

DMMO DOCUMENTARY RESEARCH CHECKLIST

District Macclesfield	Parish Higher Hurdsfield Sheet 37/5 SJ 93 73 NE	Route FP 9
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Document	Date	Reference	Notes
County Maps			
Burdett PP	1777	CRO PM12/16	Not shown
Cary J	1787	CRO PM3/5	Not shown
Smith C	1801	CRO PM13/1	Not shown
Greenwood C	1819	CRO PM13/10	Little spur of Roewood Lane shown at southern end of route.
Cary J	1823	CRO PM4/15	Not shown
Swire and Hutching	1830	CRO PM13/8	Northern end of route shown as far as Close House farm, rest of route not shown. Ecton Ave at southern end shown.
Bryant A	1831	CRO Searchroom M.5.2	Spur of Roewood Lane shown at southern end and northern end shown as far as Close House Farm as 'Lanes and Bridleways'.
<i>Inclosure Award</i>	1804	CRO QDE/2/10 Macclesfield No enclosure for Higher Hurdsfield	For the most part the route is outside of the area covered. Southern end Roewood Lane spur shown as part of the road annotated 'F'. Ecton Ave annotated 'E'. Both E and F referred to as 'Private Occupation Roads' in the Award.
<i>Tithe Records</i>			
Apportionment		CRO EDT/214/1 Township: Hurdsfield	Plot 105a – Plot name: 'Lane'; Land use: 'thoroughfare'; Owner: William Smythe; Occupier: James Brown
Apportionment		TNA IR 29	Plot 105a – Plot name: 'Lane'. Occupier: James Brown
Map	1849	CRO EDT/214/2 Township: Hurdsfield Parish: Prestbury	Southern and Middle part of route shown numbered 105a.

	1840	CRO EDT/254/2 Township: Macclesfield	Southern end of route – short spur of Roewood Lane shown as far as boundary, shown excluded from parcels of land either side, coloured the same as other public highways, no number given.
Hurdsfield Tithe Map		TNA IR 30/5/214	Southern and middle part shown numbered 105a.
Ordnance Survey			
1" First Edn	1830-40	PROW Unit	Full length shown
Revised New Series (in colour)	1842-1893	PROW Unit	Full length shown Surveyed 1842-1893 Revised 1893-1898 Colour Ed published 1897-1904
6" First Edn	1872-5	PROW Unit 37NW	Shown as solid line track for the full length Line across route shown to the north of Close House Farm Roewood House, Close House Farm and Commonsides all named Surveyed 1870-2 Published 1881
6" 2 nd Ed	c. 1899		As above
6" 3 rd Ed	c. 1911		As above
25" County Series 1 st Edition	c. 1871	CRO (map index available) Sheet 37, 5	Full length shown coloured as are other public roads. Line across route to the north of Close House Lane numbered 252 but no book of ref available.
25" 2 nd Edition	c. 1896-8		As above but no colour on this edition, addition of a line across the route to the south of Close House
25" 3 rd Edition	c. 1909		As second edition
Book of Reference		CRO/BML	Not available
Boundary Remark Books		TNA OS26/1069	No evidence

Boundary Sketch Maps		TNA OS27/546	the southern end of the route where it crossed the Hurdsfield/Macclesfield boundary was shown, but no details written on the map, so no evidence.
Object Name Books		TNA OS35/820	This refers to names on OS Sheet 6" scale 37NW - since there were no names for the route written on this map, there was no information in the book. Roewood House, Commonsides, Close House and Higherfence Farm were all named but described as houses - no information with respect to the route.
Finance Act 1910			
Working Sheets		CRO NVB/37/5 2 copies	<p>1st copy – no colour just red outline. 1st part of northern end of route is excluded. Area to North and south of Roewood House – Plot 133 Area to East of the route inc Commonsides Fm – Plot 131 Southern end of route excluded from plots either side as far as the reservoirs.</p> <p>2nd Copy – plots are different colours outlines only. First section of northern end is excluded. Then section around Close House is included in plot 132. Then the rest of the route is excluded. At the southern end there are braces linking the plots either side of the route, but the route is excluded. Commonsides Farm – plot 131.</p>

