

Justification

The existing footpath from the pavement stops some 3.5m from the side-gate, then continues with old paving slabs. To the right of the old path, and in front of the side-gate, the ground has been laid with a sheet of chipboard for some years and is visually unacceptable. Our proposed footpath replaces all these with a single more attractive paved area.

At the same time, by moving the pathway a little further from the hedge, the yew hedge trees can have more room to grow to make a thicker hedge. At present they are constrained by the need to keep them cut back to the edge of the (quite narrow) path.

The existing stepping stones across the lawn are unattractive and require too much edge-maintenance, and also traverse the lawn in a far-from-ideal route. Our proposed pathway is more attractive with its gentle curves, provides easier edge-maintenance and gives a more direct route to the front door.