

The following is a brief description of the footpaths in Helsby.

F/p2 - from Horse and Jockey pub on A56 to Plovers Lane and to the end of that to join F/p3 on Smithy Lane.

F/p3 - from A56 opp. St. Paul's Church down Smithy Lane, at end over M56 footbridge, across field to Hill View Farm, behind barn to field and footbridge over drainage ditch (Helsby/Frodsham boundary) where it joins F/p96 of Frodsham.

F/p4 - Over the M56 footbridge (see F/p3) turn right, across field to footbridge over ditch, bear left and across three more fields to meet F/p94 at the Frodsham boundary. (This continues to Lordship Lane).

F/p5 - Off F/p23 (see below), it is also a RUPP and continues for 1/3 mile to a twist in the track where it crosses a drainage ditch (Helsby/Frodsham boundary).

F/p6 - From A56 next to St Paul's Church, up Vicarage Lane to meet Rake Lane.

F/p7 - From Old Chester Rd. opp. Hale View Rd., up steep climb to meet F/p18.

F/p8 - This is round a couple of fields. Down Lower Rake Lane, over M56 bridge it starts left alongside M56 embankment as a farm track. Rt. at junction of F/27, past F/p9, and it joins up with F/p23 again just beyond Spring Farm.

F/p9 - Round one field. Past Spring Farm, bear left down the farm track (F/p8) and round the first field on the right.

F/p10 - "A "short cut" path between houses, starts off the A56 between Bates Lane and Old Chester Road and exits near the junction of the crossroads of the two.

F/p11 - Another short cut between houses from Foxhill Grove to Profitts Lane.

F/p12 - Off the A56, down Profitts Lane, and turn left between hedges to a small footbridge over a stream where it meets Frodsham F/p36.

F/p13 - From Bates Lane to the end of Profitts Lane.

F/p14 - Off Tarvin Road 25m up from it's junction with Bates Lane, along the edge of the field for 100m and turn Rt. through the hedge where it meets the junction of Alvanley F/p11 and 12.

F/p15 - Off the bend in Bates Lane near Tarvin Rd. And up across two fields to meet F/p28.

F/p16 - Off Old Chester Road 25m SW of its junction with Bates Lane and up some rough land to meet Fp24, then along a flat farm track to join Hill Road North.

F/p17 - Off Old Chester Road almost opposite Portland Place, up an access track past private houses, through a kissing gate, and up a slope amongst the trees to meet F/p18.

F/p18 - Also known as "Middle walk", this runs along a level hillside path off Alvanley Road opposite Ravenscar, and joins F/p17 on the eastern side of the hill.

F/p19 - Starts nearly opposite Queens Drive on the A56 near the centre of Helsby and goes up an access drive to private houses, then narrows to meet F/p 20.

F/p20 - Starts 10m off Robin Hood Lane and climbs up rough sandstone steps to the junction with F/p19 then continues up to Alvanley Road.

F/p21 - From Robin Hood Lane 40 metres south of the beginning of F/p20 up a slope to Helsby Quarry and through the SW side of the Quarry.

F/p22 -From the end of Sandy lane (off the Rock) along the SE side of Helsby Quarry to Alvanley Road.

F/p23 - Down Lower Rake Lane (off the A56), over the railway bridge, over the M56 bridge, becomes a farm track past the junction with F/p8, past Spring Farm, then to the right and past the junction of F/p5, and along to Hillview Farm where it meets F/p3.

F/p24 - Across the top of Helsby Hill. Starts off F/p25, climbs across the top with splendid views of the Mersey estuary, then down the NE side to meet F/p16.

F/p25 - Continues from end of Hill Rd. South, turns to the right, past Harmerslake, and meets Hill Road North.

F/p26 - Turn left off the start of F/p25 at Hill Rd. North. The path follows right on the cliff edge until it joins F/p25 again just before the top of the hill.

F/p27 - This is a dead end path across the fields. Along Lower Rake Lane, past Spring Farm, left onto F/p8, and then along the edge of the fields, bearing right to meet the Hornsmill Brook. This path used to continue towards Ince but was closed when the fertiliser factory was built in 1967.

F/p 28 - From halfway up Hill Road North and across the fields, past F/p15 to meet Tarvin Road.