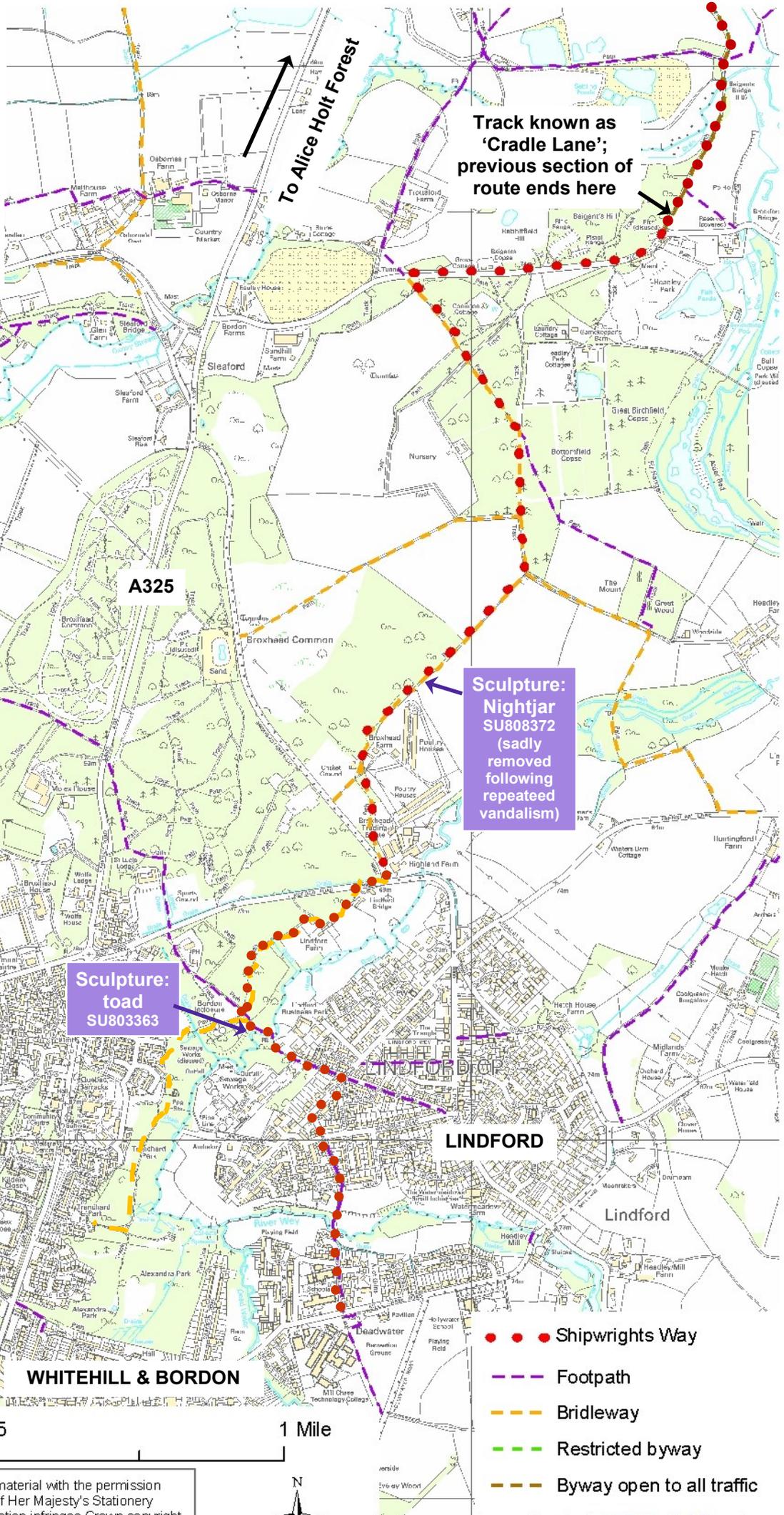


SECTION 3: CRADLE LANE TO LINDFORD



To Alice Holt Forest

Track known as 'Cradle Lane'; previous section of route ends here

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Sculpture: Nightjar SU808372 (sadly removed following repeated vandalism)

Sculpture: toad SU803363

Follow these signs along the route!



0 0.25 0.5 1 Mile

- ● ● Shipwrights Way
- - - Footpath
- - - Bridleway
- - - Restricted byway
- - - Byway open to all traffic

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How far? This section is 2 miles long; you can return along the same route, or use other rights of way.

What will I see? The section starts at the southern end of a track called Cradle Lane and then runs along a country lane before turning southwards on a path through heathland and woodland to a view point above Broxhead Common. After crossing a field, the path continues through common land, a protected area which is rich in wildlife; sadly the sculpture of the Nightjar was vandalised beyond repair in March 2016 so has been removed. Use the pavement and crossing points provided for the short road section and then enter Bordon Inclosure, an area of woodland where you will find the Natterjack Toad sculpture, near a beautiful old oak, originally a boundary marker. Finally cross the stream and use some quiet roads and a track though Lindford



Who can use it? This section is open to walkers (and dogs), cyclists and horse-riders, and provides a fair to good route for pushchairs and mobility vehicles. Dog walkers are asked to put their dogs on a lead over Broxhead Common between 1st March and 31st July, to protect rare ground-nesting birds.

What is the path like?

There are short sections on quiet roads/lanes (the first half-mile of this section has no pavements), and the remainder is on good, undulating sandy tracks; there are four bridlegates, which each open to around 5ft width. Take care at the sharp bend at the start of this section and along the lane; be aware that although it is a track you may occasionally see motorcycles on Cradle Lane.



What facilities are available? This section finishes on the outskirts of Bordon, which has the full range of facilities you would expect from a small town.

What is the Shipwrights Way?

It is a long-distance route linking villages and towns in east Hampshire through some beautiful countryside. Starting at Alice Holt Forest near Farnham, it runs down across the South Downs to the sea at Portsmouth. The route is open to walkers and cyclists and, where possible, horse-riders and people with disabilities.

Why 'Shipwrights'?

The name reflects the journey of oak grown at Alice Holt to dockyards such as Portsmouth for medieval shipbuilding; the route finishes at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, home of the Mary Rose, HMS Victory and the International Boatbuilding Training College.

Who provided the route?

It was provided through a partnership between East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, the Forestry Commission and the South Downs National Park Authority.



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