

# Rights of Way

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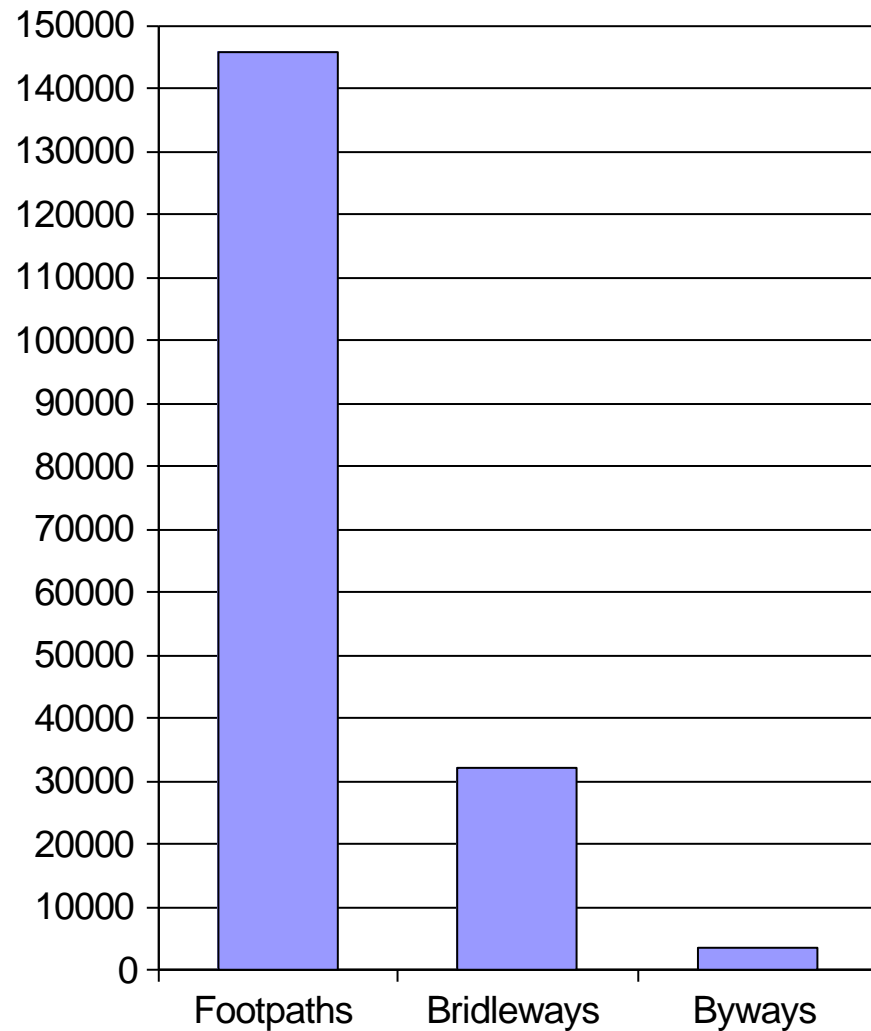
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# Some cycling statistics

- **Number of mountain bikes at time of 1968 Countryside Act: zero**
- **Number of mountain bikes now: around 15 million**
- **About three quarter of bikes sold are designed for offroad use**

