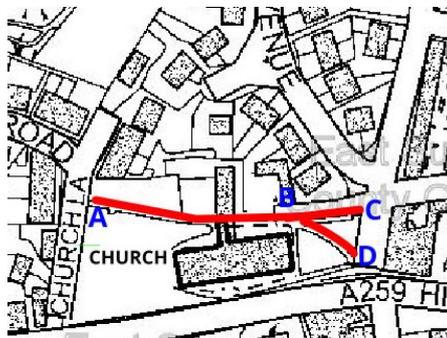


**BEACHY HEAD RAMBLERS**  
Claiming Unregistered Rights of Way

**Do you walk the churchyard path at St Mary the Virgin,  
Eastbourne Old Town?**



You may have heard that at the beginning of 2026 many paths that existed before 1949 but are not on the official rights of way map will lose their public rights. The paths through this churchyard are very old, but they are not on the rights of way map.

We want to put it on the map. We must stress that there is no immediate threat to the paths but we want them to be safe for future generations.

We can put the route on the map by showing that people have used the paths without restraint for the past 20 years as a through route. (Journeys finishing at the church or the graveyard do not count.) We do this by asking people to fill in forms giving evidence of their use of the paths. A form you can fill in is attached.

If you know of anyone else who has used the route please let them know about this. You can download more copies of this form from the Beachy Head Ramblers web site at <http://www.beachyheadramblers.com/>

Please return the form to Beachy Head Ramblers at 1 Ashburnham Road, Eastbourne BN21 2HU. You scan the form and email it to us at <mailto:admin@beachyheadramblers.com>, but we do need a signature on the form.

Thank you

Beachy Head Ramblers

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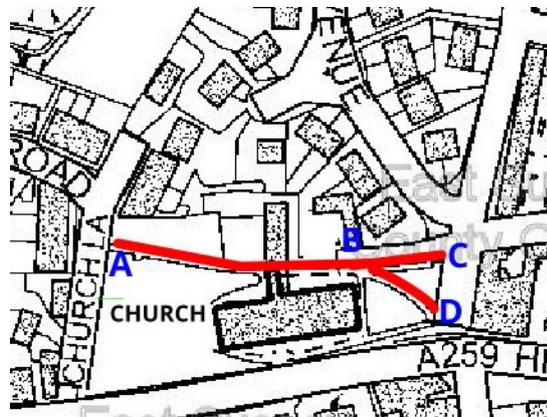
The answers on this form are about paths through St Marys Churchyard, Old Town Eastbourne

Please answer the questions below, deleting any answers that do not apply, or writing in the correct answers. **Please answer all questions.**

1). Please give your name (and your age, if under 18)

2). Please give your address

3). If we can contact you with any further enquiries please give contact details here. *Ideally an email address:*



4). During what period have you used the routes? From \_\_\_\_\_ to Date of signing

(if you no longer use the route cross out "date of signing" and put the date you stopped above)

5). How did you use the routes? **On foot / on a bicycle/on a horse**

6). How often did/do you use the section of the route A-B-C? e.g. daily/weekly/monthly  
(Please Do not use vague words like 'occasionally'; try to be as precise as you can.  
Please do NOT include journeys where your journey finished at the church or graveyard)

7). How did you use the route A-B-D? **On foot / On bicycle/ on a horse**

8). How often did/do you use the section of the route A-B-C? e.g. daily/weekly/monthly  
(Please do NOT include journeys where your journey finished at the church or graveyard)

9). What did you use the routes for?(for example to get to the shops, get exercise, walk the dog get to school, visit friends etc.)

12). Have you ever encountered any gates/stiles or anything similar on the route?

**Yes/No**

(If yes, give details below)

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- 13). Have you ever seen any notices such as “private”, “no right of way, no through way”  
“no trespassing” or similar on the route? **Yes/No**  
(If YES, give dates and wording below)
- 14). Have you ever been asked not to use the path as a through path? **Yes/No**  
(If yes, give dates and who asked you not to use the path below)
- 15). Have you ever asked someone for permission to use the path? **Yes/No**  
(If yes, give dates and name of person below)
- 16). The council may want to talk to you to find out more about your use of the route. Would  
you be willing to talk to them about your knowledge of the route? **Yes/No**

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Please use the space below to give any further information requested by the questions above  
or to tell us anything else that you think might be relevant.

Please sign here.....Date.....

Please return the form by hand or by post to Beachy Head Ramblers at 1 Ashburnham Road,  
Eastbourne BN21 2HU or email a scanned and signed version to me at **(insert email)**

*Note: A copy of the form you fill in will be kept by the Ramblers for this application only. It will  
not be used for anything else. It will be passed to East Sussex County Council to process the  
application to add the route to the map. They might send it to the Planning Inspectorate. The  
evidence you have provided **may be made public** (minus any contact details) by the council.  
The Ramblers will delete their copy of your form when the path is securely on the map. You  
can see the policy of the county council at*

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/keydocuments/foi/dataprotection>