

CONTRACTORS' GUIDELINES

General

The Contractor must inform the landowner of the intended commencement date of the works (unless enforcement action is to be undertaken).

Access to the site should be agreed with all affected landowners and every effort made to minimise damage to field surfaces.

Vegetation and other surplus material should be removed from the site unless otherwise agreed with the landowner.

Signing and Waymarking

Signposts and arms must conform to Devon County Council specification.

Signposts should be erected to a minimum depth of 800 mm with two metal crossbars inserted in the base to prevent removal.

Sign arms must be attached with drive screws and should point along the line of the path.

Waymarks should be sited in consultation with landowners and must not be attached to live trees.

Waymarker posts should be a minimum height of 1 metre above the ground.

Clearance

Width: Where a path runs between hedges or banks, the whole width should be cleared.

Where a path is undefined, footpaths should be cleared to a minimum width of 2 metres and bridleways/byways to a minimum of 3 metres.

Height: Footpaths should be cleared to a minimum height of 2 metres and bridleways/byways to a minimum of 3 metres.

Structures

All structures, which include timber footbridges (supplied in kit form up to 8.1 metres span), stiles, gates, signposts and step risers, must conform to Devon County Council specification (drawings are available).

Gates must be erected with a minimum width measured between the posts of:

Footpath	a standard 3' gate or a kissing gate
Bridleway	5' gate
Byway/UCR	10' - 12' gate.

Fencing

Fencing should be left in a stockproof condition.

Barbed wire must be attached to the post on the side remote from the public right of way with a plain guard wire attached to the near side at the same height.

Timber Materials

All timber must be treated to Devon County Council specification DS 139 and be of a species suitable for ground contact. (Approved supplier is Chapelton Sawmills, Rawle Gammon & Baker Ltd, Umberleigh. The County Council may also be able to supply certain items.

Insurance

Contractors must have at least £5 million Public Liability Insurance to work on public rights of way.

IF IN DOUBT CONTACT THE WARDEN OR THE P3 CO-ORDINATOR