# Rights of way - kilometres



- **Footpaths 80%**
- **Bridleways 18%**
- **Byways 2%**



# Cycling on footpaths



# Footpath

# Bridleway



# A coherent network?



# Where next?

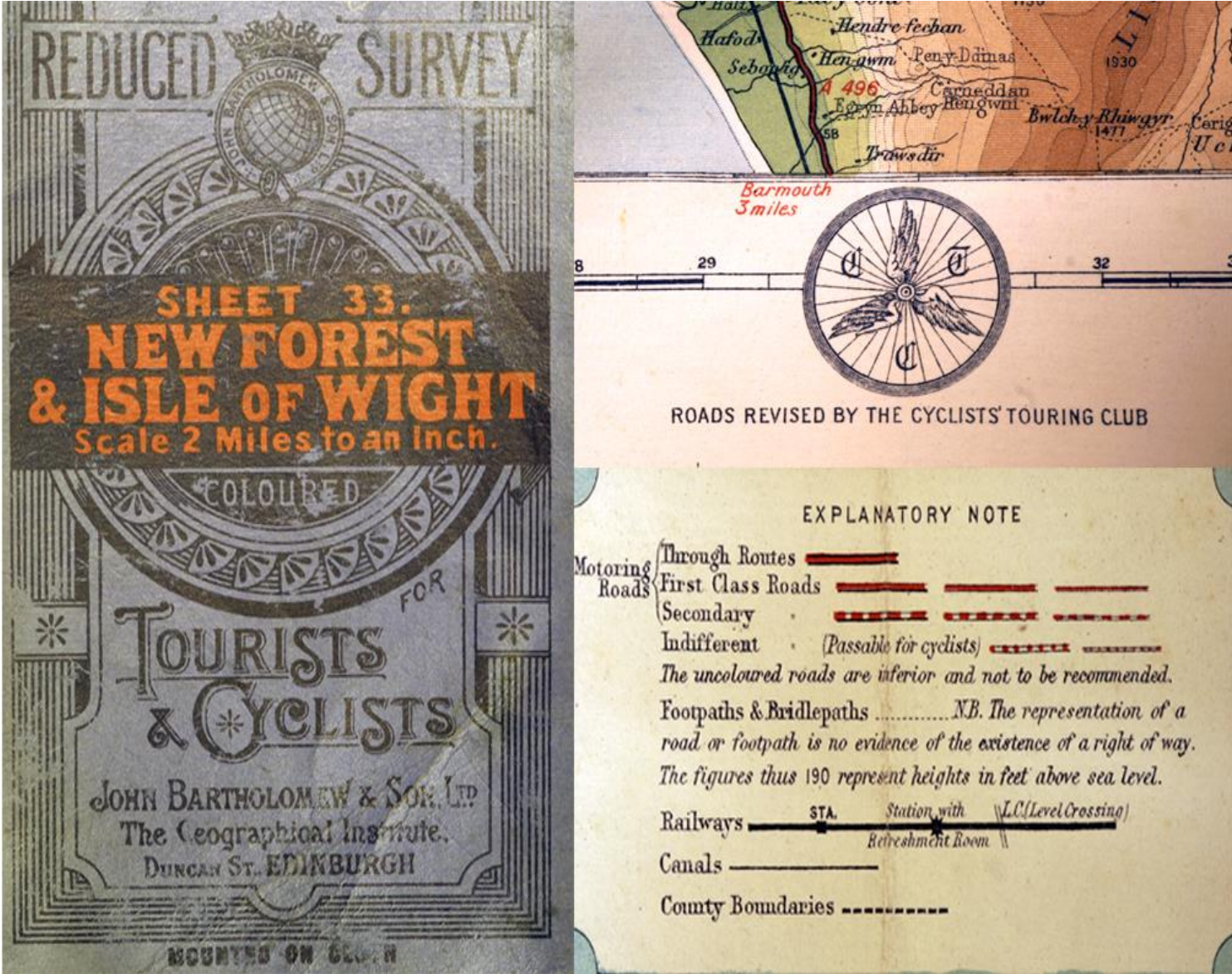




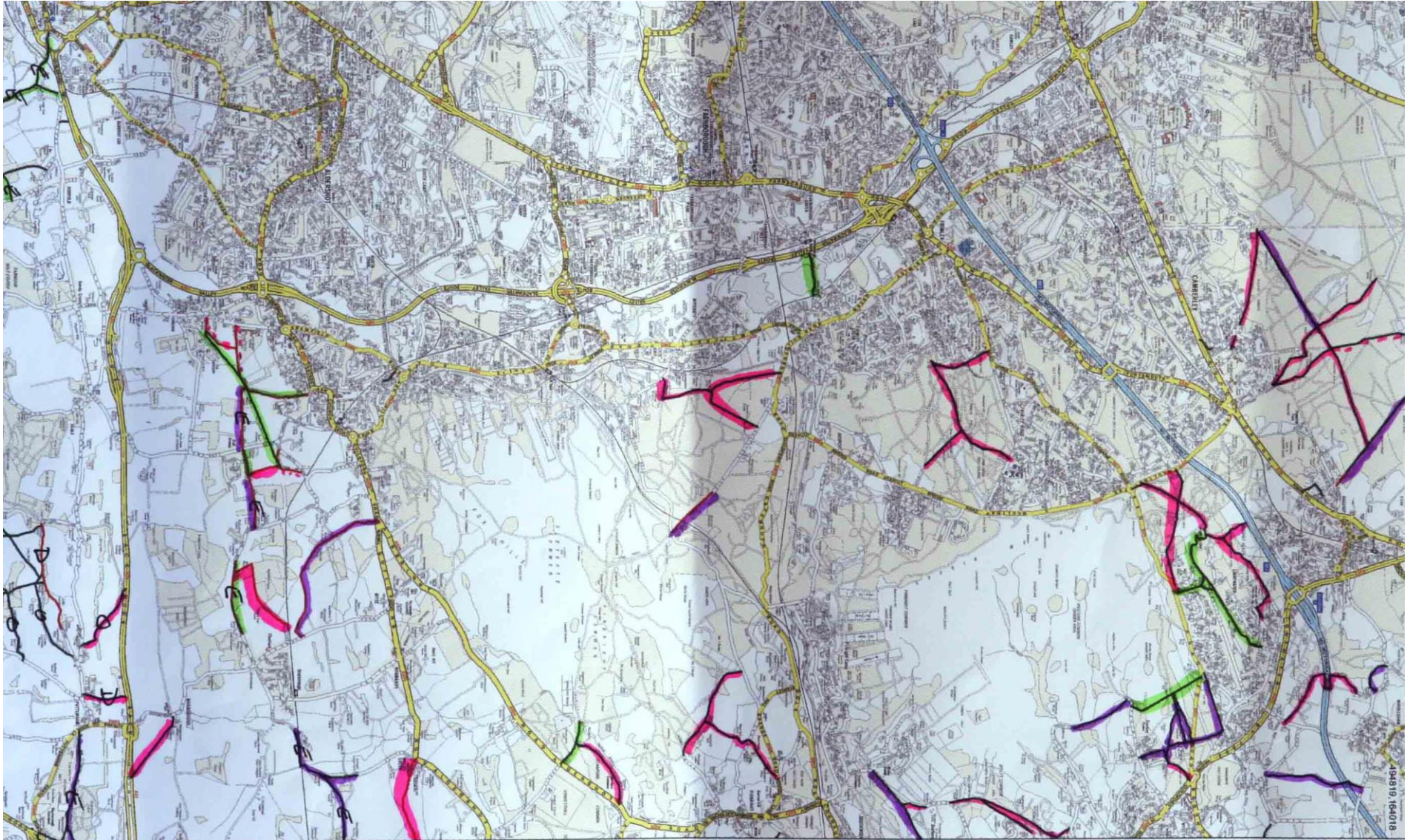
# Crossing the road and using pavements



# Trail grading



# Graded Surrey bridleways



## Proposed gradings

**Green:** Easy, suitable for young families and all types of bike. Reasonably firm tracks and gentle gradients

**Blue:** Straightforward – may have moderate hills and loose surfaces but no major challenges. May be narrow.

**Red:** Moderate – may be rough, muddy or sandy. Sometimes hilly

**Black:** Difficult – surfaces may include rocks, roots, deep mud, streams etc. Hills may be steep. For experienced offroad cyclists

# Where now?

- Press for legal reform – Scottish precedent
- Do what we can within existing framework
- Work with others
- Try for universal grading scheme
- Strengthen local networks
- Right to Ride and Local Access Forums to press for improvements at local level
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