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Footpath	Whitefield		1	6	418	Whittle Lane to Hill Top Farm - Path is along private metalled road fenced both sides, passes stone gateposts at start of path - no gate . Path is in good condition.
Footpath	Whitefield		2	6	977	Two Barns via Pilsworth Clough to Urban District Boundary at Coal Pits - Path starts from gap in fence at side of barn, passes ploughed field (ploughed for the last 35 years) to first stile in fence. Indistinct path runs along right hand side of fence to second stile. Across field to Pilsworth clough. This part of the path is very indistinct due to the lack of use by the public. From Pilsworth clough metalled road (private mill road) to road beyond urban district boundary.
Footpath	Whitefield		3	6	1416	Urban District Boundary (near castle house) via Two Barns and Higher Barn to Whittle Lane - Path Starts inside Bury county borough at the side of Castle house. Footpath runs between hedges to stile, turns sharp left to footbridge over Whittle brook (U.D.Boundary). Bridge is 3ft. Wide with handrails, in good condition. Path turns to right, along stream, to stile in fence. Path has been diverted (by usage) to cross field and rejoin original path at other side of field. Path widens before reaching field gate. Gate has stile at right hand side. From this point path runs along metalled cart track hedged both sides to Two Barnes. At this point the path takes the left fork along the private road to Higher Barn Farm, and on to Whittle Lane. At its junction with Whittle Lane there is a notice which reads as follows:- 'PRIVATE ROAD DO NOT PARK CARS'.
Footpath	Whitefield		4	6	483	Two Barns to Broom Hill Farm (middleton B.C.) - From Two Barns path is along metalled private road to Meadowcroft Fold - 64m along this road, gap in fence on left hand side. Green single file footpath, runs between ploughed field on right hand side and hedge on left hand side. (NOTE:- path runs to right hand side as shown on ordnance survey). Path runs alongside fence to 1st stile. Along hedge to 2nd stile at side of field gate, 4.6m to cattle rail across path 18" from ground. Path then continues to Broom Hill Farm, along green cart track.
Footpath	Whitefield		5	6	821	From Castle House via Thurston Fold to Griffie Lane - From Castle house path same route as path No.3 to 1st stile, at this point path continues along fence to stream. Where path crosses stream, ordnance map indicates a footbridge (no such footbridge exists). Path crosses field to 2nd stile in fence. Path up to this point is well defined track. Ordnance map shows the path crossing the field to Thurston Road. There is in effect a diversion round the field. Whilst there is no obstruction, the field is being used for the grazing of young bulls which is in effect an obstruction. A track has been trodden round the field to meet the original track at 3rd stile. Path continues alongside Thurston Fold through 4th stile and onto private metalled road.

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Footpath	Whitefield		6	6	1217	Griffe Lane via Brick House Farm to Unsworth Moss - Path follows Griffe Lane from urban district boundary to Brick House Farm. Notice on gable end of farm building reads as follows: 'NO CYCLISTS ALLOWED BEWARE OF DOGS'. Path runs through farm to field gate with stile at right hand side. Path from here runs along green cart track (used by farm traffic) to 2nd field gate with stile at Moss Side. From this point metalled private road runs to Unsworth Moss.
Footpath	Whitefield		7	6	825	Path No.6 via Roe Barn to Unsworth Pole - Path starts at field gate (posts only) along metalled track to Roe Barn. Footpath turns to right hand side of Roe Barn, narrow green track running to left hand side of fence. Path turns right at stream through 1st stile. After 9m path crosses stream by wooden footbridge, and runs along fence to 2nd stile. Continues alongside fence and crosses motorway via bridge to stile at urban district boundary. Path continues between hedges to Unsworth Pole in Bury C.B.
Footpath	Whitefield		8	6	945	Unsworth Moss via motorway accommodation bridge to Sandfield and Bowlee Common (Middleton M.B.) - Path starts from gate at side of Unsworth Moss with stile at right hand side. Notice on gate reads as follows: 'PLEASE SHUT GATE'. Path continues along metalled cart track and crosses motorway bridge and reaches field with stile, at entrance to Sandfield Farm. Continues to left of Sandfield along private farm road to urban district boundary.
Footpath	Whitefield		9	6	1916	Unsworth Moss to Cowl Gate - Path from Unsworth Moss is along metalled private road in good condition, fenced on left hand side only. Path continues until it reaches the motorway and then runs alongside the motorway until it reaches Hills Lane.
Footpath	Whitefield		12	6	727	Unsworth Pole (Bury C.B.) via Pole Lane Mode Hill Lane and Oak Lane to Oak Bank Estate - Path is metalled cart road used primarily as a footpath and by farm traffic. Lane is fenced both sides throughout, surface is kept in good repair.
Footpath	Whitefield		18	6	483	Oak Bank to Mount Road (Prestwich M.B.) - good metalled road used as a footpath, fenced both sides.
Footpath	Whitefield		19	6	161	Deleted.

