



## **Salesbury Parish Council's Public Rights of Way Policy and Guidance**

### **Background**

Salesbury Parish Council covers an area containing more than 30 Public Rights of Way (PROWs) and concessionary paths. PROWs are protected by law and landowners and local authorities have obligations to ensure they are unobstructed and accessible. Concessionary paths are not covered by the same laws however Salesbury Parish Council will strive to protect them as though they were.

Salesbury Parish Council is a member of the Peaks and Northern Footpath Society and supports their work in the area.

### **Salesbury Parish Council will work with landowners to ensure that:**

- PROWs are clearly marked within the Parish boundaries.
- where required, any gates leading from PROWs onto private land which does not contain a PROW, are marked with a sign stating 'Private No Public Right of Way' or similar.
- signage and marker posts directing the public along a PROW that have been installed by landowners are not removed.
- signage that is inadvertently placed to direct the public onto paths which are not a PROW, will be removed by either the Parish Council or the landowner with both parties being notified
- where there is a possibility of gates being left open on a PROW, signage will be installed

### **Salesbury Parish Council will also:**

- encourage and educate the public to be respectful of land, farm and wild animals when using PROWs
- encourage and educate the public about the Country Code
- encourage and educate the public about the hazards posed by dogs on farmland