



## PEDESTRIAN USE OF TRACK & PATH FROM TERWICK LANE THROUGH GOLDRINGS WARREN

The parish council has had some complaints about notices restricting pedestrian access in front of Lovehill Cottage, Steddles Cottage and Fern Bank (at the Terwick Lane end of this track) and on the path in front of Keepers Cottage (shown on some maps as Goldrings Cottage) where the track divides in the woods.

We have looked into the situation and established that there is no registered public right of way along this track (ie it does not appear on the definitive map of rights of way maintained by West Sussex County Council).

There is a process to have new rights of way registered on the 'definitive map', which involves (in very brief terms) producing evidence that:

- the land was used as a public right of way in the past - check old maps and documents
- the land was accessed by the public for at least 20 years and nobody has asked them to stop

[Source: [www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land](http://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land)]

The parish council has tried to find a compromise with the owners of the track (eg to make this a "permissive path") but this has proved impossible, although the owner of Goldrings Farm has offered the use of a path through his field (see map below) to connect to the existing right of way from Trotton Road through to Trotton Common.

Whilst there have been successful applications to define new rights of way in other local parishes, the evidence required (if it exists) can take a lot of time to assemble and we have decided this is more work than the parish council itself is willing to undertake. However, should any residents wish to look further into this, we are happy to provide the information and advice we have collected so far.

Please contact the clerk (see above)  
for more information.

