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Route Number	Status	Description	Length in meters	Other Particulars
01	Footpath	Footpath commencing from North Road at the side of house No. 384a in a north westerly direction for 31 metres and then northerly for 12 metres around the backs of houses before turning again in a north westerly direction at Grid Reference SD6660 0433 for a further distance of approximately 270 metres to finish at Footbridge at the Borough boundary	309	
02	Footpath	(Continuation of No. 1) From stile at Westhoughton Urban District boundary east of Greenvale Works in a south-westerly direction to bend at south-west corner of Greenvale Works and thence south along bank of Hall Lee Brook to footbridge over brook at Westhoughton Urban District Boundary	234	
03	Footpath	Commences at footbridge over Hall Lee Brook at Westhoughton Urban District Boundary, Lower Leigh Road near Fine Hoscars, in an easterly direction to Squeezer stile at Footpath No.6 near Moons.	179	
04	Footpath	Commences at bend in Schofield Lane 80 yards north of Colliery Lane, along occupation road to Nicholas Fold to junction with path No. 11 to Colliery Lane	140	
05	Footpath	(Cintinuation of above Footpath No.4) from junction with Footpath No. 11 along occupation road to Nicholas Fold, to junction with foot-path No.3 near Moons.	83	
06	Footpath	(Continuation of footpath No: 5) From footpath No: 3 along occupation road to Nicholas Fold Farm and thence through farm yard to junction with footpath No: 8 at stile next to outbuilding.		
07	Footpath	(Continuation of above footpath No.6) from stile next to outbuilding at junction with Footpath No. 8, in a northerly direction to Squeezer stile next to gate leading out of farm yard and thence for approximately 200 yards to stile near gate, and then in a northerly direction alongside stream to stepping stones over stream continuing to Westhoughton Urban District Boundary.	376	
08	Footpath	From Junction with footpath Nos: 6 & 7 at Grid Ref: SD6603NW (366140-403944) in a northerly then easterly direction for a distance of 535 metres to North Road.	562	
08	Footpath	From junction with footpath No. 6 near outbuilding Nicholas Fold, along occupation road in a north-easterly direction to Squeezer stile near gate at bend, then in an easterly direction along road near field gate continuing to a stile and field gate near reservoir and to Squeezer stile west of Knight's Farm, thence in a south-easterly direction, crossing occupation road to Knight's Farm continuing to Squeezer stile North Road near Atherton Station.	562	

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09	Footpath	From the south end of North Road near Atheron Station, along Colliery Lane in a south-westerly direction to junction with Footpaths Nos. 11 and 12.	361	
10	Footpath	(Continuation of Footpath No.9) from Footpaths Nos: 11 and 12 in a south-westerly direction along Colliery Lane to junction with former highway, Schofield Lane, B.5235 now diverted.	363	
11	Footpath	From junction of Footpaths 4 and 5 (150 yards from bend of Schofield Lane along road to Nicholas Fold) at Squeezer stile, in a south-easterly direction to Colliery Lane, crossing stream at Flagstone bridge thence to Squeezer stile at bend and thence in a southerly direction to Squeezer stile at Colliery Lane footpaths Nos: 9 and 10.	266	
12	Footpath	From Footpaths Nos. 9 and 10 (Colliery Lane) near junction with Footpath No. 11 in a southerly direction to Wigan Road along occupation road over restores Colliery tips, joining Wigan Road at a point 20 yards west of Gedbury railway bridge.	560	
13	Footpath	From Schofield Lane in a north westerly direction to Astley's Farm, along occupation road to junction with Footpath No. 15 leading to Wigan Road at Small Brook.	66	
14	Footpath	(Continuation of Footpath No. 13) From footpath No. 15 to Astley's Farm crossing Farmyard to wicket gate north of farmhouse, thence in a north-westerly direction to footbridge over Hall Lees Brook at Westthoughton Urban District Boundary.	169	
15	Footpath	From junction of Footpaths Nos. 13 and 14, at Squeezer stile, in a south-westerly direction to Small Brook, to Squeezer stile at bend, continuing to Squeezer stile near pond and bend, and thence in a southerly direction along hedgerow to a point where path crosses ditch at Leigh Boundary, 30 yards north of Small Brook Potteries. The footpath continues in the Borough of Leigh to footbridge over Small Brook, where it re-enters the Atherton Urban District (the centre of the stream being the boundary and thence up 4 steps in the retaining wall to Wigan Road.	569	
16	Footpath	From Lovers Lane, south of house No. 186, in a south-westerly direction along occupation road to squeezer stile next to field gate at rear boundary to property thence to squeezer stile next to field gate, 50 yards further west and on to squeezer stile and field gate at Leigh Borough Boundary.	272	

