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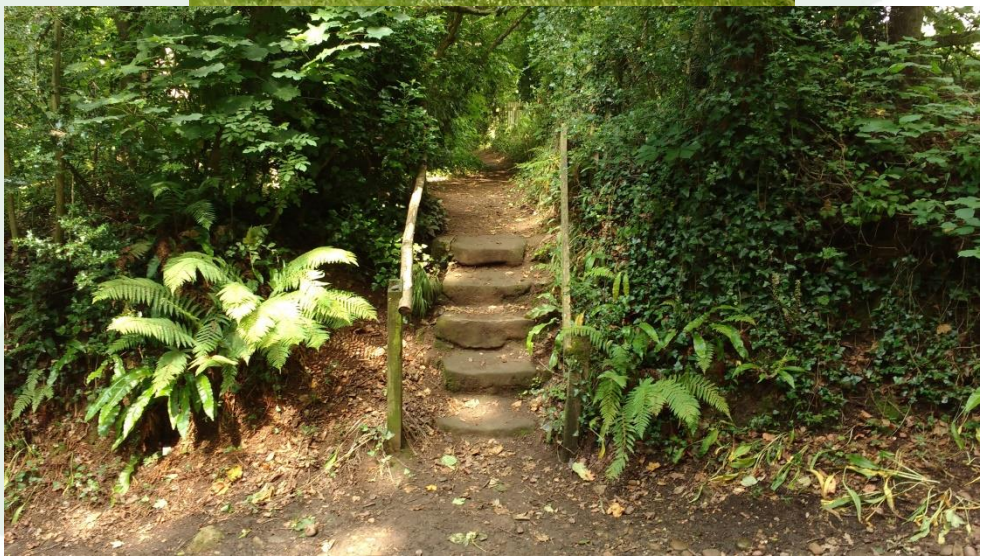


Definitive Map Review
Parish of Lympstone

Mrs Alison Smith

Public Rights of Way Officer

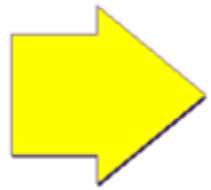
Devon County Council

Opening Parish Meeting

- I will explain how the current Definitive Map Review process works

- What happens next and how you can get involved with the Definitive Map Review in Lympstone

Public Rights of Way



FOOTPATH

Walkers only

BRIDLEWAY

Walkers, horse-riders and cyclists

RESTRICTED BYWAY

Walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and horse-drawn vehicles

BYWAY

Walkers, cyclists, horse-riders, horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles

Where are Public Rights of Way Recorded?

- On the Definitive Map
- It is the legal record of the existence of public rights of ways.

Map

Statement

  - Description of the right of way
  - Status

How the Definitive Map Arose

- **1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act**
- **Parish Council - surveyed the paths in 1950**

- **Members of Lympstone Parish Council's surveyed the footpaths and noted the condition and location of the paths. Giving good detail about the features on the route squeeze stiles gates, stiles etc.**

- **Mr Young, Mr Jackson, Mr Nicholson, all took part in the surveys in between September 1950 and 1956.**

Old Parish Statement for Footpath No 1

D. C. C.

Lympstone PARISH COUNCIL MEETING } St. Thomas' BOROUGH URBAN ~~DISTRICT~~ RURAL

No. of Path on Map 182 93/9. O.S. 1.

Whether likely to be disputed No.

Whether path required in future Yes ~~No~~ ~~Doubtful~~

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

From Meadow Gate S.E. across Meadow Mill Drive and Mill Meadow to Waterfall, E. end of Mill Pond, Nos 153 & 154, then Northwards towards Fray Meadow and over wooden Footbridge to Mill Lane.

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No. of Path on Map: 1. (ex 182) Map No. 93 S.W.

Whether likely to be disputed: No.

Whether path required in future: Yes.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

FOOTPATH. Commences at Station Road 100 yrds West of its junction with Strawberry Hill. Rough stone lane some 6ft.wide. No gate. After approx: 100 yrds route enters grass field O.S.153 at Meadow Gate. Stile, in good order, beside gate of upright laths. Gate in fair order. Brick bridge on lane side of stile, in good order.

Route crosses field in S.E.direction. ~~Field known as Meadow Mill~~ Exit by iron K.G.into Meadow Mill Drive. Gate in good order. Route continues across another grass field, O.S.154 known as Mill Meadow. Exit by another iron K.G.into lane beside waterfall at East end of Mill Pond.

