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## Parish Footpaths

Longden, as a rural Parish, is well provided with footpaths suitable for exploring the parish. Many are also bridleways, and support horses and other users. Part of [The Shropshire Way](#) [1] runs through the eastern edge of the parish.

The footpath network is extensive, and is, of course, mapped on the Ordnance Survey 1:50000 and (better) 1:25000 maps of the area.

The centre of the Parish at 1:50000 can be seen by clicking [here](#) [1]. Public rights of way are indicated by red dashed lines - the longer dashes represent public bridleways, the shorter dashes are public footpaths.

## The Definitive Map

The Definitive Map is Shropshire Council's legal record of Public Rights of Way. It shows public footpaths, bridleways and some vehicular rights of way. 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 and claims are continuously being made to add such routes. The Definitive Map is held at Shirehall, though there is an online version available [here](#) [1]. Once opened, you will need to zoom in, and select "rights of way" from the tick boxes down the right hand side.

## Problems with a footpath?

You can report issues with Shropshire footpaths at <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/countryside.nsf> [2] or by writing to

Principal Rights of Way Officer  
Shropshire County Council  
Countryside Service  
The Shirehall  
Abbey Foregate  
Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

## Open Access Land

Certain areas of land are available under the [Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000](#) [1]. Natural England maintains a searchable website of land open under CROW [here](#) [1]. Lyth Hill is the only part of the parish available under this legislation.

See also:

[Wikipedia: Rights of Way in England and Wales](#) [1]

[Natural England](#) [1]

[The Shropshire Way](#) [1]

[Shropshire Open Access Publications](#) [1]

## Longden Parish Paths Partnership (LP3)

The creation of the Longden Parish footpaths group (LP3) was one of the first initiatives resulting directly from responses to the parish Survey.

Since its formation last summer local volunteers have been working with the officers of Shropshire Council's Countryside Access Team to monitor and improve the public rights of way in our parish. All materials and tools are provided free by Shropshire Council ? the local volunteers provide the labour. Initially, volunteers from the well established Pontesbury P3 group joined LP3 to show them the ropes but our group is now catching up fast. So far they have tackled the re-building and repair of about 14 stiles on footpaths and bridleways across the parish starting with the paths from Great Lyth via Annscroft to Moat Hall and Wood Hall. They have now moved on to the circuit of paths from Longden to Exfords Green and Lower Common. As well as clearing vegetation and fixing way markers where appropriate, they are bringing all the stiles on these paths up to a new standard to include two steps and a dog gate. This should make Longden's paths much more accessible for all and a great asset to our community.

More volunteers would enable the group to make even more progress. If you would like to help the contact details are:

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