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17	Footpath	Two short sections of footpath 1: Footpath from Lovers lane between house nos. 155 & 159 in a north easterly direction for 29 metres to the rear of these properties. 2: Footpath from the rear of property no. 14 Cromer Drive in a northerly direction for a distance of 27 metres to back Wigan Road	1	
18	Footpath	Footpath commencing at Lovers Lane south of house no. 44 and runs along the south boundary of bungalow in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 125 metres, to then cross over the Atherleigh way and continue in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 52 metres. Footpath then turns to continue in a southerly direction for approximately 20 metres then in a south westerly direction for a distance of 240 metres or thereabouts to run along the south boundary of Howe Bridge Cemetery before turning to run in a northerly direction for a distance of 20 metres to its junction with public footpath No. 8 Leigh at the district boundary	465	
19	Footpath	deleted	1	
20	Footpath	From Leigh Borough Boundary near stile at east end of Footpath No. 19 in a south easterly direction to bend at north-east corner of Colliery tips, thence to squeezer stile near railway and junction with Footpath No. 21 near level crossing over Bolton & Kenyon Line.	268	
21	Footpath	deleted	1	
22	Footpath	deleted	1	
23	Footpath	deleted	1	
24	Footpath	From north Road, between bungalows Nos. 333 and 335 in an easterly direction to bridge over stream and thence to junction with occupation road continuing in an easterly direction to Railway under bridge and at rear of property in Oxford Road, to north end of passage between houses No. 66 Oxford Road, and 301 Devonshire Road, and thence in a southerly direction along passage for 25 yards to junction with Oxford Road and Devonshire Road.	308	

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27	Footpath	From Fletcher Ave. on north side of Pendleton and Hindley Line to railway underbridge and thence south through bridge to junction with Devonshire Road at north end of Formby Avenue.	77	
28	Footpath	Footpath commencing at the east side of the rear of house No. 13 Everest Road approximately 100 metres north of Spa Road in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 940 metres along the south side of the Borough boundary to finish north of Upton Road at the Borough/District boundary (rest of footpath leading to Bolton Road stopped up, footpath diverted along Broadway in Westthoughton District)	944	
29	Footpath	Commences in Bolton Road at a point 20 yards south of Meter House, in an easterly direction to footbridge over stream, centre of stream being Atherton/Tyldesley Urban District Boundary.	32	
30	Footpath	From footpath No. 29 near footbridge in a southerly direction along bank of stream and easterly boundary of Bolton Road property to stepping stones and plank over stream at Tyldesley Urban District Boundary 30 yards north of Greenfield Farm.	99	
31	Footpath	Passage from Hesketh Street to Car Bank Street (Class III No. 3) recently made up during Housing Estate Development.	129	
32	Footpath	From a point 88 yards from Bag Lane, along Coal Pit Lane in a south westerly direction to gap 3'0" wide in wooden fence next to gates across Cartway, 12 yards east of No. 5 Coal Pit Lane, continuing past Gibfield Colliery Offices, to junction with Footpath No. 34 near Colliery Baths.	348	
33	Footpath	Continuation of No. 32. From junction with path 34 near Colliery Baths along occupation road in a southerly direction to Wigan Road. A signpost "Private Road" is fixed 40 yards from Wigan Road.	85	
34	Footpath	From posts at junction with Paths Nos. 32 and 33 near Colliery Baths, Coal Pit Lane in a south westerly direction between reservoir and Colliery Yard to bend near White Lee and thence in a southerly direction to Wigan Road.	222	
35	Footpath	From Prestwich Street in a westerly direction along boundary fence of property to footbridge over stream and thence in a southerly direction to gap in fence next to gate Wigan Road.	126	
38	Footpath	From Liscard Street in a westerly direction between Atherton Cemetery and Tennis Grounds to wooden steps at bend, north-west corner of Cemetery to concrete footbridge over stream and junction with Paths Nos. 39, 40 and 42.	257	