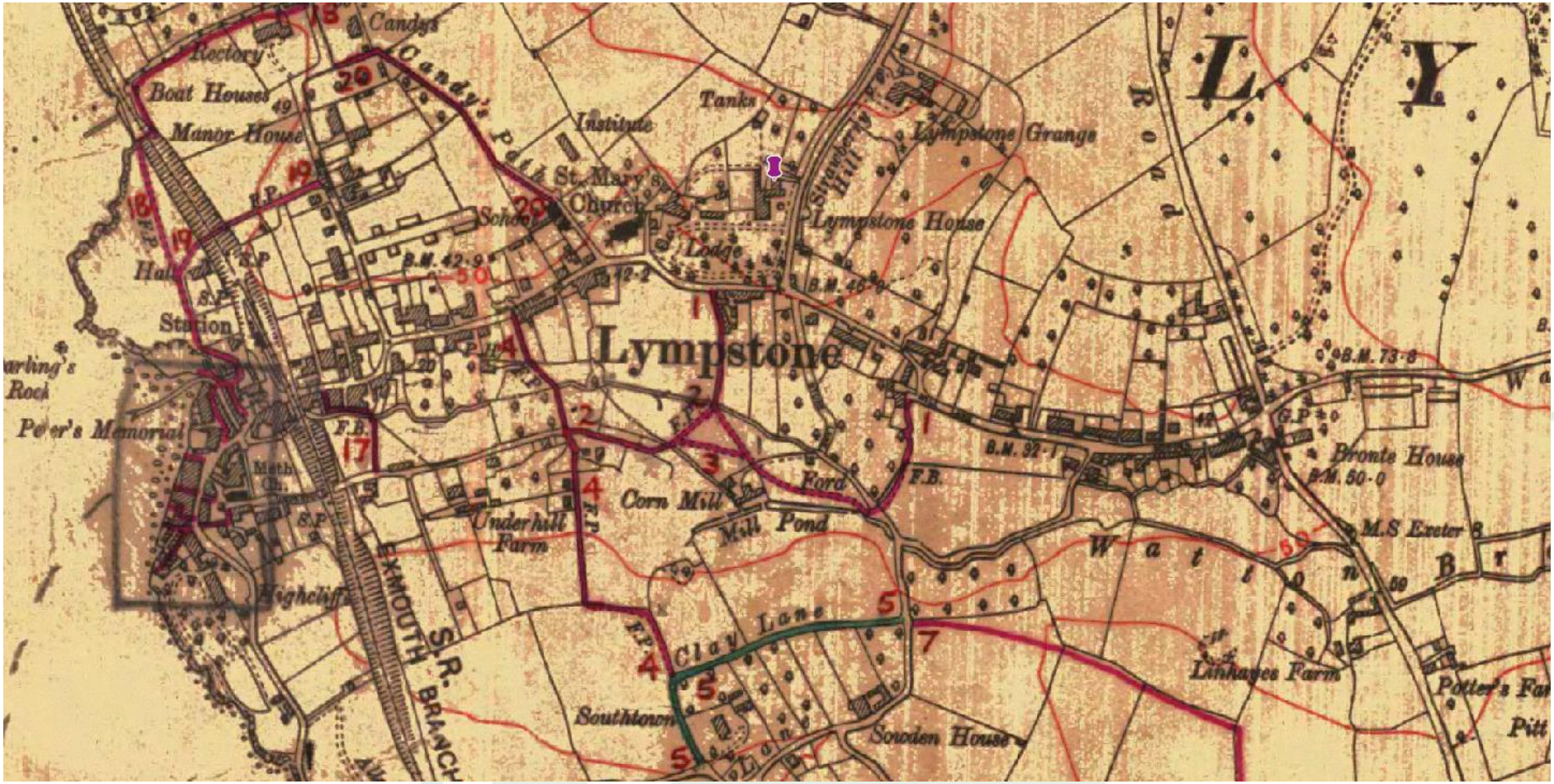
Route across lane up six stone steps, in good order, over wooden stile, also in good order, into another grass field and turns N. Clear track across grass. Exit by concrete bridge over Watton Brook. Steel handrail mounted on concrete pillars on one side. Steel upright pillar on field side to prevent cattle straying.

