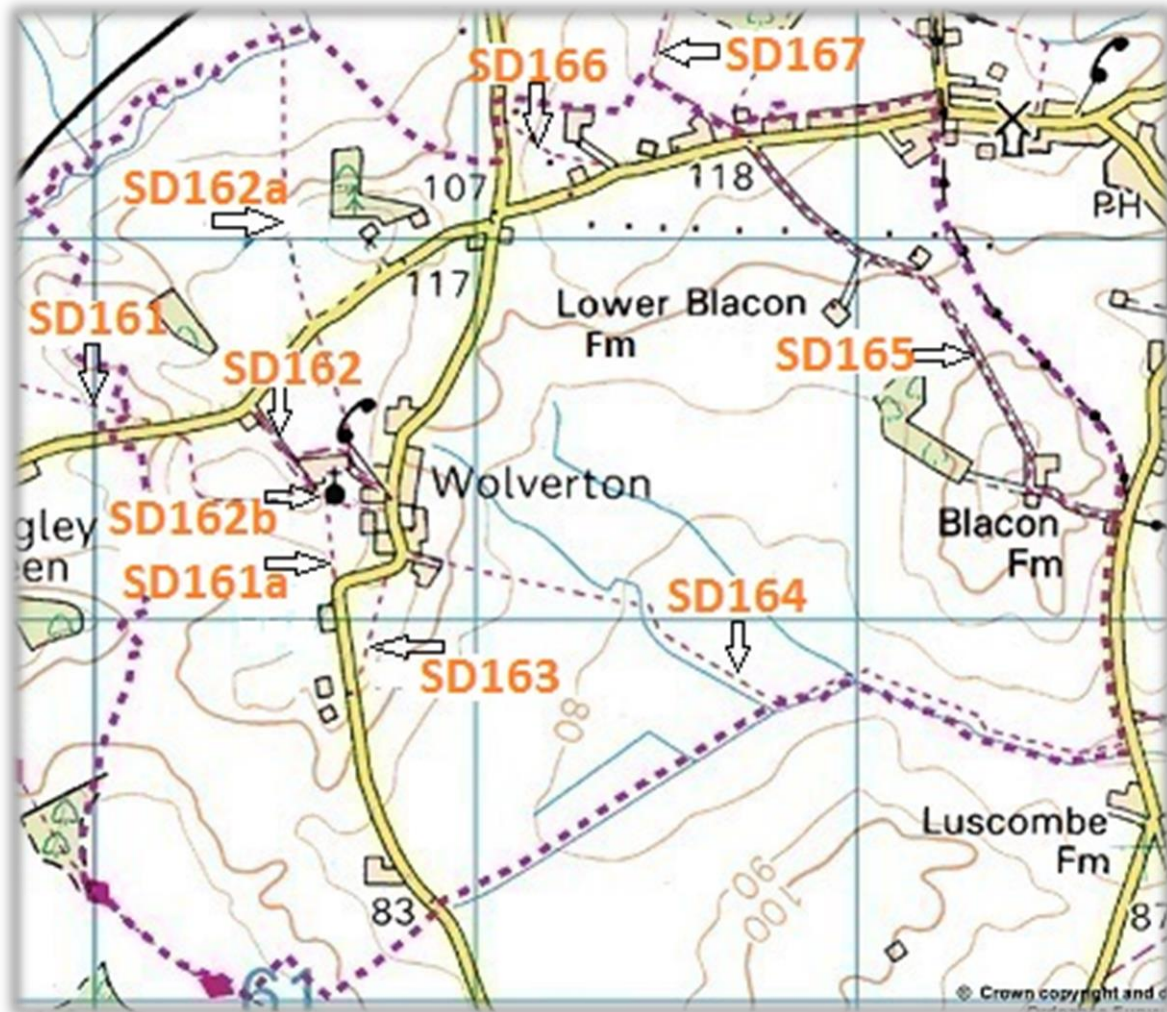


Public Rights of Way

The registered footpaths and bridlepaths of the Parish are shown on the map below. The Parish has an extensive network of footpaths offering panoramic views over the surrounding countryside but only one bridlepath (SD162). An additional bridlepath (SD167) leaving the C39 towards Gannaway Wood opposite the northern end of the Blacon track is accessible from the Parish, but runs wholly in the Parish of Claverdon.



The footpaths and bridleways of the Parish

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For many years the County Council ran a 'Parish Paths Partnership (P3)' scheme. This was a partnership between County and Parish Councils that enabled local communities to improve and promote their rights of way. In Wolverton, with the co-operation of landowners, P3 was used to improve signposting and waymarking, act as a channel for reporting problems, ensure paths were clear of vegetation and, in the early years, led to a number of stile and bridge improvements. More recently, in the interests of accessibility, a start was made in replacing step stiles with kissing gates or Bristol gates.

In the Survey (Q29), access to the countryside was important to many people, presumably for informal recreation, such as rambling, relaxing, viewing, walking the dog, picnicking,