

THIS IS AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARISH OF YOXFORD) MODIFICATION ORDER 2026**

Public footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways and byways open to all traffic are recorded on definitive maps and statements. These maps and statements provide conclusive legal evidence of the existence of public rights. Suffolk County Council is responsible for the definitive map and statement and has a duty to amend them when evidence suggests that they are inaccurate or incomplete. Such amendments are made by means of modification orders under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. These orders do not come into effect until confirmed, and if there are any objections the County Council must refer the order and objections to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in Bristol.

The County Council has made a modification order under Section 53 to add a footpath as detailed in the order. This order simply recognises the public rights that the authority believes exist. The order does not create any new public rights.

The evidence which the County Council has considered may be consulted free of charge at the following locations:

By prior appointment at the offices of the County Council, Phoenix House, Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP:

- Formal Application with attachments dated 21 June 2021
- Hodskinson's Map 1783
- Bryant's Map 1824/5
- Greenwood's Map 1825
- Ordnance Survey Old Series 1-inch to the mile Map, Published 1836
- Ordnance Survey Landranger series 1:50,000 scale raster image dated 2025
- 1979 Review Material
- Working copy definitive map for the parish of Yoxford dated 1/10/2019 (on Suffolk County Council website <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/imported/Yoxford.pdf>)
- Photographs provided by applicant taken on 7 May 2021
- Note of phone call dated 21 January 2025 with John Whiting, landowner for Martin's Farm
- Wilderness Reserve Suffolk Limited Landowner Information form dated 12 February 2025
- 5 user evidence forms
- Emails dated 23 April 2021 and 4 July 2025 from Diane Humphrey
- Emails dated 14 November 2020 and 16 June 2021 from John Jervis
- Email correspondence dated 21 June 2022; 27 June 2022; 2 January 2024; 18 and 19 February 2025 and 4 July 2025 with Geoff Prescott
- Email correspondence dated 22 August 2024 with Paul Mansbridge
- Photographs from site visit taken by officers on 23 January 2025

- Email correspondence dated 4 July 2025 with John Whiting
- Email dated 7 July 2025 from Councillor Richard Smith
- Email correspondence dated 8 July 2025; 8 August 2025 and 26 September 2025 with Matt Bostock at Wilderness Reserve Suffolk Ltd

By prior appointment at The Hold, Suffolk Archives, 131 Fore Street, Ipswich, IP33 2AR:

- Yoxford Tithe map 1840 and apportionment 1839 (IRO ref: P 461/305 & FDA305/A1/1a)
- Ordnance Survey 25-inches to the mile 1st County Series 1884 and 2nd County Series 1904 (Suffolk Sheet XXXIX.10 and Suffolk Sheet XXXIX.9 for 1884 and Suffolk Sheet XXXIX.14 for 1904 and Suffolk Sheet XXXIX.13 for both or National Library of Scotland www.maps.nls.uk)
- Ordnance Survey 6-inches to the mile 1st County Series 1885 and 2nd County Series 1905 (Suffolk Sheet XXXIX.SW or National Library of Scotland www.maps.nls.uk)
- Ordnance Survey 6-inches to the mile map, Published 1951 (Suffolk Sheet XXXIX.SW or National Library of Scotland www.maps.nls.uk)
- Ordnance Survey 6-inches to the mile National Grid map, Published 1957 and 1958 (Sheets TM36NE – A, TM46NW – A, TM47SW – A & TM37SE - A or National Library of Scotland www.maps.nls.uk)
- Yoxford Rights of Way Act 1932 composite map (IRO ref: 176/F)
- Yoxford parish survey map dated 24 April 1951 (IRO ref: 518/51)
- Yoxford parish survey statement dated 24 April 1951 (IRO ref: 473/46)
- Blyth draft/provisional definitive map 1953 (IRO ref: 658/16)
- Blyth Rural District first definitive map 1953 (IRO ref: 658/7)
- Blyth Rural District definitive map 1961 (IRO ref: 658/14)
- Blyth Rural District definitive statement 1961 (IRO ref: 1174/14)
- Blyth Rural District definitive map 1993 (IRO ref: A2669/380)
- Letter related to this route dated 1941 found within Yoxford Rights of Way file (IRO ref: 2500/316)
- Sale particulars for Martin's Farm dated 1952 (IRO ref: 1117/490/3)
- Ramblers Association map of Yoxford and district dated 1974 (IRO ref: HD835/8)
- Sale particulars for Cockfield Hall dated 1996 (IRO ref: 1117/490/6)
- Extract from "Footpath map of Saxmundham and district" by Wilfrid George dated 1974 with revisions from 2010 (Yoxford Parish Council held copy)
- Extract from "Footpath Map around about Dunwich with Westleton and Minsmere" by Wilfrid George dated 1973 with revisions from 2004 (Yoxford Parish Council held copy)

Objections or representations relating to the order must be made in writing by 16 November 2026 to the Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich, IP1 5NP. The Rights of Way and Access Privacy Notice can be viewed at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/rights-of-way-and-access-privacy-notice/> To be relevant, objections or representations should relate to the question of the existence or status of rights of way. Other objections or representations (eg relating to privacy, security or amenity) are irrelevant to the evidential test.