Route now becomes a narrow lane with hedges on either side. After 50 yrds route ends by houses at Mill Lane.

Walked by Mr.D.E.O.Nicholson 28th June, 1953.
(For Devon Rights of Way Advisory Committee)

DEVON RIGHTS OF WAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Old Definitive Map for Lympstone



Why the Review?

- Devon County Council - Surveying Authority
- Statutory duty to keep the Definitive Map and Statement under continuous review (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981)
- Review process: on a parish-by-parish basis across the whole County

Example of modern mapping

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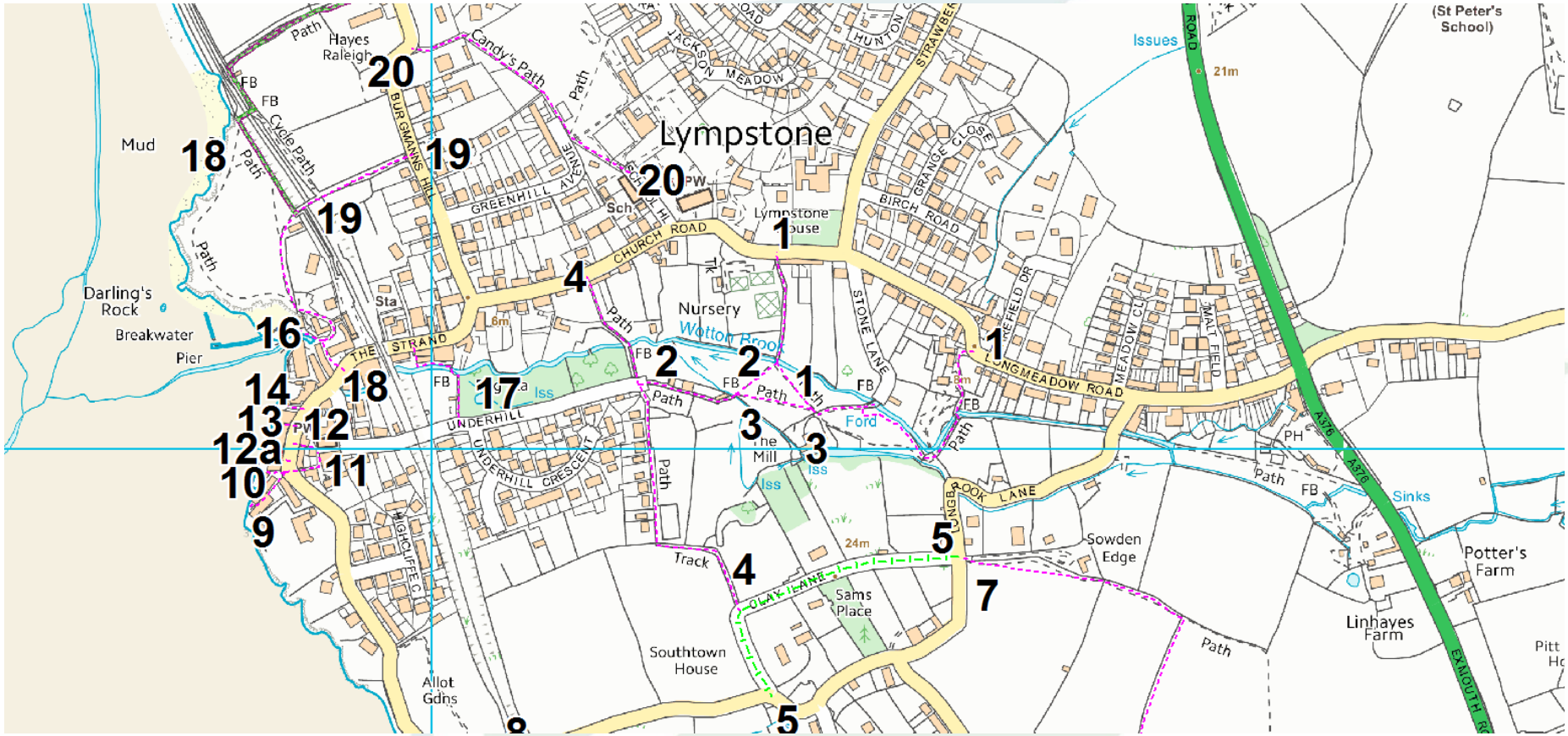


The Existing Public Rights of Way

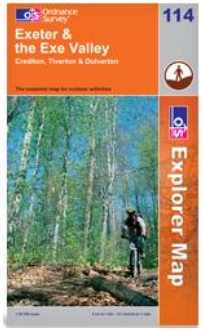
In Lympstone there are 21 Footpaths and 3 Bridleways.

