

# Ashfield Footpath Group 2026

As many residents know and use regularly Ashfield has an impressive network of Public Footpaths.

Many of the paths are well used by both residents and visitors from adjoining parishes and further afield. The routes are generally well signed and for the most part well used, something we can be proud of.

During 2025 an annual inspection of all the paths took place. There were no deliberate obstructions and other than replacing several waymark posts and some minor repairs to a pedestrian bridge there was little work required.

We did receive reports of a cross-field path [just over into Debenham] being obstructed by crops, an attempt to get the landowner to clear the path did not yield a positive outcome. This winter with the route still obstructed and by now the roadside sign having collapsed the matter was reported to SCC. A response was received stating they had contacted the landowner. As of 1st May the signpost was still down and the route obstructed, not impressed!

Malcolm Pease who helps to keep the routes in good order has been unwell this winter, he is now recovering and has started to get out walking the paths again.

If whilst out and about you come across any obstructions or issues with the paths/surfaces do please let Malcolm Pease and myself know so we can take remedial action.

Thank you and do please continue to use/enjoy our paths!

Robert Grimsey

for Ashfield Footpath Group