

Signage and Waymarking on the Public Rights of Way network

PURPOSE

This document is designed as a practical guide to the signposting and Waymarking (signage) of the Public Rights of Way network within North Yorkshire. It sets out agreed guidelines on location of signage and design principles.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1.0 Signposting

In accordance with section 27 of the Countryside Act 1968 all routes will be signposted where they leave a metalled road, with the exception of locations where it is deemed a signpost is not required and the Parish Council are in agreement. Signposts will meet the design principles set out in this document.

2.0 Waymarking

Where practicable, routes will be signed at their junction with other routes. In addition, where a route is not reasonably easy to follow when using existing signage and a 1:25 000 scale Ordnance Survey Map, waymarkers may be erected. Waymarks will meet the design principles set out in this document

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

1.0 Signposting

Signposts at the roadside will take the form of a Fingerpost complying with the dimensions laid out in [Figure 1](#). The post shall be FSC certified softwood and the finger an appropriate hardwood.

Standard Blade design

- As a minimum the blade will be routed with the route status.
- A coloured arrow corresponding to the route status will be routed on the blade.
- A pictogram representing the lawful classes of user will be included.
- All text will be in lower case with initial capital letters to a minimum of 35mm capital letter height in Arial font.
- Where a clear route destination exists this will be routed on the blade with the distance in miles, expressed as fractions to a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.
- Route destinations will normally correspond to a place or feature marked on the 1:25000 scale Ordnance Survey Map.
- The layout will conform to the design set out in [Figure 2](#). All text will be infilled with black paint.

Promoted Route Blade design

- Where a route forms part of an approved promoted route the details will be added to the blade.
- The name of the route shall appear immediately below the route status.
- Where the promoted route has a logo, this will be included on a separate plaque affixed to the post.
- Where a clear route destination exists this will be routed on the blade with the distance in miles.
- Route destinations will normally correspond to a place or feature marked on the 1:25000 scale Ordnance Survey Map.
- The layout will conform to the design set out in [Figure 3](#). All text will be infilled with black paint.

AONB Blade design

- Where a route falls within an Area of Outstanding Natural beauty, the appropriate AONB logo will be added to the blade to conform to either [Figure 4](#) (Howardian Hills AONB) or [Figure 5](#) (Nidderdale AONB) as appropriate.

Additional Post detail

- All posts will contain a plaque giving name and contact details for the authority.
- Where the route is a promoted route the logo will be included on this plaque.
- Where a route is a recognised 'easy access' route, this detail will appear on the plaque.
- Any other relevant and appropriate information may be included on the plaque.

2.0 Waymarking

With the exception of approved promoted routes, all waymark arrows will contain the following information:

- Route status
- Coloured arrow corresponding to route status
- Website address

The layout will conform to the standard set out in [Figure 6](#).

For approved promoted routes the adapted standard waymark arrow, consisting of a clear panel with custom logo sticker insert, will be used ([Figure 7](#)).