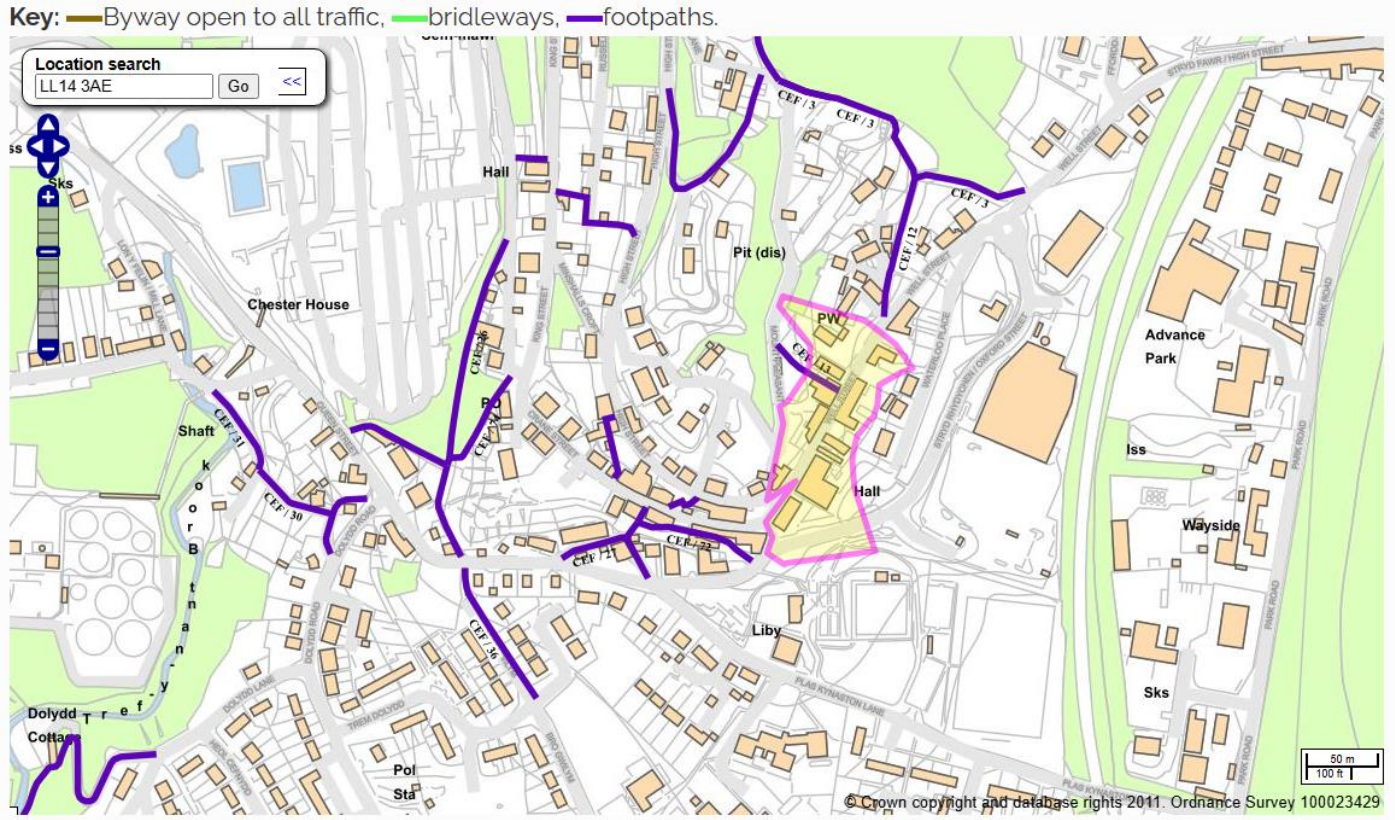
WCBC

Public rights of way definitive map

The Definitive Map and Statement is the Council's legal record of Public Rights of Way in Wrexham. It was prepared under the provisions of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. It shows public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic (BOATs). It is conclusive evidence of the existence of the rights of way. Although it should be noted that Public Rights of Way may exist that are not shown on the map. Claims are continuously being made to add such routes.



Important note – The rights of way information shown on this map is provided for information only and must not be relied on for legal, statutory or any other formal purposes. The legal record of rights of way, known as the Definitive Map and Statement, can be viewed by appointment with the Rights of Way section. To make an appointment please e-mail rightsofway@wrexham.gov.uk

PKC Comment:

Please note all the pathways not marked on the definitive map. The Definitive map only highlights the pathways adopted by the local authority, that being in our case WCBC. These are highlighted by the purple lines shown on the above map.

