

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

**THE SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL (FOOTPATH 28 (PART) AND FOOTPATH 31 (PART), PARISH OF
MUCH WENLOCK)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2026**

The above-named order made on 21st May 2026, by the Shropshire Council (“the Council”) under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 and section 53A(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, will **divert**:

Footpath 28: leaving Point A on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6249 600 running in a general north westerly, westerly, then WSW direction through Spoonhill Hall, crossing FP 31, before turning in a general WNW direction to Point B on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6211 9607. A distance of approximately 391 metres.

Footpath 31: from Point C on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6209 9614 running in a general south easterly then southerly direction crossing a stone / earth farm track, to a gate, then continuing to Point D on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6217 9598. A distance of approximately 187 metres.

onto a line:

From Point A on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6249 600 the new line of FP 28 follows a stone/ earth farm track running in a north westerly direction then continuing along the track in a WSW direction to a gate at grid reference SO 6231 9603 where the route leaves the track to pass over fields. It proceeds on a natural surface in a general south westerly direction to a gate at grid reference SO 6226 9600, then in a westerly direction to a gate at grid reference SO 6221 9600 to Point D on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6217 9598. Here it turns in a general north westerly, then NNW direction to a gate at Point B on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6211 9607. The route then continues as FP 31 crossing the tarmac section of farm track to a further gate at grid reference SO 6211 9607 before running in a general NNW direction to Point C on the Order Map at grid reference SO 6209 9614. A total distance of approximately 556 metres with a width of 2 metres throughout.

A copy of the Order, the Order map and an explanatory statement may be seen on the Council’s website at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/outdoor-partnerships/countryside-access-and-public-rights-of-way/current-public-path-orders/> or obtained free of charge via outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Rights of Way Team, Shropshire Council, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ or by email to outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk not later than 19th June 2026. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated: 21st May 2026
Andy Wilde
Service Director Infrastructure

The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

If you require any further information, please contact outdoor.recreation@shropshire.gov.uk

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