

Tacolneston Parish Council – Footpaths Audit 2026

Footpath No.1. (From B1113 Norwich Rd to Brickkiln Lane (Ashwellthorpe)).

Signage on B1113 but not Brickkiln Lane which is in Ashwellthorpe Parish. The path is not easy to follow and is overgrown in parts.

Footpath No.2. (From B1113 Norwich Rd (Fiddy's Corner) to Brickkiln Lane (Ashwellthorpe)). Signage in place at both ends and is easy to walk. Not well used.

Footpath No.3. (From junction of New Rd and Hall Rd to Common Rd (Forncett)).

No signs from New Road. Initial path is on a surfaced farm track. Remainder of path is in reasonable condition but not always easy to follow.

Footpath No.4. (From footpath no.10 to junction of footpaths Nos 7 & 9 along SW edge of field to footpath no.5). No signage at footpath no.5 and the sign at the junction with footpath no.10 was leaning over – the post was dug in and straightened. Footpath no.4 is signed from junction with footpath 9 but does not follow Norfolk County Council definitive rights of way map and follows edge of field. Footpath is clearly defined, including cross field section between footpaths nos 9 and 10, and well used. The decking crossing the ditch near to footpath no.10 is in reasonable condition.

Footpath No.5. (From B1113 (Norwich Rd), alongside Tacolneston School grounds, crossing footpath no.4 to junction with footpath no.6). The signpost pillar on B1113 has rotted through and post propped up within land of property adjacent to the school. Footpath very uneven for 100m adjacent to school grounds because of tree roots. Otherwise, an easy walked path. Clearly defined route throughout delineated by electrified stock fencing.

Footpath No.6. (From B1113 Norwich Rd, The Green, past Christmas cottage to junction with footpath no 7). Faded sign at The Green. Well defined path delineated by electrified stock fencing.

Footpath No.7. (From Cheney's Lane to junction of footpaths nos 4 and 9 and then NNE across a field to junction with footpath 6 and onwards to B1113 (Norwich Rd) 200m SE of church). No signage from Cheney's Lane or at junction with footpaths nos 4 and 9 but sign present at junction with footpath 6. Footpath ploughed over and wholly under cultivation between junction with footpaths nos 4 and 9 and junction with footpath no 6. Signpost at footpath no.9 refers to it being a cross-field path which may be affected by agricultural activity but not a right to use the path, Nevertheless, this part of footpath no7 is not used. Other parts of footpath clearly visible and well used.

Footpath No.8. (North from footpath 9 through Old Hall Farm woods to B1113 (Norwich Rd) 150m SE of church). Signpost pillar had rotted through at junction with footpath no.9 – the post was dug back in and re-erected. Cross field path clearly delineated and well used. The two decks which cross the ditch and the stream (near to junction with footpath no.9 are both in reasonable condition. Low hanging branches and overhead brambles removed from footpath 50m at from its beginning near to footpath no.9.

Footpath No.9. (East from B1113 (Norwich Rd) adjacent to Anglian Water pumping station to Hurn Lane). No signpost on B1113 but signposted from Hurn Lane. The signpost at junction of footpaths nos 8 and no,9 had rotted through; the post was dug back in and re-erected. Farmland is ploughed to immediately adjacent to the footpath or ploughed over in parts where it follows the edge of the woodland and stream between Hurn Land and What3words location: cycles-redouble-grasp. Very uneven and hard going footpath in parts. Appears to be used infrequently. Fallen tree removed from footpath 50m from Hurn Lane.

Footpath No.10. (From footpath no.7, crossing footpath no.11, east to Stickler Lane). No signage from footpaths no.4 or no.7 or along route. Sign in place from Stickler Lane. Well-used and level footpath – easy walking.

Footpath No.11. (From footpath no.9 south to Cheney's Lane 100m east of St Mary's Farm). Sign in place from Cheney's Lane but no signage from footpath no.11 to footpath 10. Well used path with easy walking, the Crossfield section is well defined.

Footpath No.12. (From Cheney's Lane south across fields towards Forncett End, Long Stratton Rd). Signage at both ends of the footpath, Well-defined path with easy walking,