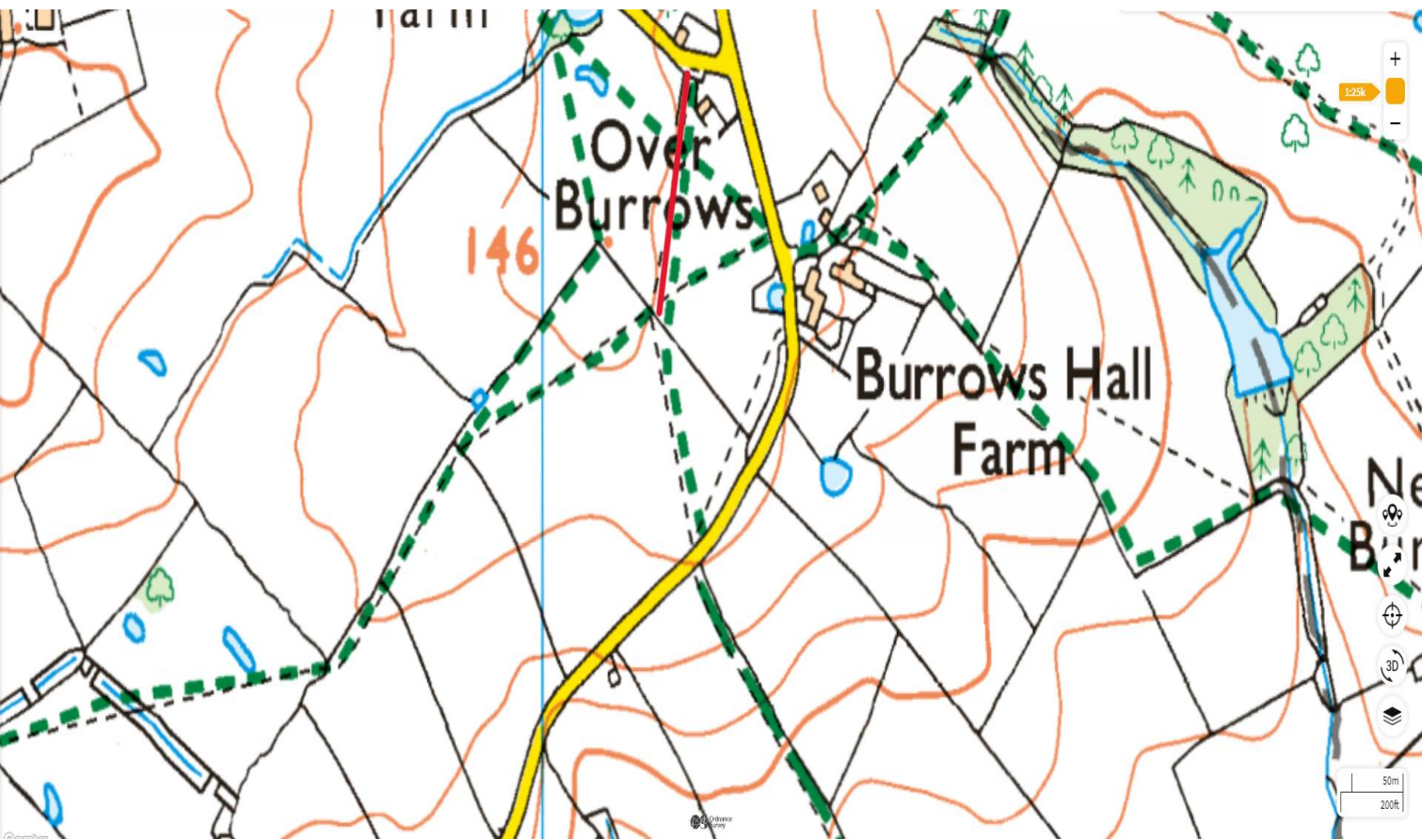
- First steps
- Inspiration
- Network of paths - a unique national asset
- OS
- Benefits – physical health, mental health, well-being, nature, sustainable travel
- Free!



