

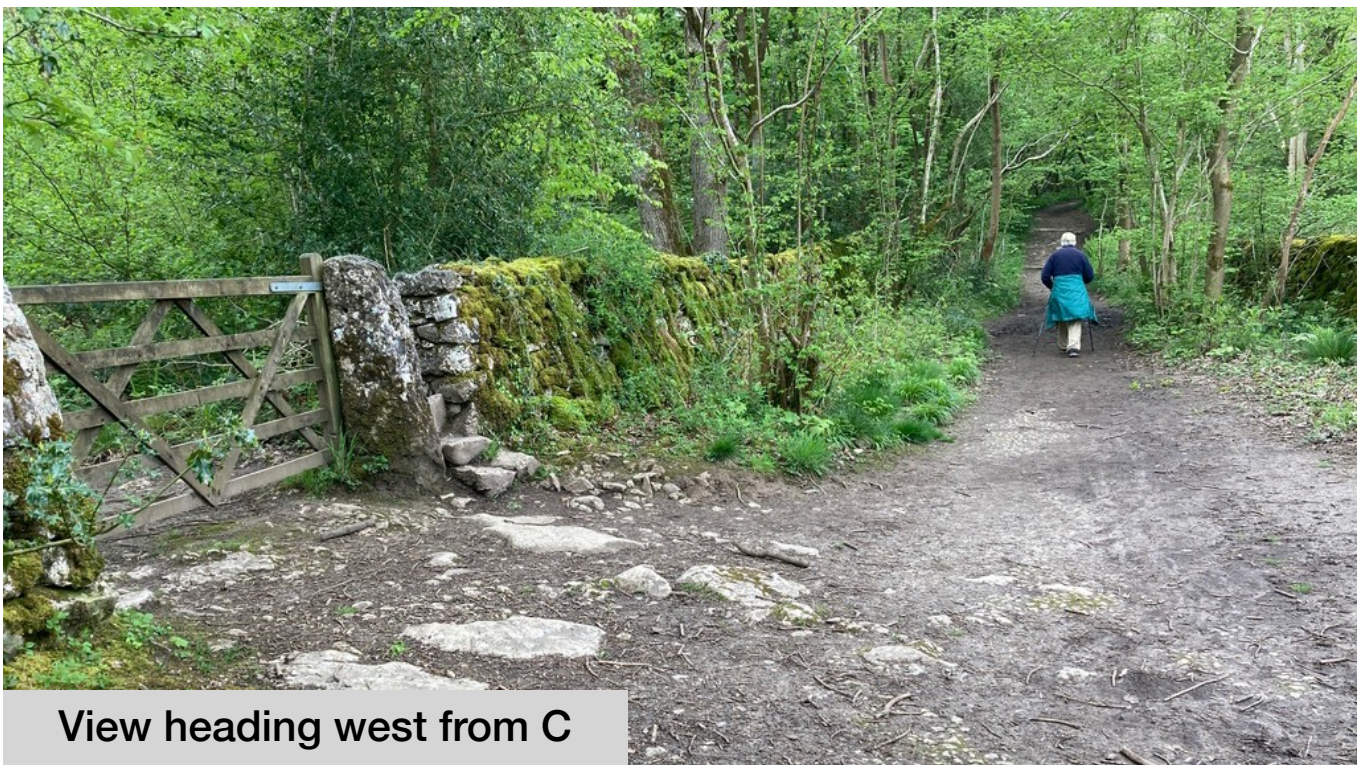
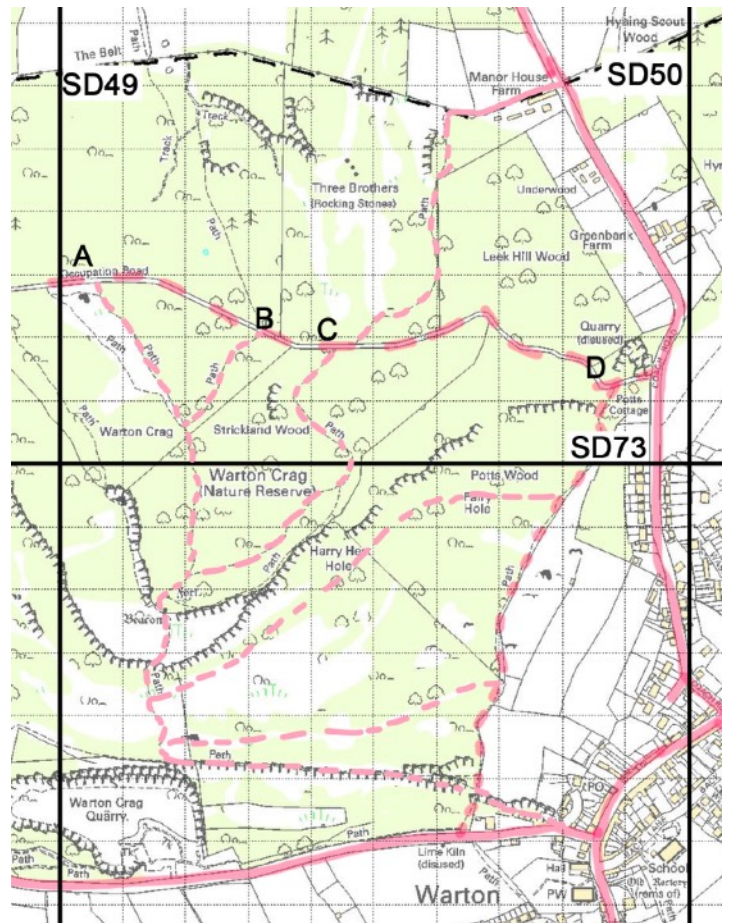
# Occupation Road SD 4973

## Recorders AP and VE

Occupation Road is an old drove road, now a bridleway, from Warton to Cragfoot that was built around 1750. It runs between drystone walls over the north shoulder of the crag.

