

Coles' Field (former play area) Rights of Way Explained

Former Playpark area, Coles Field let to new tenant

The field was donated by Gervase Cole in 1703 as a charity field owned currently by the Coles', Moorpool & The Eyre St Thomas Day Charity. Farmed until the late 1970's, the Parish Council at the time were seeking a location for a playpark, The Trustees were approached and the land let to the Parish Council in 1980 as a playground. When Pinder Park opened 10 years ago it ceased to be a playpark and the trustees have recently re-let the field to a tenant. The tenant will be putting 2 horses on the field as a small paddock over the winter months. However, they are removing lots of Ragwort at present and preparing the field so it is suitable for the horses, so it may be a while before its ready for the horses. In the past, any former public footpaths, lanes, bridleways that may have been in the field at various times since 1703 have long since been changed by The County Council who are responsible for Public Rights of Way and hold the current/up-to-date records and are responsible for changes to public rights of way. The present-day map from Notts County

Council below :



shows the 'Current' location of all public rights of way near Coles' Field. The field is the green area at the bottom of left of the image. There is a restricted Byway to the south of Coles field (in the next field south of Coles field) and there's a public footpath in the field to the north of the field (the solid red and solid green lines). There's **no** public footpath through the field or around the

inside of the field. The tenant has no problem with people walking their dogs there at the moment, but they are commencing weed-killing of the Ragwort and then it won't be possible to enter the field to walk dogs once the horses go in. The trustees and the tenant of the field understand how the field is known to many as the 'old play park' and used for a walk around area, but wish to advise the public of the current situation. Further information on Rights of way can be read at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/walking-cycling-and-rights-of-way/rights-of-way>

Thank you, the trustees and tenant of Coles' Field, Rampton.