

### Our area

Alton benefits from a wealth of ancient and modern footpaths in both town and the surrounding countryside. Use this map-leaflet to help you make the most of the paths to get around the town and explore the beautiful landscape, all without using your car. So, with best foot forward, breathe in the fresh country air, get fit and healthy, save petrol and help the environment.

### Enjoying the countryside

Rights of way are linear routes, often ancient trackways through deep countryside; there are over 3,000 miles of these in Hampshire. There may also be access to other areas of land, such as commons, woodland, recreation grounds or conservation areas, and the Tourist Information Centre or local bookshops may have publications on other walks or events.

### Using local paths

Many rights of way cross private land, and we ask you to bear this in mind by keeping to the path and being responsible when using them. There are four types, as shown on the map key; please check which paths you are entitled to use (for example, cyclists cannot use footpaths). Wheelchairs, pushchairs and dogs are allowed on all types of right of way. Any permissive paths or areas marked are not rights of way, but the landowner has given permission for the public to use them. To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:

- Be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
- Plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
- Protect plants and animals
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

### Useful contacts

Alton Town Council (and further copies of this leaflet)

Town Hall,

Market Square.

Alton GU34 1HD

01420 83986

[www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk)

Public Transport

National Travel Line 0870 608 2608

Stagecoach 0845 121 0180

Countryside Information

Alton Tourist Information Centre

01420 88448

Hampshire County Council Information Centre

0800 028 0888

HCC Rights of Way queries

0845 603 5636

Ramblers' Association

0845 603 5636

Walking in Hampshire: [www.hants.gov.uk/walking](http://www.hants.gov.uk/walking)

Get Active East Hampshire 01730 224 067

Cycling in Hampshire: [www.hants.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/cycling)

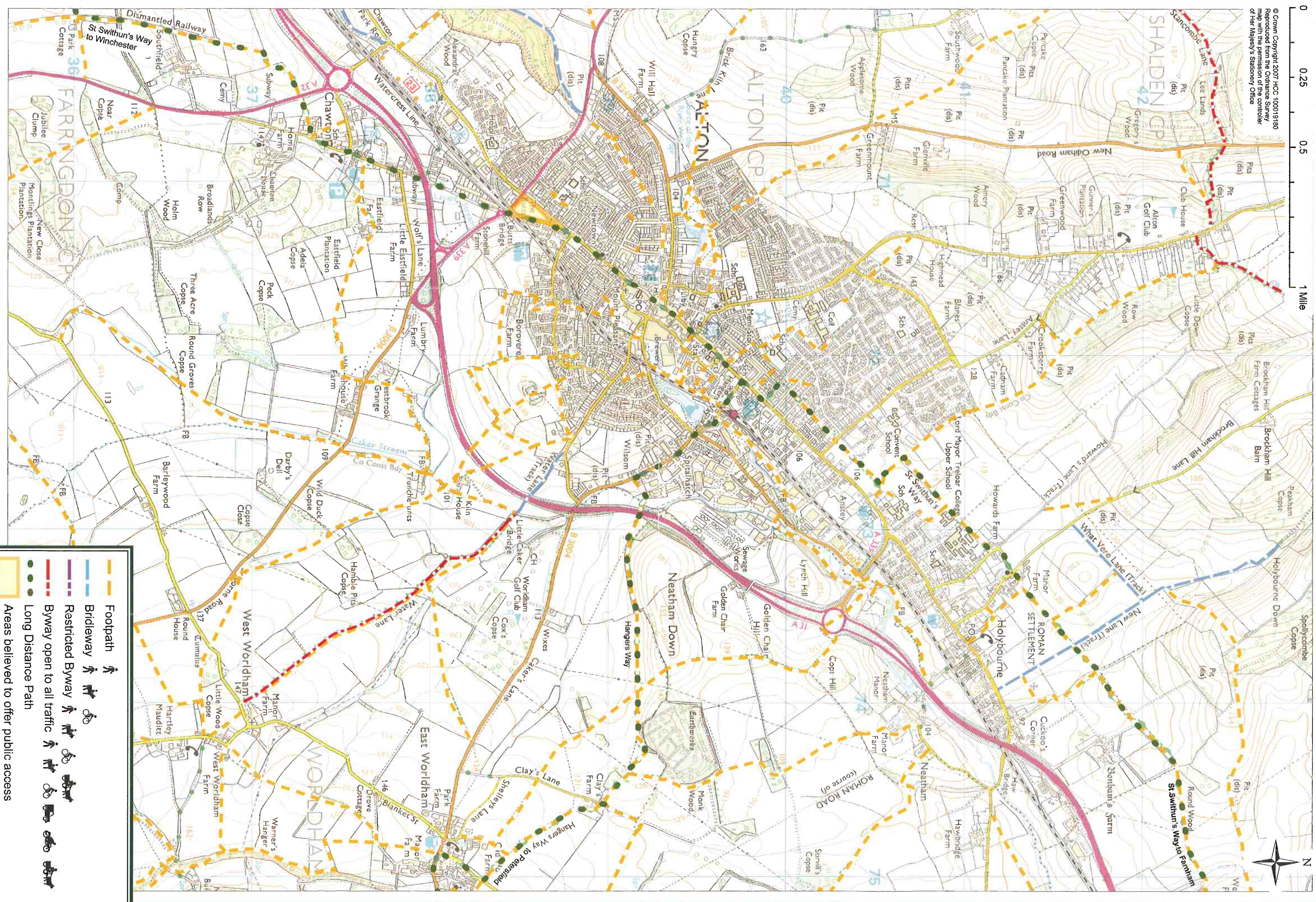
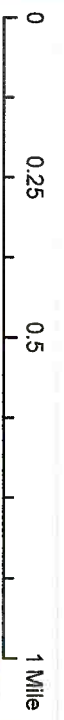
Rights of Way Maps on-line: [www.hants.gov.uk/maps/paths](http://www.hants.gov.uk/maps/paths)  
OS Explorer Map No 144 covers this area

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Alton's  
Countryside



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	Footpath	
	Bridleway	
	Restricted Byway	
	Byway open to all traffic	
	Long Distance Path	
	Areas believed to offer public access	