The recording area is everything between the two walls plus any trees that overhang it.

The flora is very varied and is basically that which you would find on woodland edges. A is on the boundary with SD49 and the linear transect ends at D just before the path goes downhill to meet the Warton Road.



View heading west from C





**View heading east from D**



**Typical spring flora 1: Ferns and Guelder Rose seedlings  
2: Sanicle and Bluebell,**

The list below was compiled by Andy Price and Virginia Edwards between June and September 2023 and between March and October 2024 with a few spring species added by Ann Kitchen.



The leaf canopy in 2024 seemed much denser and there seemed to be fewer flowers.

Herb Paris however seems to be thriving and spreading.







| Taxa                    | 2023 | 2024 | Taxa                    | 2023 | 2024 |
|-------------------------|------|------|-------------------------|------|------|
| Acer pseudoplatanus     | yes  | yes  | Lonicera periclymenum   | yes  | yes  |
| Agrostis clavata        |      | yes  | Mercurialis perennis    | yes  | yes  |
| Ajuga reptans           | yes  | yes  | Orchis mascula          | yes  | yes  |
| Alliaria petiolata      |      | yes  | Oxalis acetosella       |      | yes  |
| Allium ursinum          | yes  | yes  | Paris quadrifolia       | yes  | yes  |
| Anemone nemorosa        | yes  | yes  | Phleum bartoloni        |      | yes  |
| Anthriscus sylvestris   | yes  |      | Phyllitis scolopendrium |      | yes  |
| Arctium minus           | yes  |      | Pinus sylvestris        |      | yes  |
| Arum maculatum          | yes  | yes  | Plantago lanceolata     |      | yes  |
| Bellis perennis         | yes  |      | Plantago major          | yes  | yes  |
| Betula pendula          | yes  | yes  | Polypodium vulgare      | yes  | yes  |
| Brachypodium sylvaticum |      | yes  | Potentilla anserina     | yes  | yes  |
| Bromus arvensis         |      | yes  | Prunella vulgaris       | yes  |      |
| Calluna vulgaris        | yes  |      | Prunus avium            | yes  |      |
| Carex flacca            |      | yes  | Prunus spinosa          | yes  | yes  |
| Carex pendula           | yes  |      | Pteridium aquilinum     | yes  |      |
| Castanea sativa         |      | yes  | Ranunculus ficaria      |      | yes  |

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| Circaea lutetiana         | yes  | yes  | Ranunculus repens      | yes  |      |
| Corylus avellana          | yes  | yes  | Rosa canina            |      | yes  |
| Crataegus monogyna        | yes  | yes  | Rubus fruticosus agg.  | yes  | yes  |
| Cynosurus cristatus       |      | yes  | Rubus microspecies     | yes  | yes  |
| Dactylis glomerata        | yes  |      | Rumex obtusifolius     | yes  | yes  |
| Deschampsia cespitosa     |      | yes  | Rumex sanguineus       |      | yes  |
| Dryopteris aemula         |      | yes  | Sambucus nigra         | yes  |      |
| Dryopteris dilatata       | yes  |      | Sanicula europaea      | yes  | yes  |
| Dryopteris filix-mas      | yes  | yes  | Scrophularia umbrosa   |      | yes  |
| Epilobium hirsutum        | yes  | yes  | Senecio jacobaea       | yes  |      |
| Epilobium montanum        | yes  | yes  | sesleria caerulea      |      | yes  |
| Epilobium parviflorum     | yes  |      | Sorbus aucuparia       | yes  | yes  |
| Fagus sylvatica           | yes  | yes  | Stachys officinalis    | yes  | yes  |
| Fragaria vesca            | yes  | yes  | Stachys sylvatica      | yes  | yes  |
| Fraxinus excelsior        | yes  | yes  | Tamus communis         | yes  |      |
| Galium aparine            | yes  | yes  | Taraxacum agg          | yes  | yes  |
| Geranium robertianum      | yes  | yes  | Taxus baccata          | yes  | yes  |
| Geum rivale               |      | yes  | Urtica dioica          | yes  | yes  |
| Geum urbanum              | yes  | yes  | Valeriana officinalis  | yes  |      |
| Gymnocarpium robertianum  |      | yes  | veronica chamaedrys    |      | yes  |
| Hedera helix subsp. helix | yes  | yes  | Veronica montana       | yes  |      |
| Heracleum sphondylium     | yes  | yes  | Veronica serpyllifolia | yes  | yes  |
| Hyacinthoides non-scripta | yes  | yes  | Viburnum opulus        | yes  |      |
| Hypericum perforatum      | yes  | yes  | Vicia cracca           | yes  |      |
| Ilex aquifolium           | yes  | yes  | Vicia sepium           |      | yes  |
| Juncus inflexus           |      | yes  | Vinca major            | yes  | yes  |
| Lapsana communis          | yes  | yes  | Viola riviniana        | yes  | yes  |
| Lithospermum officinale   |      | yes  |                        |      |      |
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