They can be seen on:

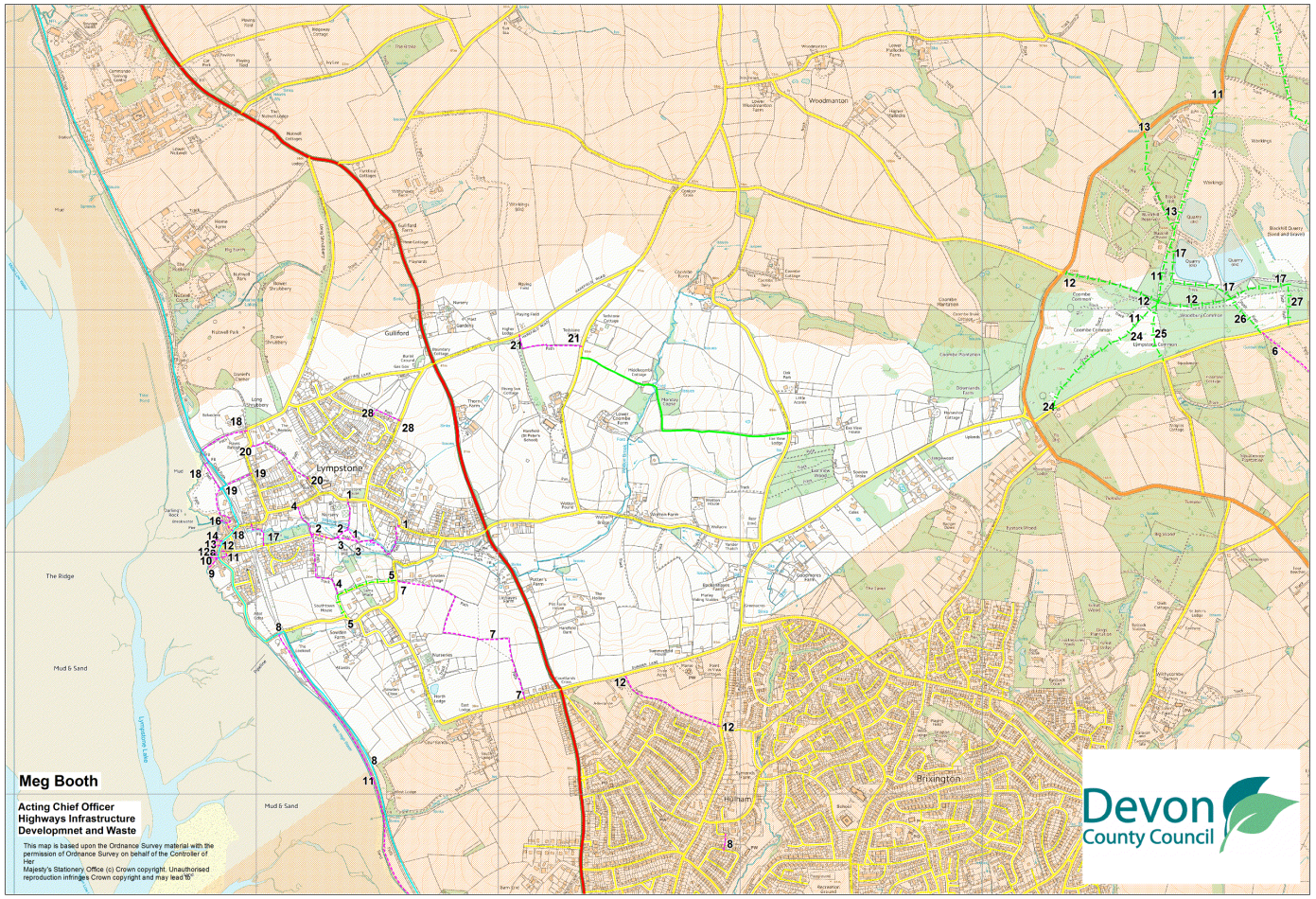
- **Internet – www.devon.gov.uk/prow and follow the link to**
- **My Local Paths for an interactive map showing public rights of way, permissive paths also access land.**

