

Whitby Neighbourhood Plan - Non-Designated Heritage Asset

Name: Trod Paths

NDHA No.: 9

Address/Location: Various, see map

Type of NDHA	Age of NDHA Approximately	Local Significance Reason
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A building or structure 2. A monument or site of archaeological remains 3. A group of buildings or structures 4. A landscape 5. A place, street, lane, park/ parkland, formal garden or natural green space 	<p>Pre 1850 1851 - 1900 1901- 1950 1951 on</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design Value 2. Group Value 3. Archaeological Interest 4. Designed Landscape Value 5. Landmark Status 6. Rarity 7. Local Distinctiveness 8. Documentary Evidence 9. Historic Association 10. Social and Communal Value 11. Intactness

Detailed Description:

North Yorkshire, and particular the Whitby district has a wide variety of **trod paths** (using the OED definition, a dialect word for a trodden way, a footpath, path, or way). In this area formed of stone flagstones. Whilst many routes existed a century ago, some have been covered over by tarmac. Here we concentrate on the extant trods in the Whitby district. Looking at an Ordnance Survey map for 1849 (see sources), the 4 trods covered here were all present at that point, and additionally were much more extensive. Over the years parts of the trods have been removed due to developments, or simply tarmacked over.

The remaining trods are as follows

- **Ruswarp Trod**, from Mayfield Road, downhill alongside Prospect Hill allotments, down Fitts Steps, and across the fields to Ruswarp. Mentioned in Evans (2008).
- **Monks Walk Trod**, from Larpool Lane towards Cock Mill Beck and onward to Sneaton. Mentioned in Sewell (1923).
- **Stakesby Trod**, between Byland Road and Stakesby Road, and then alongside Castle Road for a section.
- **Hawsker Trod**, along Hawsker Lane and Abbey Lane (once reaching Robin Hoods Bay). Mentioned in Evans (2008).

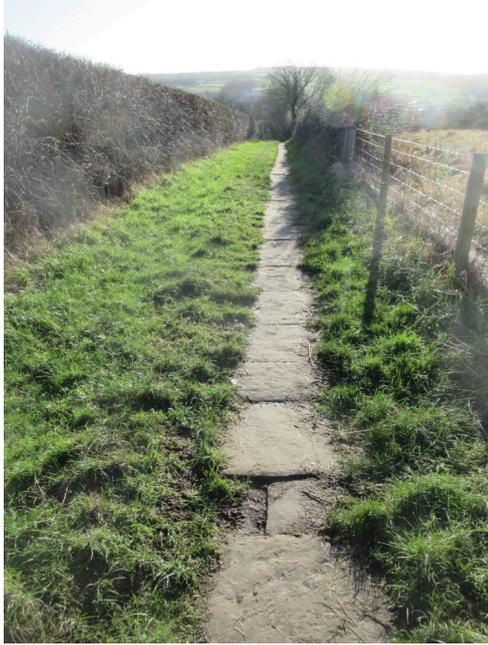
As shown from the photos, the trods are in varying states. Some are better preserved, whilst others have had no maintenance, and suffer from lack of vegetation management.

A trod path following the B1460 beyond Sneaton Castle was tarmacked over by North Yorkshire Council in 2023, despite warnings.

All trod paths will be added to the "At Risk NDHA" Report.

Photo(s) of NDHA:

