

Impact of Closure of the Brow adjacent to St Mary's Churchyard, Kirkby Lonsdale

Following a report by a company of external consultants commissioned by the Town Council, Cumbria County Council have closed the footpath along the top of the Brow including stopping access to the viewing platforms for Ruskin's View. This is because of potential danger to the public. The Brow is owned by the Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council but the County Council as Highways Authority have responsibility for the safety of the public footpath.

In the first instance, the Parochial Church Council are concerned to ensure the safety of people in both the Old Churchyard and the New Churchyard, where there is land that is potentially at risk. We will therefore be putting up some temporary barriers and appropriate signage pending an understanding of how the Church land is impacted. We will also be putting up other signage to clarify where there is access. Access to the New Churchyard is only from the footpath at the Rugby Club end. There is no access through church land from St Mary's Church or Vicarage Lane to the Rugby Club or the New Churchyard.

We are acutely aware of the difficulty this creates for visitors and burial parties to access the New Churchyard and are considering whether any temporary arrangements could be put in place.

We are working with the Town Council to understand how we can appropriately support them during this difficult time.

Kirkby Lonsdale Parochial Church Council.

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