

**Route Summary Report
Kiln Bent Lane
March 2018**



Description

Unclassified Road commencing at the A6024 proceeding in an east south east, then generally south west, then east and finally generally northerly direction to Brown Hill Lane at its junction with Holme Valley Public Footpath No 180.

Includes a short section of Byway Open to All Traffic known as Old Gate commencing on the A6204 and heading generally east north east to its junction with Kiln Bent Road (UCR)¹

Legal Status: Unclassified Road/BOAT

County: Kirklees

Parish: Holme Valley

Grid Reference: SE 1025 0532 to SE 1150 0563 and SE 1043 0515 to SE 1062 0528 (Old Gate)

Length: 3400 metres and 200 metres (Old Gate)

Nearest Other Byways / Non-classified Highways / Claimed Byways

Kiln Bet Road links to Ramsden Road (BOAT)

Sustainability Analysis

Undertaken in 2013

Physical - Does the route show serious signs of physical damage resulting from usage?

Score: 1 (1 or no user groups would find the route hard to use)

Conservation - Is the route subject to any protective designation (for heritage or wildlife)?

Comment:

Score: 2

Complaints - Have there been any complaints about vehicular use conflicting with other uses?

Comment: Concerns raised by various bodies but in particular local people and the parish council

Score: 2 (yes from localised sources or individuals)

Character - Is the character of the route being damaged by vehicular use?

Comments:

Score: 1

Conflict - Is the free passage of non-motorised users being prejudiced?

Score: 1 (minor/no issues regarding the width, visibility, slope and speed of use by vehicles)

Total Score =7/15

¹ During site inspections, LAF members and officers noted issues on Old Gate BOAT and resolved to include this short section of BOAT within the overall management plan for Kiln Bent Road.



Levels of Vehicular Use

Friday 7 October 2016 – Thurs 10 November 2016 (35 days)

| Daily totals | Large Vehicles | Motorcycles only |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Mondays | 8 | 45 |
| Tuesdays | 2 | 35 |
| Wednesdays | 2 | 43 |
| Thursdays | 4 | 28 |
| Fridays | 9 | 22 |
| Saturdays | 15 | 66 |
| Sundays | 10 | 104 |
| | | |
| Mon-Fri total | 25 | 173 |
| Sat-Sunday total | 25 | 170 |
| Overall total | 50 | 343 |
| Average per day | 1.42 | 9.8 |

Conservation interest

Landscape – Kiln Bent lane lies within the Dark Peak landscape character area – a sparsely settled area of gritstone uplands comprising an extensive upland plateau with steep gritstone slopes that drop away to lower lying slopes, wooded cloughs, and deep valleys some of which have been flooded to create large reservoirs.

Peak District Local Access Forum Comments

The Green Lanes Sub-group surveyed the route and met on 9 February 2017. Members have included the short spur of byway (Old Gate) from GR SK 104051 to GR SK 106052 in their assessment of this lane. The sub-group unanimously recommended that:

- Damaged areas needed repairs
- Illegal use needed addressing
- That PDNPA officers should work with the highway authority and landowner to try to progress these issues
- That when the lane was reopened after temporary closure the sub-group would re-inspect the lane and give further recommendations.

Issues

People

- Disturbance to residents - proximity
- User conflict – recreational value for all users of the route and area

The Route

- Route condition – poor drainage

The Area

- Impact on adjacent land – illegal use