

# 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](#)).