

# NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PATH KEEPER SCHEME



FOR LOCAL GROUPS INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH THE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS SERVICE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK

## What is the Path Keeper Scheme?

Thank you for your interest in becoming an NYCC Path Keeper. The scheme has been developed to create closer working partnerships between North Yorkshire County Council and local groups with a keen interest in maintaining their local paths.

The scheme gives groups such as yours permission to carry out basic maintenance tasks on the Rights of Way network across North Yorkshire (excluding the National Parks). Generally you would adopt a set of paths, or agree a local area to cover.



The scheme also gives scope for groups to raise funds for improvement works or larger projects along their adopted routes, such as replacing stiles with gates, or resurfacing paths.

## Permitted tasks

The types of tasks you would be able to undertake within the Path Keeper Scheme include the following;

**Vegetation clearance**—from along paths and around stiles, gates and signposts.

**Surface repairs**—Filling in pot holes, clearing drainage channels, re-aligning steps.

**Minor bridge repairs**—plus cleaning and clearing moss and weeds from decking. Straightening up leaning **signposts** or way-marker posts.

**Way-marking**— replacing old way-markers and adding new ones where necessary.



Your group may be doing some of these things already! However, signing up to the scheme allows us to keep a record of the great work you're doing, and helps us work more closely together. It also allows you to be covered by our insurance.

For more information and to sign up to the scheme, contact the Volunteer Co-ordinator Arrietty Heath on **01609 532435**, or email **[Arrietty.heath@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Arrietty.heath@northyorks.gov.uk)**