The above map has far more pathways on it that are unadopted and these are not shown as significant, however the lack of adoption does not mean they do not exist, as the following aerial following photography clearly shows.

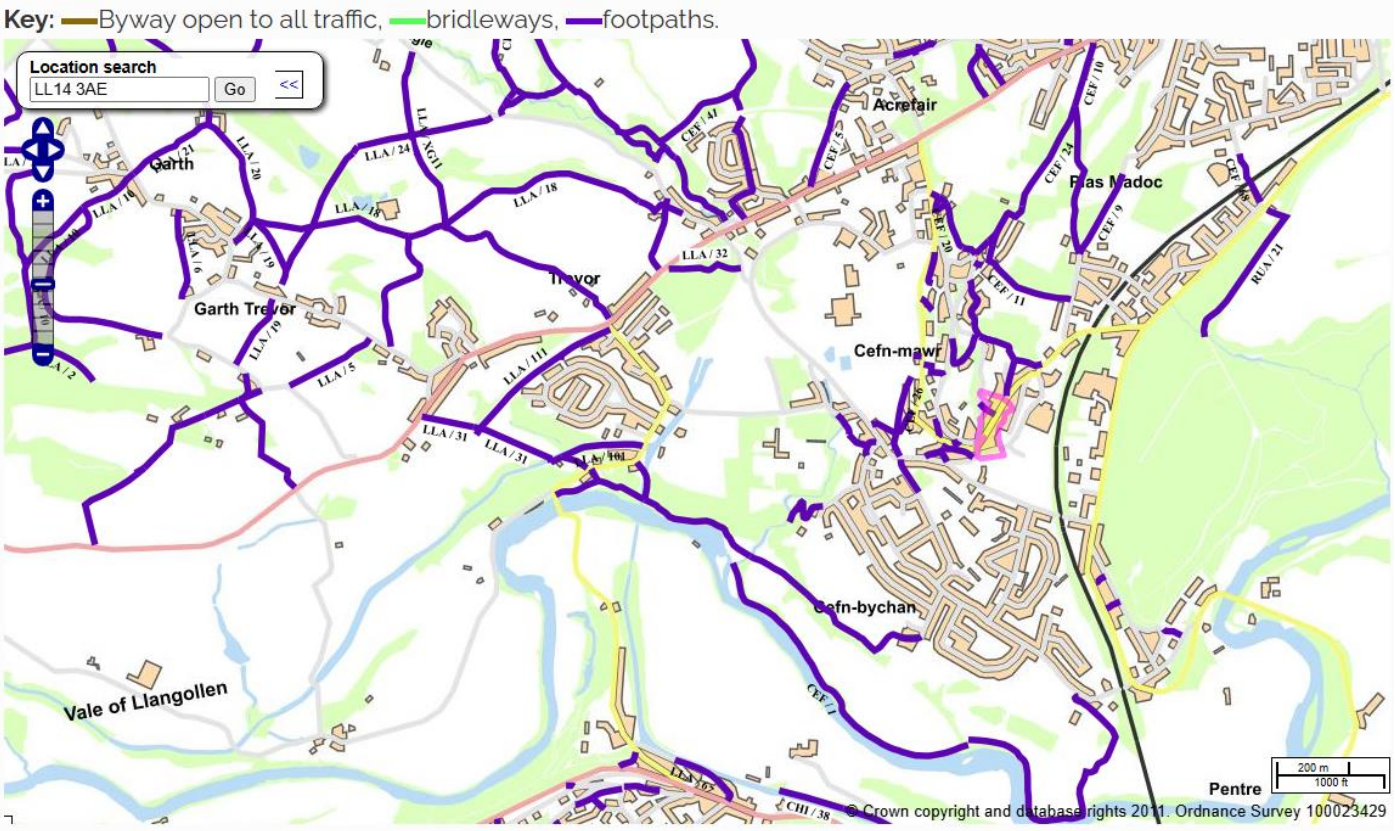


The same area in 2010 prior to the construction of Tesco where the footpaths can be clearly seen and our beer garden adjoining such at the rear of the Holly Bush Inn. Access was available to Waterloo Lane, Cefn Druids Football Ground, the Muga and Plas Kynaston Lane prior to the construction of Tesco and the new Oxford Street serving such.



The same area of Cefn Mawr after the construction of Tesco where our access to Muga and Plas Kynaston Lane has been lost, but access to Waterloo Lane remains. Unfortunately, because we want to upgrade and improve this public footpath through our beer garden CCC now want to erect palisade fencing to close off the footpath and prevent access. The metal fencing by CCC will effectively cut off our access that we have enjoyed for 226 years.

