

Public Rights of Way Cropping and Ploughing Procedures

Where a public right of way is affected by disturbance or cropping the following procedures have been adopted.

Year 1

First Notification of offence - letter to landowner in order to educate offender and request remedial action to be taken within 14 days of the letter.

Failure to comply with first letter – Notice to be served on offender indicating default action to be taken by the authority. This Notice to be prepared and served by Legal Services.

Failure to comply with the terms of the Notice within the time specified – Public Rights of Way Section carry out default action and recover all reasonable costs from the landowner.

Year 2

Where a landowner has gone through one of the three stages mentioned above and provided that the path in question remains under the control of the same landowner he will be regarded as a repeat offender. A Notice prepared as in year 1 will be served and default action taken as in year 1 if the landowner fails to comply with it.

In the case of a repeated offender consideration will be given to prosecution in addition to default action.