- **PROW Parish Map.**

- **Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 114 Exeter & the**
- **Exe Valley and 115 Exmouth and Sidmouth.**



Lympstone Parish Map



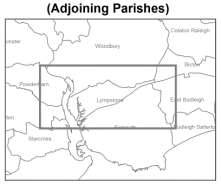
Parish Map
Lympstone

Showing
Public Rights of Way
and County Roads

Scale 1 : 10,000

0 100 200 300 400 500
metres

LOCATION PLAN
(Adjoining Parishes)



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Notes / Revisions

Date	Details
Jul 02	First copy
Jun 07	Revised and updated
May 11	Updated
May 2017	Updated

Legend

Public Rights of Way
- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Restricted Byway
- Byway

Cycleways
- Off Road

Roads
- Motorway
- A Road
- B Road
- Other Road
- Unsurfaced Unclassified County Road

The public rights of way information shown on this plan has been derived from the Definitive Map and Statement and any amending orders.

Changes to the Definitive Map

The changes that can be made through the review process are:

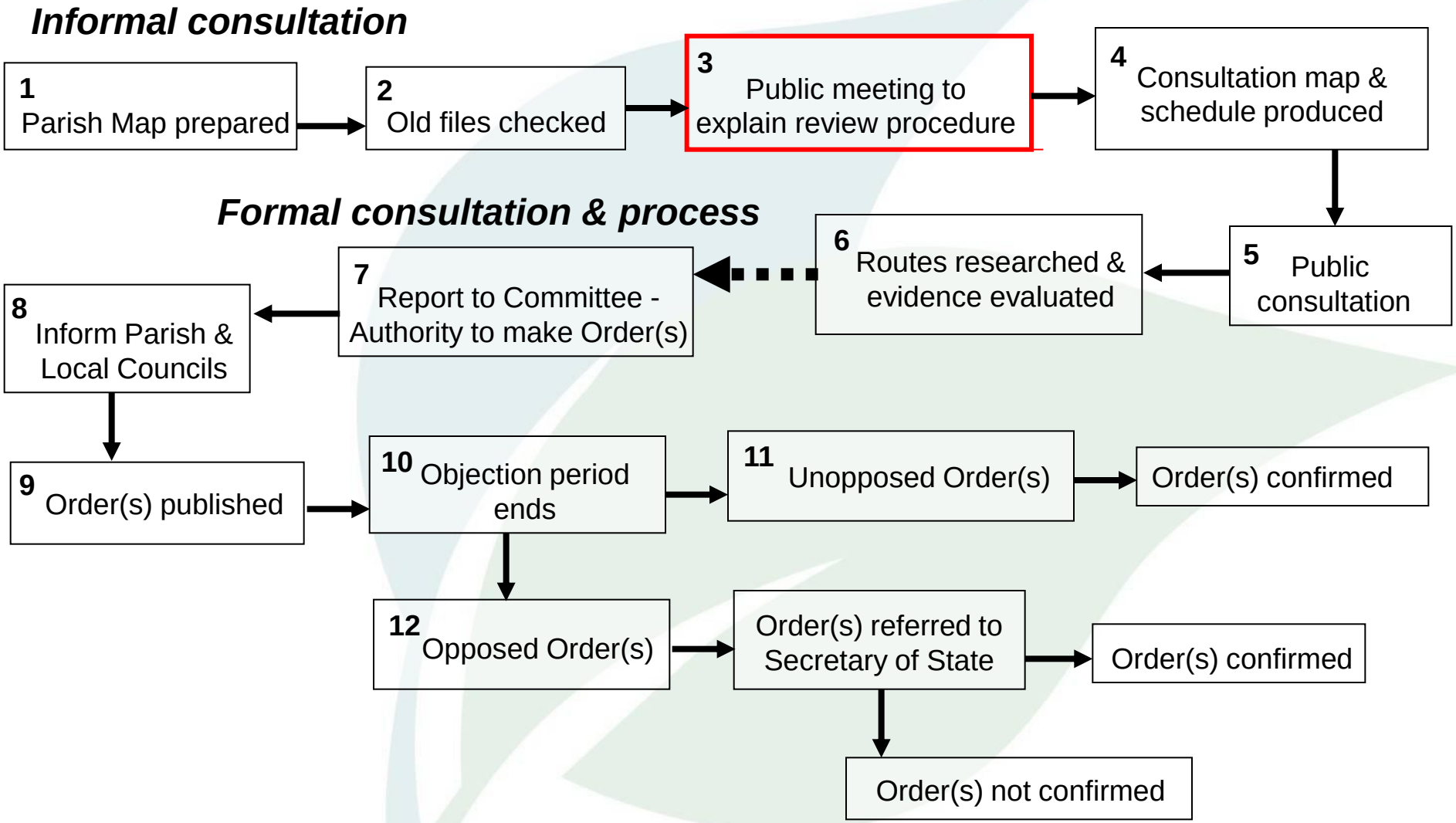
- **Adding** an unrecorded route
- **Upgrading or downgrading** an existing right of way
- **Amend or Delete** an entry on the Map that evidence indicates was wrongly recorded
- Diversions (usually funded by the landowners) and creation/dedication agreements