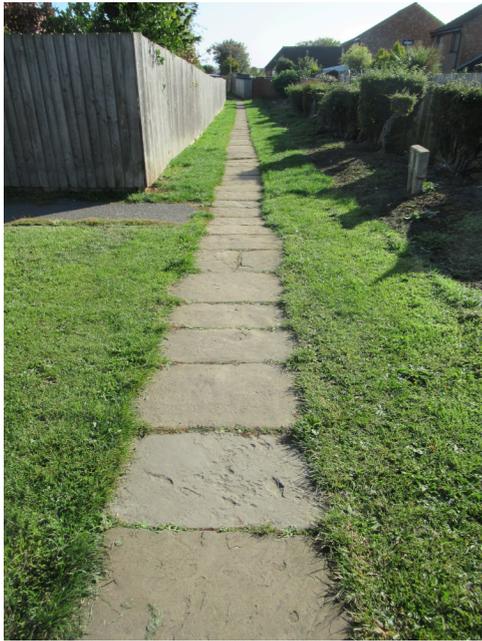
Ruswarp Trod



Monks Walk Trod



Stakesby Trod

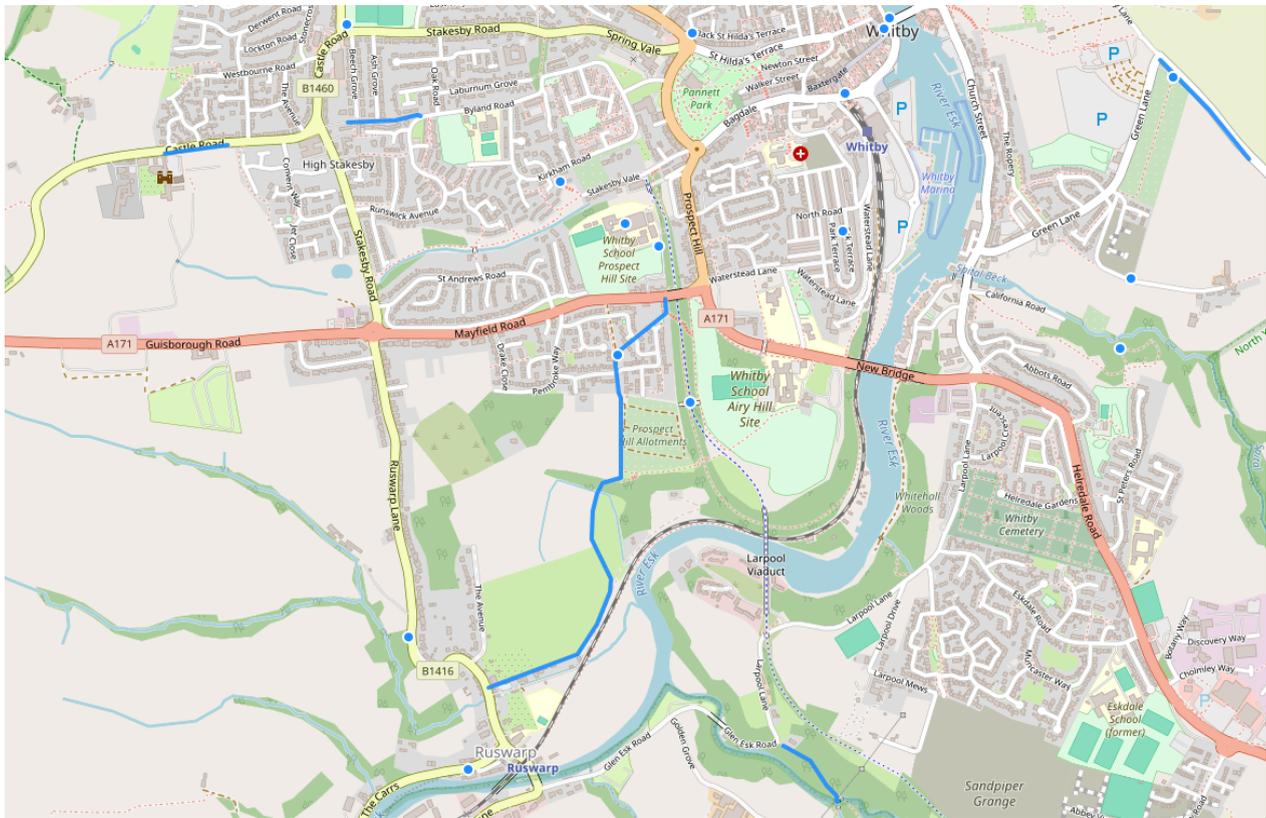


Hawsker Trod



Map of NDHA:

The surviving trods are marked with light blue lines on this map



List of Sources:

Trods of the North York Moors, C. Evans 2008

Mediaeval Roads, Joseph T Sewell 1923

Ordnance Survey map of 1849 : <https://maps.nls.uk/view/102344254>

Owner Notification: Yes/**No**