# Role of Footpath Secretary

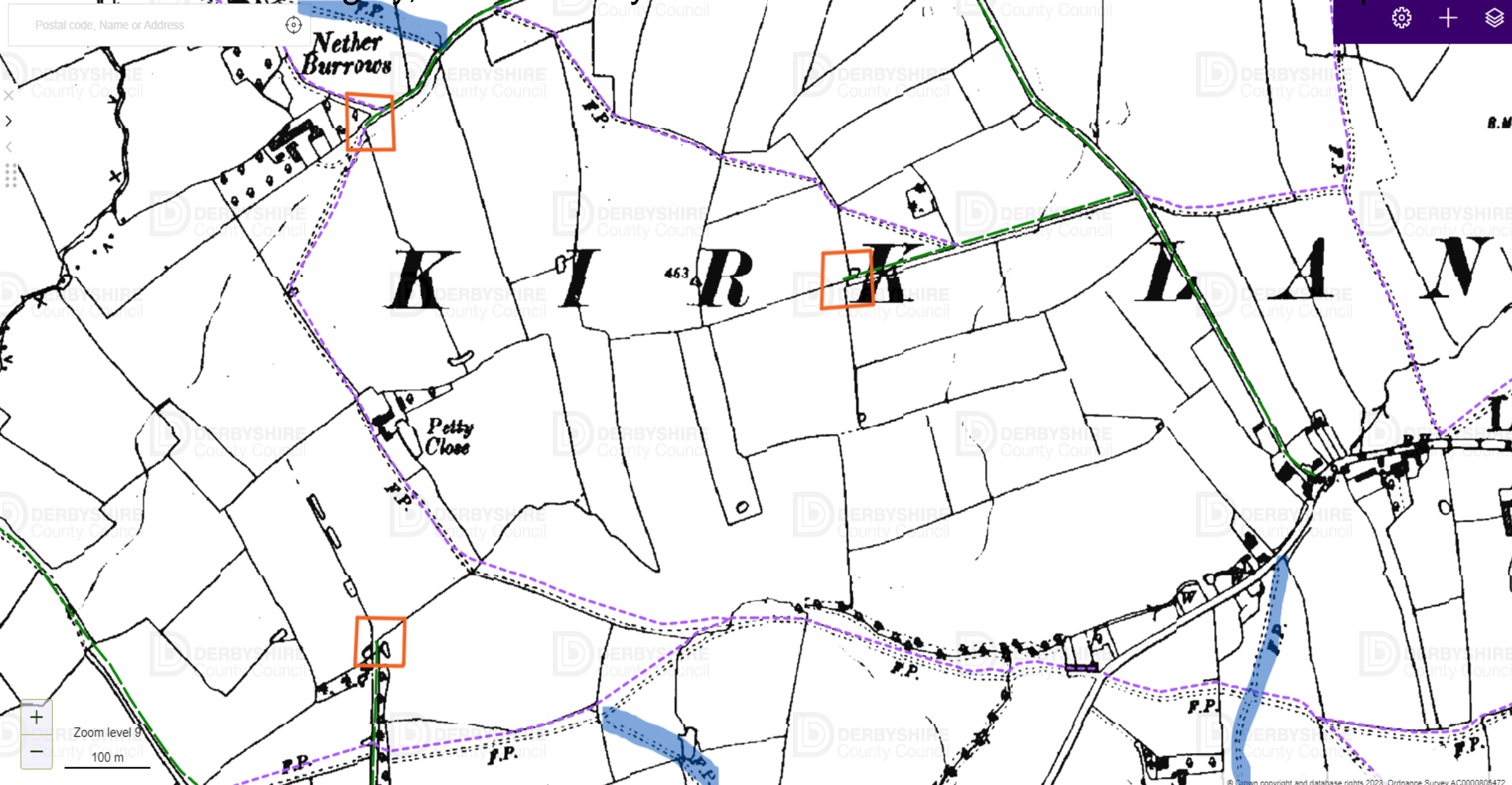
- 1700 km of RoW in Derbyshire Dales
- Reporting footpath issues:
  - Signposts & way marking, surface, footbridges
  - Obstructions, stiles/gates, vegetation, barbed wire, fly tipping & litter
- Definitive Map & Access Land issues
- Consultations and Orders
- Planning applications
- Area Footpath Committee – Area FP Sec

# Public Path Diversion Order 2023 Brailsford Footpath 22 (Part)





# Kirk Langley, Amber Valley District - OS 1904 to 1939 & Definitive Map



Postal code, Name or Address

Nether Burrows

KIRK LANGLEY

463

Petty Close

Zoom level 9  
100 m

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# Parish Path Wardens

- Derbyshire Dales District 110 parishes
- 41 parish path wardens cover 73 parishes
- Parishes range from 91 RoW to just one footpath
- Walk at least once a year



## **Guidelines for Derbyshire Dales Parish Path Wardens**

- 1 Signposting
- 2 Way marking
- 3 Bridges
- 4 Stiles/Gates/Steps/Barriers
- 5 Obstructions
- 6 Ploughing & cropping
- 7 Surface condition
- Note the Parish, RoW status and RoW number
- Describe the location and 8-figure GR
- Details of the issue
- Photographs
- Note RoWs which are clear of problems
- Complete and forward/return the Excel sheet, or a Word doc.