What evidence to gather?

- **User Evidence Forms**
- **Landowner Evidence Forms** to any effected landowner**.**
- **Documentary Evidence**:
  - Old Maps
  - Estate Plans
  - Other sources, e.g. Parish Minutes
  - Photographs

---Then I take a Report Public Rights of Way Committee

Definitive Map Review Process



What you need to do next…

- Come forward with any **suggested changes** to rights of way network.
- **Gather evidence of use,** (User Evidence Forms available, please attach maps to forms)
- Locate any old parish maps and let me see them
- **Any initial suggestions to me by 29th September 2017.**

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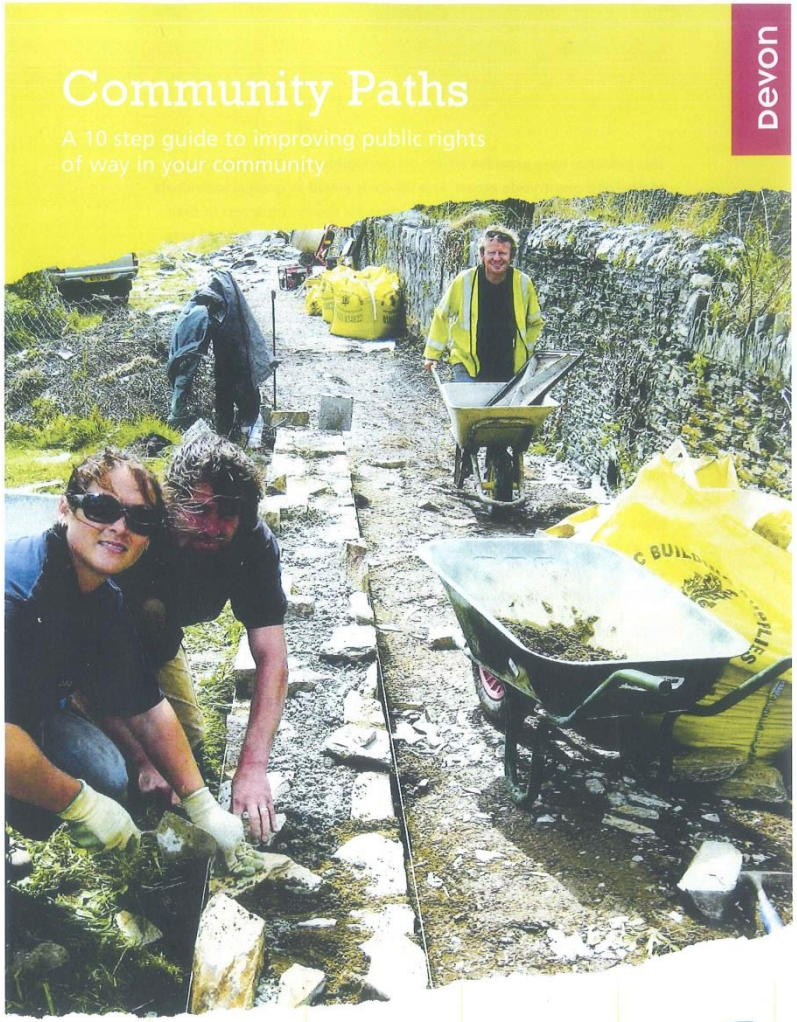
10 Steps Guide to Community Paths

Parish Paths Partnership Scheme known as P3.
This is a scheme where Parishes manage their own rights of way,
receiving grants for doing so.



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