Domesday Book		CRO NVA/4/9	<p>Plot 131 Commonside, Occupier Jasper Adamson, Owner Edward Brocklehurst – no deductions made.</p> <p>Plot 132 Close House, Occupier Joseph Bibby, Owner W.B. Brocklehurst – no deductions made.</p> <p>Plot 133 Roewood, Occupier Edwin Slater, Owner W.B. Brocklehurst – no deductions made.</p>
Record Plan		TNA IR/	Not available
Field Books		TNA IR58/20202 Hurdsfield Assessment 101-200	<p>Plot 131 Commonside – No reference to ROW</p> <p>Plot 132 Close House – has 'Footpath' written on first page under Fixed Charges etc but no deductions made and no other PROW info.</p> <p>Plot 133 Roewood – also has 'Footpath' written on first page under Fixed Charges etc, but no deductions made. There is a sketch of the buildings and 'Across Road' is written between them.</p>

Estate Papers: eg Maps, Leases, Conveyances, Sales Particulars

D7157/1 – Plan of Borough of Macclesfield 1838

James Cawley - Surveyor

Southern end spur of Roewood Lane shown up to parish boundary.

Rest of the route is outside of the area

D5278 – Maps of Hurdsfield Property of John Brocklehurst 1778-1807

2 maps – neither covered the area

Historical background (eg local histories, walking guides etc)

Bagshaw's Directory 1850 – Roe Wood Colliery mentioned, produces a moderate quantity of good coal.

Kelly's Directory 1892 – Joseph Bibby, farmer Close House Farm

- William Brown, farmer Commonsides
- James Needham, farmer

Kelly's Directory 1914 – Joseph Bibby, farmer Close House Farm

- Jasper Adamson, farmer Commonsides
- Frazer Robinson, farmer Lowood Farm

Kelly's Directory 1939 – Thomas Bibby, farmer Close House Farm

- Frazer Robinson, farmer Roewood Farm

Records of Surveyors of Highways/Highways Boards

1555 -1862 – Responsibility of the Parish, Township – Hurdsfield
Local Justice of the Peace oversaw this – Quarter Sessions

1862 – 1894 – Prestbury Highways District

CH 1/2/17 – Plan of the Highway District of the Prestbury Division 1865

Route part shown as an 'uncoloured road'. District Roads are coloured, all other roads are shown uncoloured. Southern half including the spur is shown uncoloured.

LRM 2738/19/1 – Prestbury Ledger 1882-1892

John Frederick May – Clerk to the Highway Board
Records of payment to the treasurer and contribution to the District fund.

LRM 2738/19/2 – Prestbury Ledger 1892-1895

As above.

LRM 2738/19/20 – Treasurer's Accounts

No help.

CCLe 5/1/100 – Statement showing names of Highway Boards 1895

Prestbury – Thomas Carswell, Surveyor
Hurdsfield 1 mile of highway repairable by the Highway Board.

1872- 1894 – Macclesfield Rural Sanitary Authority

LRM 2472/1/1-2 - Minutes

Not yet checked.

1888 – Local Government Act established County Councils.

1889 – Local Government Act passed responsibility for main roads to County Councils, Highway Boards continued responsibility for other roads.

1894 – Local Government Act passed all powers, duties, liabilities of existing Highways Boards to new Rural District Councils.

1894 – 1929 – Macclesfield Rural District Council

LRM 2472/16/1-7 – Highways Committee Minutes 1896-1930

No help.

1929 – Power for all roads transferred to Cheshire County Council.

CH 3/1/2 – Schedule of Classified roads 1935-1956

Class 1 and Class 2 roads schedules and amendments – no help.

CH 3/1/3 – Register of Mileage of County Roads 1937

No help.

CH 3/8124/6/2 – Register of adopted roads 1950's- 1974

Roewood Lane (part), Hillside Drive mentioned.

U/C road numbers 4/362, 4/363.