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39	Footpath	Commences at Wigan Road, opposite south end of Coal Pit Lane in a southerly direction to junction with Paths Nos. 38, 40 and 42.	296	
40	Footpath	(Continuation of No. 39) from junction of Paths Nos. 38, 39 and 42 at squeezer stile in a southerly direction to squeezer stile near Hatton Fold Farm thence to corner of Recreation Ground and along its south easterly boundary to north west end of Bridges Street.	2	
41	Footpath	From north-west end of Bridges Street across Recreation Ground to east boundary fence of Melefield Cottage garden, and thence along West boundary of Recreation Ground to gap at north-west corner and to junction with Path No.43 at squeezer stile.	363	
42	Footpath	Commences at a point 50 yards south of Hatten Fold Farm in Footpath No. 40 in a north-westerly direction along Recreation Ground boundary fence to a point in footpath No.41, 80 yards south of its junction with footpath No.43.	168	
43	Footpath	Footpath commencing at Public Footpath no. 41 Atherton in a westerly direction for a distance of approximately 103 metres before turning at Grid Reference SD 6634 0295 around Gadbury Fold in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 25 metres to then continue westerly for 16 metres to join Public Footpath no. 44 Atherton on the east side of the Atherleigh By-pass	156	
44	Footpath	Footpath commencing at Wigan Road and runs along side of houses in a generally southerly direction for a distance of approximately 105 metres at a width of 3.7 metres (part), to then turn south easterly and continue for approximately 16 metres to cross over the Atherleigh Bypass to join with Public Footpath No. 43 Atherton	112	
45	Footpath	Footpath commencing at its junction with Public Footpath no. 43 Atherton, west of Gadbury Fold and curves in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 265 metres before turning in an easterly direction following steps for approx. 20 metres & then a southerly direction for a further 80 metres to finish at Grid Reference SD 6629 0260	379	
47	Footpath	Footpath commencing at its junction with Public Footpath no. 48 at the south west corner of Electricity Sub Station in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 188 metres then continues in a generally north westerly direction for a distance of approx. 90 metres to the east side of the Atherleigh Bypass where path then continues in a generally north westerly direction crossing over the Atherleigh Bypass for a further distance of approx. 36 metres to its junction with Public Footpath no. 20 Atherton	269	

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48	Footpath	From junction of Path No. 47 in a south-easterly direction along occupation road on south-west boundary of Lancashire United Tramway Depot to Leigh Road.	148	
49	Footpath	Commences at How Bridge, Leigh Road, near Bridge Inn in a south easterly direction along Eckersley Fold Lane to junction with Footpath No. 69.	202	
50	Footpath	(Continuation of Footpath No. 49) from junction with footpath No. 69 in a southerly direction to gate at entrance to farmyard, Crab Fold Farm, thence to squeezer stile opposite north gable of farm house continuing to bend near Atherton Brook, thence in a south westerly direction along north bank of Atherton Brook to footbridge over brook and thence to Old Hall Mill Farm, continuing in a south westerly direction along occupation road to junction with Old Hall Mill Lane, footpaths Nos. 51 and 52.	602	
51	Footpath	Commences at Leigh Road, south of Garage in a south easterly direction along Old Hall Lane to bend thence over cartbridge in a south easterly direction to junction with paths Nos. 50 and 52 near Old Hall Mill Farm.	228	
52	Footpath	(Continuation of Footpath No. 51) from junction of paths Nos. 50 and 51 near Old Hall Mill Farm in a southerly direction along Old Hall Mill Lane to junction with Footpath No. 58, leading to Long Causeway.	232	
53	Footpath	(Continuation of No. 52) from junction of Footpaths Nos. 52 and 58 to junction with Long Causeway No. 57.	43	
54	Bridleway	Old Hall Mill Lane, continuation of No. 53 from junction with Long Causeway No. 57 to Orchard Lane No. 55.	99	
55	Footpath	From Mineral Railway Crossing in an easterly direction along Orchard Lane to Bridge over Atherton Brook and thence to junction with Old Hall Mill Lane, No. 54. The Atherton Urban District Boundary runs along the centre of Orchard Lane, the southern half of the road is in the Borough of Leigh.	472	
56	Footpath	From the junction of Footpath No. 55 (Orchard Lane) and Old Hall Mill Lane No. 54 (Bridleway) in a southerly direction for 140 yards. The Atherton Urban District boundary runs down the centre of the road to the above point, the west-erly half of the road being in the Borough of Leigh. The road continues from the above point wholly in the Leigh Borough.	139	

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57	Bridleway	Long Causeway from junction with Old Hall Mill Lane Bridleway No. 54 in a north easterly direction to junction with Footpath No. 58 near road to Old Hall Farm.	47	
58	Footpath	From Footpath No. 52 (Old Hall Mill Lane) to junction with Bridleway 57 and 59 (Long Causeway).	26	
59	Bridleway	Long Causeway (continuation of Bridleway No. 57), from junction with footpath No. 58 in a north easterly direction along occupation road past entrance of Atherton Hall Drive to field gate and gap next to gate 3'3" wide, thence to bridge over Atherton Brook and junction with south end of Bee Fold Lane No. 63 and Langley Platt Lane No. 60.	743	
60	Bridleway	Langley Platt Lane, from junction of Long Causeway Bridleway No. 59 and Bee Fold Lane Footpath No. 63 in an easterly direction to south end of Millers Lane near Langley Platt Bridge.	547	
61	Bridleway	Langley Platt Lane continued from Langley Platt Bridge east end of Bridleway No. 60 in an easterly direction to posts at Tyldesley Urban District boundary.	427	
62	Footpath	From Langley Platt Bridge at junction with Bridleway Nos. 60 and 61 in a southerly direction along occupation road to bend and thence to Leigh Municipal Borough boundary at centre of bridge over stream on north side of Railway under bridge Tyldesley and Leigh line.	390	
63	Footpath	From junction with Long Causeway Bridleway No. 59 and Langley Platt Bridleway No. 60 in a northerly direction along Bee Fold Lane to junction with Footpath No. 69.	387	
64	Footpath	(Continuation of No. 63) from junction with Footpath No. 69 in a northerly direction along Bee Fold Lane to Bridge under Eccles, Tyldesley and Wigan Line and thence to junction with Footpaths Nos. 68 and 71 at Hope Fold.	274	
65	Footpath	(Continuation of No. 64) from junction of Footpaths Nos. 68 and 71 in a northerly direction along Bee Fold Lane to south side of Allenby Street near Atherton Vicarage.	231	
66	Footpath	Commences at western boundary of No. 19 Hope Fold Avenue, in a south-westerly direction, thence in an easterly direction to junction with Footpaths Nos. 67 and 68 at Squeezer stile.	134	