Wirksworth		Notes. There are a total of 85 RoWs. All 85 RoWs have been walked in the past year. These RoWs no longer exist: 1, 45, 66, 73, 75-84, 87-90, 113.					
PROW Status	PROW Number	Start GR	End GR	Length m	Walked & Reported	Location/description inc. GR, type of issue, photo no., Case No.	Notes of PROW action
Footpath	14	SK 309552	SK 306545	1027	07/03/2023 12/03/2023	Wirksworth FP 14. SK 3053 5491 to 3052 5491. Barbed wire fence has fallen down adjacent to stone wall, on the DM FP line and is now a trip hazard for walkers. Photos 1844 & 1845. The barbed wire is buried in the grass and I could not remove it. It also presents a potential hazard, both as injury to persons and damage to clothing. Can the landowner remove the obstructing barbed wire and ensure the FP is safe to use. FS-Case-494552188	Martin. Thanks for your report of the issue on this path. The barbed wire trip hazard has been removed. DCC Public Rights of Way. 26-4-23





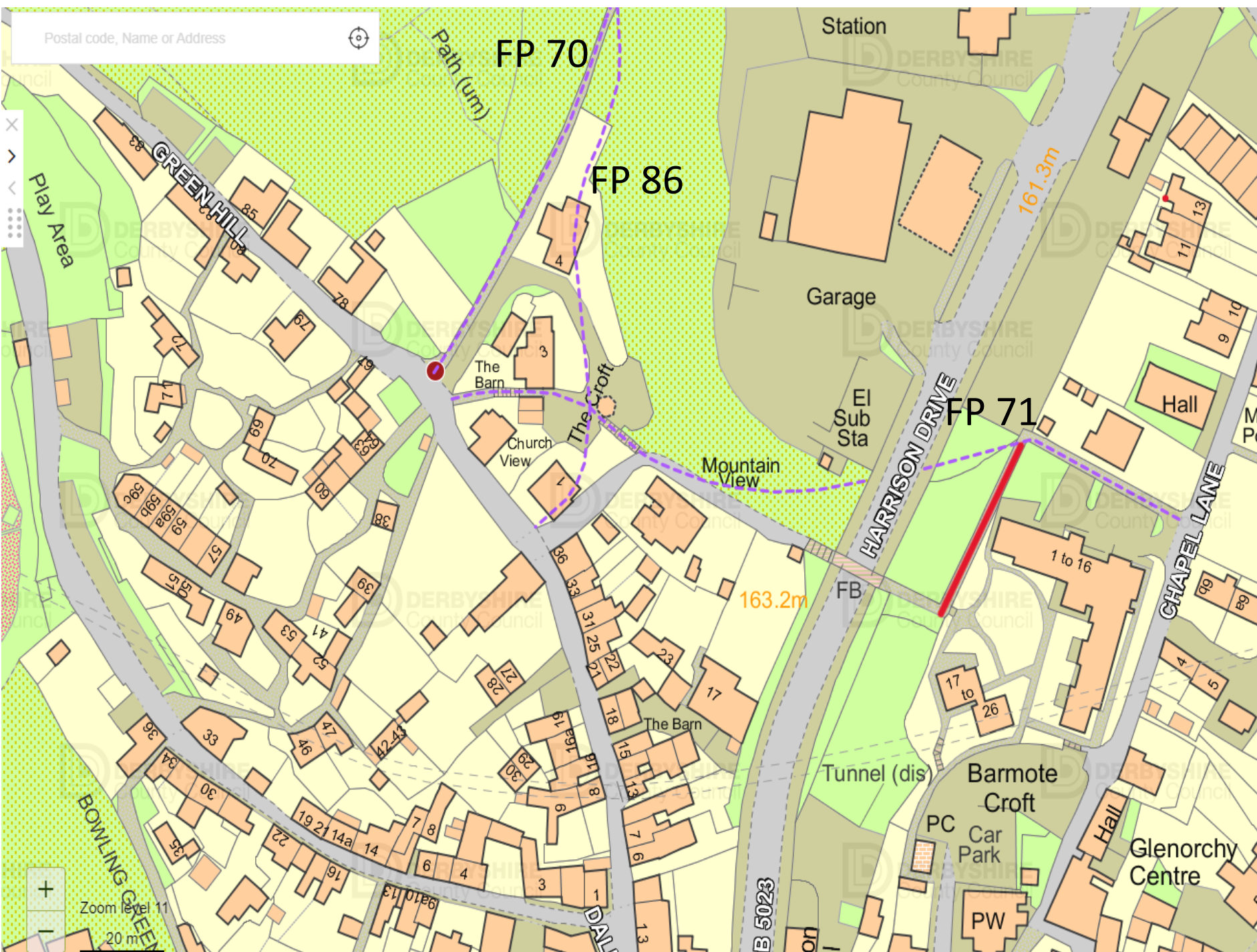


Sword of Damocles on Hulland Ward  
FP 23



Footbridge losing its footings due to  
poaching at parish boundary of Kirk  
Ireton FP 29/Biggin FP 17