Minute Books/Files of County & District Councils and their Committees

Macclesfield BC Highway Committee Minutes

LDM/7711/22, April 1974 – Jul 1975 – not made available

LDM/7711/23, Sept 1975 – April 1981

30/12/1976 – pg 29 Minute no.15(F)

County Council proposing to divert FP9 Higher Hurdsfield to the west of the present route to secure the more efficient use of the land, and had requested the observations of the Borough Council.

Resolved – That no objections be made to the proposed diversion of FP9 Higher Hurdsfield.

LDM/7711/24-26, May 1981 – April 1991 – Nothing mentioned

Parish Records

PC62/1-2 Hurdsfield Parish Council Minutes 1894-1981

26/03/1956 – pg 97

Roewood Lane – Closing Notice

“Protest was made at the notice displayed that this was a private road and that people were being turned back. This road had always been a bridle road. Mr Dancaster agreed to inspect maps then further action could be taken.”

25/03/1957 -

Roewood Lane – Public Footpath and Bridle Road

“after discussion it was resolved the clerk write to Mr Abbott [Clerk of Macclesfield RDC] asking if the County Representative would submit his report as the council werethat this road should be devised as a bridle road as well as a public footpath.”

05/06/1959 – pg 2

Diversion of Footpath, Close House Farm

There was some concern about the notice Mr Parker had erected, advising pedestrians to use an alternative path, Mr Broadhurst said Mr Abbott informed him that Mr Parker had no authority to divert the footpath and he would advise people to use the old path and not the new. Mr Abbott is taking the matter up with Mr Parker.

05/04/1973 – pg 153

Public Footpath from Roewood Lane to Ecton Avenue

“A long discussion took place on the use of this footpath by horse riders and in particular the diversion around Close House Farm where this footpath was narrow and muddy and caused concern to people encountering horses on this stretch. The clerk pointed out that it was left entirely to the owner of the land to allow horses along a public footpath.”

27/07/1976

Public Footpath

Mr Lewis expressed his concern at the state of the footpath across Close House Farm caused by horses. It was resolved to postpone any discussion on this until the next meeting when Dr Broadbent would be present.

23/09/1976

Public Footpath – Close House Farm

Concern was expressed at horse riders using the diverted footpath around Close House Farm and it was resolved that a sign be erected at each end of the diversion with a direction sign for horses through the farm and pedestrians around the diversion.

21/10/1976

Footpath Diversion Close House Farm

The clerk read a letter from Cheshire County Council asking for the councils' observations on the proposed diversion.

Resolved that the Parish Council have no objections to this.

24/03/1977 – pg 161

Mr Spedding chairman, Dr Broadbent present. Nothing in minutes regarding footpath no.9.

24/11/1977

Parish Council Meeting for Review of Footpaths

There were twelve persons present and the footpath map was inspected and comments invited. It was agreed that the paths are as shown on the definitive map but it was suggested that the paths be properly marked.

Deposited Plans of Public Utilities:			
Railway Plans	1891	CRO QDP/668	<p>Lancashire Derbyshire & East Coast Railway 1891</p> <p>Driveway, Close House and rest of route is shown, numbered 10; just very northern section is out of limit of deviation.</p> <p>Book of ref: Hurdsfield 10 – Occupation Road, owner P. Brocklehurst, no occupier listed.</p> <p>Ecton Ave given number Macclesfield154, also referred to as Occupation Road.</p>
Canal Plans	1826	CRO QDP/68	<p>Macclesfield Canal and Book of Reference</p> <p>Just very northern section shown, junction with Turnpike Road, not given a reference number.</p>
Road Maps, Atlases and Guides (eg Bartholomew, Michelin)			
Bartholomew Map sheet 12 Published 1923 half inch to the mile – viewed online, route shown			
Rights of Way Act 1932			
Deposited Plans and Statements/Stat Decs	1932	CRO CCH2/1/94	Stat Dec 21/02/1995 10/11/2005
Local Authority Records			
Original Parish Surveys	Early 1950s	PROW Unit Hurdsfield Macclesfield	<p>No.9 commences at: Roewood Lane Terminates at: Commonsides-Macclesfield Borough Boundary continuing as CRF and FP. KG stone in reasonable order Stile (stone) in reasonable order</p> <p>Southern spur from Ecton Ave to Parish Boundary highlighted and annotated 'Add' with an arrow pointing to it.</p>