The County Council is willing to discuss the concerns of those considering objecting or making representations relating to the order, and you may contact Lisa Hammarstrom by email: lisa.hammarstrom@suffolk.gov.uk by telephone: 01473 260177, or at the above address.

The right of objection to an order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections to orders are normally awarded against objectors only in cases of unreasonable behaviour.

If there are no objections to the order, or if all objections are withdrawn, the County Council will confirm the order, and the definitive map and statement will then be modified. If there are any objections which are not withdrawn, the County Council must refer the order and objections to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, who will appoint an independent Inspector to consider the order and hear the objections, normally by holding a public inquiry. The Inspector may confirm the order, with or without modifications, or may decide that the order should not be confirmed.

**NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER
SECTION 53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH OF YOXFORD
IN THE FORMER RURAL DISTRICT OF BLYTH**

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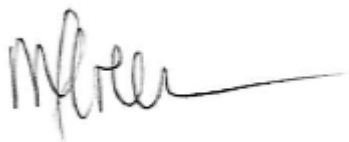
The above order made on 2 September 2026 if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by adding a section of footpath to existing Yoxford Footpath 10, from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 64000,26956 to OSGR 64000,27047 as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map and an explanatory statement may be obtained by email or post free of charge by contacting Lisa Hammarstrom on tel: 01473 260177 or email: lisa.hammarstrom@suffolk.gov.uk. They can also be viewed at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/making-changes-to-the-definitive-map-and-statement> or inspected at Peasenhall Post Office, The Street, Peasenhall, Saxmundham IP17 2HJ. Opening times: Monday 9am until 1pm, Tuesday to Friday 9am until 5pm, Saturday 9am until 12pm. Closed on Sundays.

Any representation or objection relating to the order must be sent in writing to the Definitive Map Manager, Rights of Way and Access, Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich IP1 5NP. Objections should be received not later than 16 November 2026, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which they are made. Please bear in mind that such correspondence cannot be treated as confidential and may be inspected by any interested party. The Rights of Way and Access Privacy Notice can be viewed at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/about/privacy-notice/rights-of-way-and-access-privacy-notice/>

If no representations or objections are duly made to the order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, Suffolk County Council, instead of submitting the order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the authority has by notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of Schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the order (or that part of the order). If the order is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in whole or in part, any representations or objections which have been duly made and not withdrawn will be sent with it.

Dated: 5 October 2026



Mickaela Green

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**DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE PARISH OF YOXFORD
IN THE FORMER RURAL DISTRICT OF BLYTH**

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (PARISH OF YOXFORD) MODIFICATION ORDER 2026

This Order is made by Suffolk County Council under section 53(2)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ("the Act"), because it appears to that authority that the Definitive Map and Statement for the parish of Yoxford in the Former Rural District of Blyth require modification in consequence of the occurrence of an event specified in section 53(3)(c)(i) namely, the discovery by the authority of evidence which shows that a right of way which is not shown in the map and statement subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over land in the area to which the map relates being a right of way such that the land over which the right subsists is a public path.

The authority has consulted with every local authority whose area includes the land to which the Order relates. The Suffolk County Council hereby order that:

1. For the purpose of this Order the relevant date is 10 August 2026.
2. The Definitive Map and Statement for the parish of Yoxford in the Former Rural District of Blyth shall be modified as described in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Schedule and shown on the map attached to the Order.
3. This Order shall take effect on the date it is confirmed and may be cited as the Suffolk County Council (Parish of Yoxford) Modification Order 2026.

Date: 02/09/2026

THE COMMON SEAL of SUFFOLK
COUNTY COUNCIL was hereunto
affixed in the presence of:- }

Anna Mulholland
An authorised Officer of the Council



SCHEDULE

Part 1: Modification of Definitive Map

Description of footpath to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Map for the parish of Yoxford a footpath from a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 64000,26956 (point A) to a point at Ordnance Survey grid reference 64000,27047 (point E) as shown on the attached map.