# Wirksworth FP 71







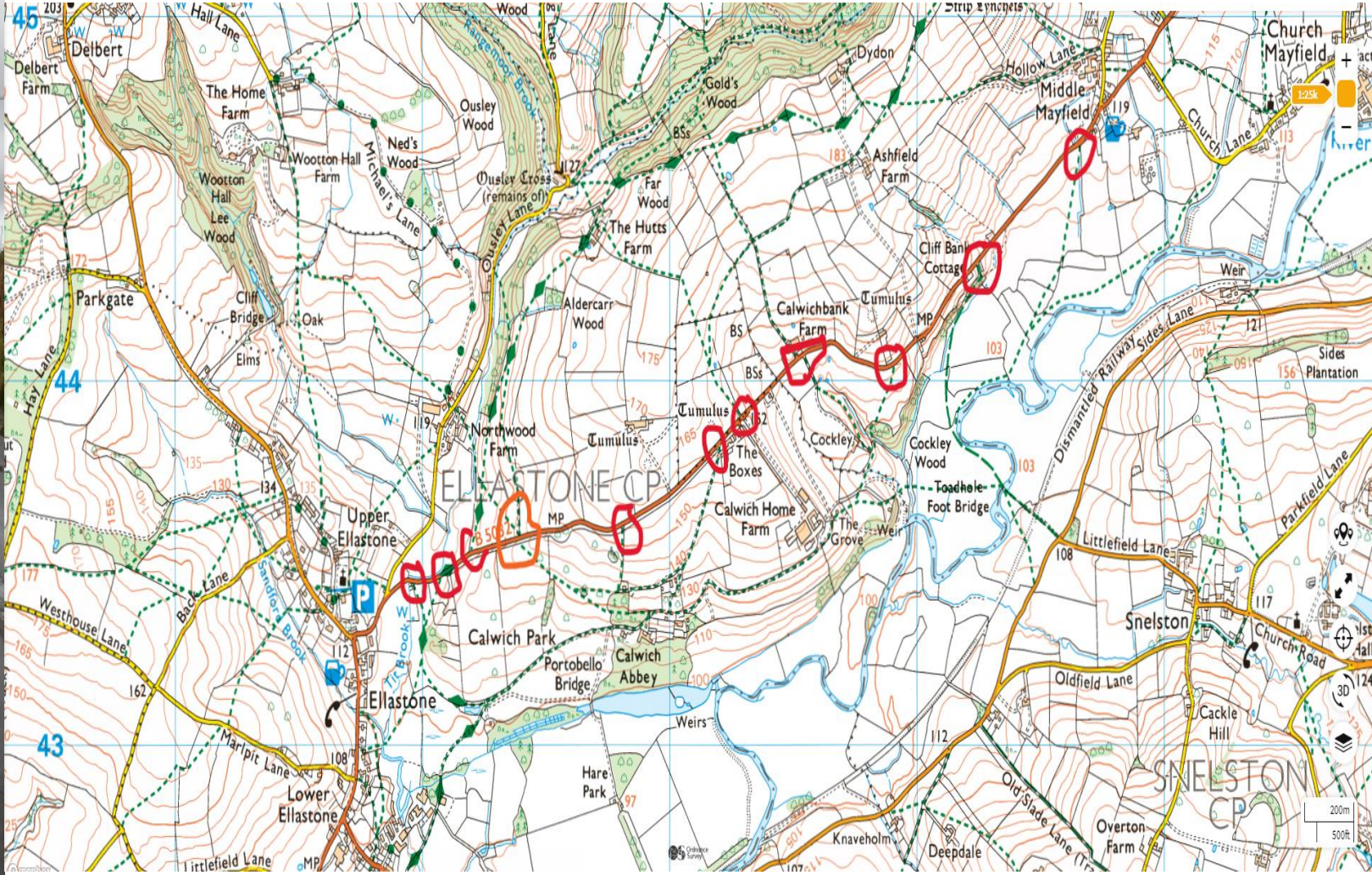
Bradwell FP 2 SK 1444 8008



Hopton FP 6 Via Gellia A5012



# Staffordshire B5032 Rights of Way





# Any questions?

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