ROW Field Notebooks	1950s	PROW Unit	<p>Book 4 pg 114 – Hurdsfield – Roewood Lane, “Check for Tithe map... Is this a BR or FP? What does schedule state? Abbotts letter read Bridle for private also check ...and canal plans etc ...which might give some indication as to status.”</p> <p>Book 3 pg 132 – 09/08/1954 - No.9 cindered road 12’ (16’) for about 100 yds, then tarmac 8’ (10’) to Close House. Going west 8’ (10’) stoney track show connection with Macc No.7 (check from 25” OS) and continue with u/c road, road junction in Macc MB.</p>
Rights of Way Parish Files			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper articles Macclesfield Advertiser 28/10/1976 and County Express 04/11/1976 – both refer to proposed notices that the Parish Council intended to erect at each end of the footpath diversion around Close House Farm. “Mr Spedding pointed out the notice was to direct horse riders through the farm path and so prevent pedestrians using the diversion being confronted by horses on the narrow footpath.” Also See PC Minute 23/09/1976. • 14/02/1977 – Letter from RA in response to consultation on the proposed diversion. They state proposal is the same as one advertised on 17/10/1974 by Macclesfield Borough Council. On 31/01/1975 the Highway Committee resolved no further action be taken to divert the path, no doubt because of strong local opposition. RA make a number of observations on the proposal; they state the alternative route was installed by the previous owners of Close House Farm and there was a notice at the northern end stating “Public Footpath” with an arrow pointing to the alternative route, the notice disappeared at the time the Order was advertised in 1974. RA also state alternative is also used by horse riders – with the owner’s consent; and at the Parish Council meeting (21/10/1976) Dr Broadbent suggested that horses could continue to use the route by his house whilst pedestrians should use the alternative.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09/03/1977- Letter from County Secretary and Solicitor in response to the points made by RA states that “both the existing and proposed lengths of path are used by equestrians” • 15/09/1987 – Letter from Mr Burch states the original route “barred in the vicinity of the farm” (does not state type of obstruction) and the diversion is being used as a bridleway. • 12/04/1988 – Notes of meeting between CCC officers and Ramblers Association – CCC confirmed ROW still immediately adjacent to Close House Farm and it was not obstructed to walkers. The problem had been caused by horse riding on the path and also on the permissive diversion. • 26/01/1988 – Letter from Mr Spoons states “The right of way is frequently blocked by a wooden bar at the junction with the alternative track.” • 23/05/1988 – CCC response to Mr Burch states that in February 1974 CC received application via old Macclesfield Rural District Council to divert FP9 onto the line of unofficial path to south south-west of Close House Farm, objections were received in 1976 and the Order was not made. Several years ago BHS made application to upgrade under Countryside Act 1968 but due to new legislation and non compliance with new procedures they were informed on 27/01/1986 that the claim would not be processed. To reduce the misunderstanding as to the legal route new signs were ordered. Also states when FP9 was inspected could find no obstruction which prevented its use as a footpath. • 09/06/1989 – Letter from Bill Shercliff – “The right of way by the farm is rather grown over and there is a low pole to step over.” <p>Also further correspondence relating to the obstruction by development at northern end of route.</p>
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OTHER DOCUMENTS RESEARCHED/CHECKED

LOX 13/7628/41 – Alderley Edge and Wilmslow FP Preservation Society, documents relating to FP's in Higher Hurdsfield.

No help in determining status. Documents relating to Public Inquiry. Statement of Mrs Broadbent.

QDP/292 – Macclesfield Corporation Water Works 1848

Does not cover area.

QDP/572 – Macclesfield Corporation Plan of Gas works 1881

Does not cover area