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67	Footpath	Commences at south end of Bowling Green Row in an easterly direction along fence of Eccles Tyldesley & Wigan Line to squeezer stile at entrance to pasture and across pasture to junction with Paths Nos. 66 and 68 at squeezer stile.	222	
68	Footpath	(Continuation of Footpaths Nos. 66 & 67) from squeezer stile junction of paths Nos. 66 & 67 in a south-easterly direction to squeezer stile at Hope Fold and thence to Footpath No. 65 (Bee Fold Lane).	193	
69	Footpath	From stile at Footpath No. 63 (Bee Fold Lane) in a westerly direction to stile, thence to stile, next to field gate at south-east corner of Howe Bridge Cricket Ground and along its south boundary to junction with Footpaths Nos. 49 and 50 (Eckersley Fold Lane) at gap next to field gate.	547	
70	Footpath	From Bee Fold Lane at squeezer stile south of railway under bridge in an easterly direction along south boundary of railway to squeezer stile at east end, thence under railway bridge to 18 wooden steps up embankment at north side of bridge and continuing along northerly boundary to Chanters Sidings to Millers Lane, north of level crossing.	757	
71	Footpath	Ladies Walk commences at Bee Fold Lane at junction of Footpaths Nos. 65 and 68 near Hope Fold in an easterly direction to west boundary of restored Colliery tips, up slope and thence to squeezer stile where path is fenced on north and south sides, thence to squeezer stile near nursery garden and on to junction with Millers Lane.	713	
72	Footpath	From Millers Lane south of Chanters Sidings level crossing in an easterly direction a long Lodge Lane to bridge over Chanters Brook and thence to west end of Lodge Road.	432	
73	Footpath	Printshop Lane recently made up by Lancashire County Council as access to New Girls Secondary School.	101	
74	Footpath	From junction of Green Street and Samuel Street in a north-easterly direction along occupation road to Lower House Farm to field gate thence in an easterly direction to footbridge over Hindsford Brook at Tyldesley Urban District boundary.	171	
75	Footpath	The Valley from junction with Footpath No. 78 at cart bridge, Tyldesley Old Road in a northerly direction to a point where sett paving commences.	226	

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76	Footpath	Footpath commencing at the east end of Red Street in a generally south easterly direction for a distance of approximately 117 metres. Footpath then continues in a easterly direction for a further 120 metres to Douglas Street then crosses over Douglas Street and continues for approximately 90 metres to finish at its junction with Public Footpath nos. 77 & 78 Atherton	326	
77	Footpath	(Continuation of No. 76 above) from step stile at junction of Paths Nos. 76 and 78 in an easterly direction to step stile and thence to step stile at bend continuing in a southerly direction for 25 yards, to squeezer stile and thence in an easterly direction to concrete footbridge over Hindsford Brook at Tyldesley Urban District Boundary.	409	
78	Footpath	Footpath commencing at its junction with Public Footpath Nos. 76 & 77 Atherton curving in a generally southerly and then south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 290 metres to exit onto Douglas Road at the side of house nos. 144 & 146 Douglas Road (Footpath stopped up from Douglas Road to a point south west of Chanters Farm) Footpath then continues at a point 28 metres south west of Chanters farm Grid Reference SD 6808 0289 at its junction with public footpath No. 75 Atherton in a south westerly direction for approximately 25 metres to Tyldesley Old Road at Grid Reference SD 6806 0287	291	
79	Footpath	From junction of Naylor Street and Cambridge Street at iron gate to Central Park in a westerly direction along path skirting sunken garden to front of former cottages and thence to iron gate in Bee Fold Lane.	123	
80	Footpath	From Lombard Street, south of house No. 12 in an easterly direction along occupation road to Letters Inn at junction of Wigan Road and Leigh Road.	111	

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