

Walking and Access

All of our journeys start and finish on foot. With most of Braunton being level, there are many opportunities to walk to the schools, shops etc. There are also many public footpaths where people can walk for pleasure including the Great Field and the Tarka Trail.

Easy access is increasingly important for parents with prams and those with a mobility handicap. There is a large elderly population in Braunton who will benefit from well planned improvements. Braunton Access Group, with its links to Devon County Council, North Devon District Council and Braunton Parish Council, has worked hard to get improvements such as dropped footway crossings, safer road crossings and better access to shops, banks and other buildings.

49% of those responding said that there were places where improvements could be made. This provides helpful data to help prioritise future improvements.

All the Public Rights of Way in Braunton are currently being brought up to standard by Devon County Council so that the Rights of Way Network should be easier to use in the future. 56% of respondents thought the paths were well marked and easy to follow, 10% disagreed and 24% did not know. The main complaint was the poor signing of footpaths, particularly on the Great Field.

Braunton Great Field's footpath network has just been extensively diverted and signed to create a more accessible network for the public to enjoy.



ACTIONS

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4 To continue working in conjunction with parish councils to improve access to the Public Footpath Network, and to aim to have 90% available for use by June 2005.

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5 To improve access to and visibility of the zebra crossing at Saunton Road.

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6 To complete the footway scheme from Cavie Crescent to the Sports Ground along Saunton Road.

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7 To investigate and prioritise requests for disabled access improvements with the help of the Braunton Disabled Access Group and to implement the top priorities.

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8 To work with schools on walking routes in conjunction with these schools' travel plans.

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9 To investigate the provision of a central refuge on Chaloners Road in the vicinity of the Parish Hall.



One of the new signs on the Great Field