Part 2: Modification of Definitive Statement

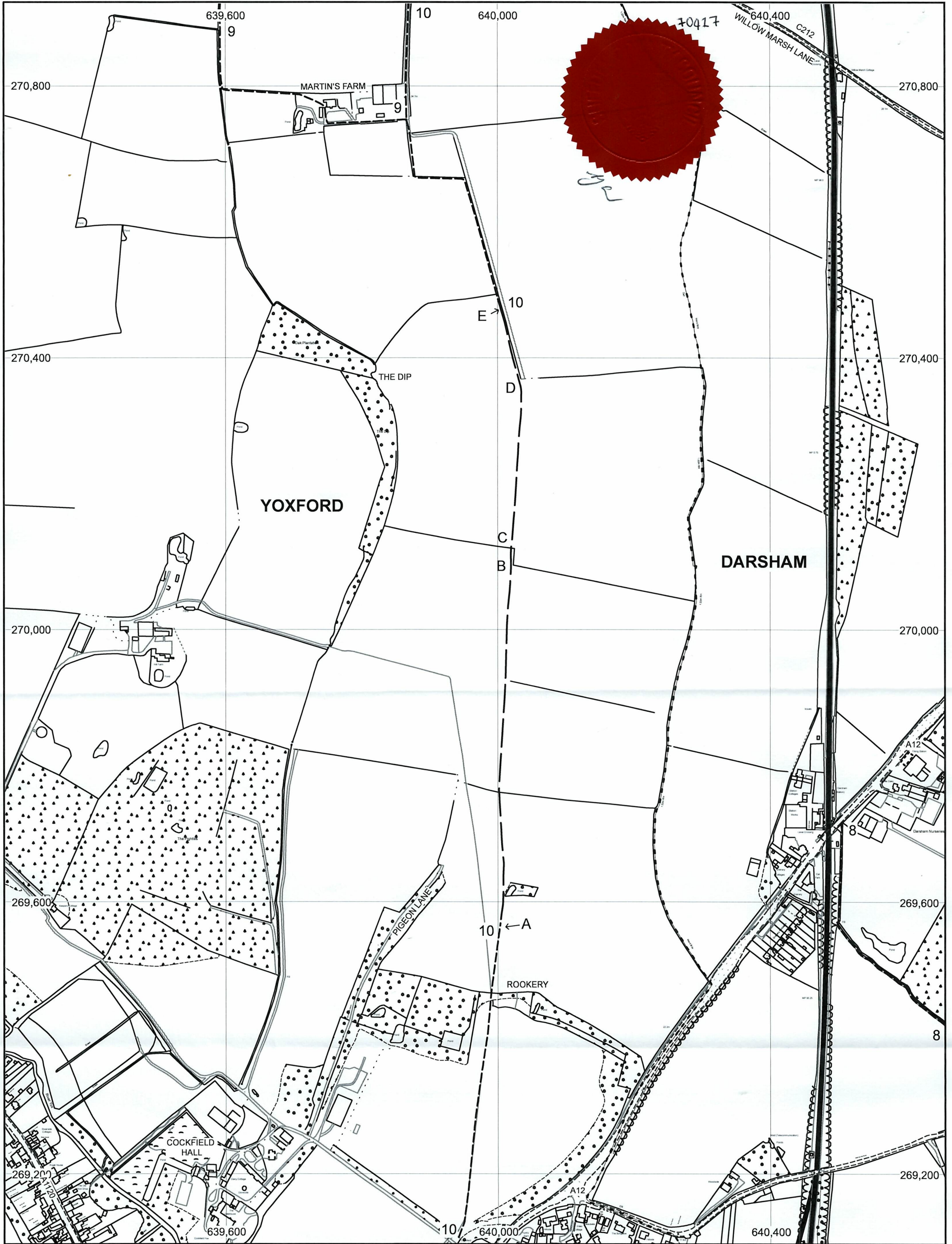
Particulars of footpath to be added:

There shall be added to the Definitive Statement for the parish of Yoxford the following particulars:

Yoxford Footpath 10 (part)

Commencing at the junction with the southern section of Yoxford Footpath 10 at a point at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) 64000,26956 (point A) and progressing in a generally north-north-easterly direction for approximately 41 metres then passing to the west of a pond and wooded area and continuing in a generally northerly direction across a meadow for approximately 152 metres to a ditch; continuing for approximately 333 metres across a field and then across a tree plantation to a point at OSGR 64001,27009 (point B); then continuing for approximately 25 metres to the west of a hedgerow, passing through a hedgerow at OSGR 64001,27012 (point C); continuing across a field for approximately 246 metres to a point at OSGR 64003,27036 (point D) then running in a generally north-north westerly direction for approximately 112 metres to a point at OSGR 64000,27047 (point E) where it connects to the northern section of Yoxford Footpath 10.

Width: 1.5 metres (average of width reported by users)



Service Director of Growth, Highways and Infrastructure
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- Proposed Footpath (A-B-C-D-E)
- Existing Footpath
- Definitive Map Parish Boundary

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PROPOSED PUBLIC FOOTPATH IN YOXFORD

Scale: 1:5,000 at A3