

**Route Summary Report
Houndkirk
March 2018**



Description

Byway commencing at Sheephill Road, heading generally south south west, crossing Jumble Lane (BOAT) and then heading generally south west to the A6187.

Legal Status: Byway Open to All Traffic

County: Sheffield

Grid Reference: SK 2901 8349 to SK 2699 8051

Length:3650 metres

Nearest Other Byways / Non-classified Highways / Claimed Byways

Crosses Jumble Lane (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)?

Score: 3 (the route is within a SSSI, SAC, SPA and Natural Zone and vehicle users are (for whatever reason) leaving the highway)

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: 3 (yes many complaints from a variety of sources)

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

Score: 2 (the highway is affected)

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 =10/15

Levels of Vehicular Use

Friday 13 Aug 2010 – Weds 8 Sept 2010 (27 days)

Daily totals	Large Vehicles	Motorcycles only
Mondays	6	3
Tuesdays	2	7
Wednesdays	4	5
Thursdays	5	8
Fridays	9	6
Saturdays	19	40
Sundays	15	64
Mon-Fri total	26	29
Sat-Sunday total	34	104
Overall total	60	133
Average per day	2.22	4.92

Thursday 17 September 2015 – Thursday 5 November 2015 (50 days)

Daily totals	Large Vehicles	Motorcycles only
Mondays	9	14
Tuesdays	19	7
Wednesdays	6	16
Thursdays	11	30
Fridays	16	26
Saturdays	20	117
Sundays	28	108
Mon-Fri total	61	93
Sat-Sunday total	48	225
Overall total	109	318
Average per day	2.18	6.36

Conservation interest

Ecology - The route passes through a SSSI, SAC, SPA and Natural Zone.

Landscape – Houndkirk lies within the Eastern Moors landscape character area – a sparsely settled area of gritstone uplands...a continuation of the Dark Peak uplands but...with a narrower moorland top...and a greater proportion of enclosed moorland. This is an elevated landscape which drops away to the Derwent Valley to the west. Edges are a characteristic of the area. There were many (traditional routes) and they were used for cross-Pennine trade.

Peak District Local Access Forum Comments

The Green Lanes Sub-group surveyed the route and met on 9 February 2017. The group unanimously recommended that:

- Use of the lane by recreational vehicles should be logged annually
- A bi-annual inspection should be carried out by officers
- Where users had left the track the damage needed addressing
- That wider issues relating to mountain bike use should also be monitored for its effects
- That it was very important that resources for managing the lane were maintained at their present levels.

Issues

People

- Disturbance to residents – proximity of outdoor learning centre

- User conflict – relatively high levels of vehicular use, recreational value for all users of the route and area, nearby mountain bike trails

The Area

- SSSI, SAC, SPA, Natural Zone
- Impact on adjacent land and verges – illegal use and deviation