Other Pathways NOT Marked on the Definitive Map:



In this extract from WCBC Definitive Map for our area Offa's Dyke is clearly not shown and not adopted by WCBC, despite it running right across the area shown. Offa's Dyke is one of the most famous long-distance footpaths in the UK.

Yet it is NOT shown on the above map.

Therefore, the fact that the local authority has not adopted a footpath is not a valid argument for saying a footpath does not exist.

CCC needs to admit this and stop making untruthful statements.

Also please note the pink outlined area. We are not sure but did volunteer information and our plans for the maintenance and upgrade of our pathway to WCBC Active Travel Wales recently (2026). Our input recently may be connected to this, but unfortunately as stated by CCC, they seek to close off the pathway. Incidentally for the criteria of Active Travel Wales our pathway is used daily, for access to and from work.

Although our pathway is extremely short, only 42 meters in comparison to some the of the pathways shown, we are now making application for adoption to WCBC.

We would certainly support WCBC adopting our pathway should they choose to, however we will remain responsible for maintenance and upkeep, as we do for our village centre.

WCBC DEFINITIVE PATHWAYS & APPLICATION

Statement of priorities by WCBC:

The County Borough Council as Surveying Authority has a duty to keep the Definitive Map and Statement under continuous review (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 s53). This includes all evidential events giving rise to the modification of the Definitive Map and Statement (s53(3)(b) and s53(3)(c)). The County Borough Council is often under pressure to investigate certain cases in advance of others. The Statement of Priorities sets out the criteria that will normally be applied by the County Borough Council to individual cases and hence the order in which applications will be dealt with.

Priority will be given to duly made Definitive Map Modification Order applications based primarily on 20 years' use of a route by the public. Duly made applications by the public based on documentary evidence (such as old maps and documents) will be given priority over discovered evidence applications where the County Borough Council has found such evidence.

Applications based on the above priorities will normally be investigated in the order in which the applications are received, except in any of the following circumstances where a case may be investigated sooner:

1. Where public safety could be substantially improved

Definitive Map cases may be given priority where, for example, the effect of an order if confirmed would significantly enhance public safety.

2. Where Wrexham County Borough Council's actions could result in a significant positive impact on the network

Definitive Map cases may be given priority where, for example:

- A route forms all or part of a "missing link" in the network;
- A route forms part of a longer route e.g. circular route, long distance route;
- An anomaly in the Definitive Map and Statement would be resolved; and
- A problem exists which cannot be solved through maintenance or enforcement.

3. Where the existence of the route is threatened by development

- Definitive Map cases may be given priority where, for example:
- There is an outstanding planning application or planning permission has been granted
- There is the probability of a future application

4. Where investigation of a case would involve substantially the same evidence as a route currently under investigation or about to be investigated

Definitive Map cases may be given priority where, for example, a route involves looking at substantially the same documents as a route already under investigation.

5. Where there is likely to be a change in the level of use

Definitive Map cases may be given priority where, for example:

A route is not shown in the Definitive Map and Statement, but has an anticipated high level of use if it were to be recorded in the Definitive Map and Statement; and

A route is shown in the Definitive Map and Statement with lower rights and the anticipated level of use would be greater if higher rights were to be recorded in the Definitive Map and Statement.

WCBC DEFINITIVE PATHWAYS & APPLICATION

Statement of Priorities Public Path Orders WCBC:

Wrexham County Borough Council as Surveying Authority has powers to make orders to divert or extinguish rights of way under the Highways Act 1980 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Cases will include applications made by any member of the public, including owners or occupiers, and where WCBC decides that an order may be required.

The Council is under no obligation to make an Order. Further, if the Council decides to make an order it is under no duty to refer it to the Welsh Ministers, should objections be received.

Applications will normally be investigated in the order in which they are received, except in any of the following circumstances where a case may be investigated sooner:

- Where a route requires a public path order following the grant of planning permission
- Where a public path order would save the significant costs incurred in other Rights of Way functions
- Where an application has been made for a school's spec

PKC Comment:

We fully support WCBC and unlike the assumed in the above text, our planning application is to maintain and improve the pathway, not close it off as CCC seek to do.

Our planning application number is P-2026-0387 and is about improving the area for our community, our environment, and our wildlife.

Therefore, we are now hopeful that our pathway that has been there for over 200 years will be adopted by WCBC on to the WCBC Definitive Map.



And Herbert the Hedgehog and his family hope we are successful!