



Supporting Our Community

PRESS RELEASE

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HELP SAVE OUR PATHS OR LOSE THEM FOREVER

A right of way is a path that everyone has the legal right to use on foot, and sometimes using other modes of transport: Our paths are one of our most precious assets, hidden in plain sight, and often taken for granted, they allow everyone to enjoy the countryside, both on our doorstep and across Britain's iconic landscapes. With the help of thousands of volunteers, Ramblers compared current maps of England and Wales with two historic maps from 120 years ago and found over 49,000 miles of paths which could be lost forever if not registered before the UK Government's deadline of 1 January 2026.

Can you help by joining the campaign to save our paths? At least five paths in Godalming could be lost. Please visit the Ramblers.org link, sign up, do the training and work towards putting our paths on the map before they're lost for ever.

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/dont-lose-your-way-2026.aspx>

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Notes to Editors:

Legally, a public right of way is part of the Queen's highway and subject to the same protection in law as all other highways, including trunk roads. There are approximately 140,000 miles of existing rights of way in England and Wales.

Each highway authority is required to have a map of all rights of way in its area (the definitive map).

The UK Government has set a deadline of 1 January 2026 for all historic paths to be registered for inclusion on official maps.

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