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Footpath	Whitefield		21	6	338	Moss Lane to Stanley Road - Path starts from 1st stile at Moss Lane and is good metalled footpath, fence left hand side only. Continues to 2nd stile, now fences both sides. 3rd stile at Mark Fletchers pump house, at side of gate. Continues straight to Stanley Road.
Footpath	Whitefield		22	6	208	Richardson Street to Bury New Road - Single line green track starting at gap in fence on Dunkirk Road. Path follows hedge of Elms Playing fields to Bury New Road at start of path 23.
Footpath	Whitefield		23	6	161	Bury New Road via Elms Farm to U.D. Boundary - Path starts from Bury New Road and runs along paved footpath adjacent to gable wall of No.366 Bury New Road, continues across playing field to Elms Drive as green footpath.
Footpath	Whitefield		23a	6	217	Path starts at Rufford Drive, continues along Rufford Close to stile at U.D. Boundary turns left through stile up stone steps and follows hedge to corner of field at U.D. Boundary.
Footpath	Whitefield		24a	6	147	Path runs from Rufford Drive, passed sheltered housing towards Mather Avenue.
Footpath	Whitefield		25	6	370	Highfield Lane to Lower Lily Hill - Path starts from Highfield Lane as a green footpath and continues to 1st stile in fence. Beyond this point path crosses U.D. Boundary at Lower Lily Hill and continues to Bury New Road.
Footpath	Whitefield		26	5&6	1158	Lower Lily Hill along River Irwell to U.D. Boundary at Spring Clough Bleach Works - Path starts from 1st stile on path No.25 and runs towards the river. This portion of the path is very indistinct. The path runs parallel with the river, at some distance away from it. Path continues to 1st barbed wire obstructions. The obstruction forms part of a fence enclosing a field of young bulls. There is no alternative route around this field. Path across the field is indistinct, and is again obstructed at opposite side by barbed wire fences. The path now becomes more clear and runs along river bank to 3rd obstruction. The barbed wire fence across the path at this point has been partly broken down, but an attempt at obstruction has been made. Path continues as single track to U.D. Boundary near Spring Clough Bleach Works.
Footpath	Whitefield		27	6	257	From path 26 via River Irwell to Old Blackford Bridge - Path runs along bank of River Irwell as continuation of path No.26 to Blackford Old Bridge. Path ends at this point. Bridge derelict.

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Footpath	Whitefield		28	5&6	88	Park Lane Infants School to Ringley Road at Wallfield a) Path starts at Ringley Road and proceeds in a southerly direction. b) Path starts at Ringley Drive where it continues past the synagogue until it reached Park Lane.
Footpath	Whitefield		29	5&6	80	No. 70 Park Lane to Footpath 28 Sandy track with no obstructions.
Footpath	Whitefield		31	5,6&8	881	Park Lane across Golf Links to Phillips Park Viaduct Path starts at side of No. 33 Park Lane, and is a good, well defined footway, across the golf links. In valley path keeps to the edge of the stream over the last half.
Footpath	Whitefield		32	6&8	718	Higher Lane to Phillips Park Path starts due south of Fountain Place and runs along Top 'O th' Fields. Beyond Oak Avenue the cart track gradually becomes Green Lane fenced on the right hand side only. Beyond the fence, the path divides at various points, each making its way underneath the viaduct. This is a popular path, thus accounting for the many ways which have been trodden out.
Footpath	Whitefield		33	7&8	1025	From Phillips Park Viaduct through Mere Close Path is a continuation of Path No. 32 and follows stream at a higher level for 270m to first footbridge. This is a stone slab in need of repair. Path turns to right hand side of stream, to second footbridge. this bridge is formed by 3 tree trunks bedded in the stream banks. After crossing this footbridge, path cuts across private road to Mental Hospital and down to 3rd footbridge. Stream has been culverted under private road and footbridge over culvert is constructed in concrete with steel handrail. Path continues to 4th footbridge across stream (timber). Path crosses fifth footbridge (timber) and runs on Whitefield side of stream round the right hand side of the reservoir to Phillips Park Lodge.
Footpath	Whitefield		34	7&8	483	Park Lane via Hole Bottom to Phillips Park Viaduct Path starts at Park Lane through first stile along good wide unmetalled footpath for 27m to 2nd stile. Wide path runs across open field to point where path divides into three. The path in question is the middle path running straight down the hill, down steps cut in the hill to meet No. 32 under the viaduct.
Footpath	Whitefield		34a	8	113	At path division (as above) this path takes the right hand turn and runs across field to Phillips Park Road.
Footpath	Whitefield		35	7	609	The path to left runs in front of Hole Bottom and on to Phillips Park Viaduct. These paths are good wide paths, used constantly by the public. New paths are constantly being trodden out, and old ones lost through lack of use, across this open countryside.

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Footpath	Whitefield		36	6	32	Frankton Road to Robin Lane. Diverted 14/11/1997.
Footpath	Whitefield		37	7	801	From Phillips Park Lodge to tunnel at start of Path No. 42 Path is a continuation of Path No.33 and runs between fences for 159m. Path No.37b joins the path at this point. Tip forms boundary to path on left hand side and fence on right hand side. Path is joined by path 37 d and becomes metalled and unfenced. Path runs between gateposts (F.G.) no longer of practical use, and runs alongside the Irwell to point where path divides. Left hand fork is path 37e, the main path takes right hand side fork, leaving the river along metalled way to tunnel at start of path No.42.
Footpath	Whitefield		37a	7	32	Subsidiary paths to path No.37 crossing land owned by Waterdale Dye Works. See inset plan showing details of paths.
Footpath	Whitefield		37b	7	80	Subsidiary paths to path No.37 crossing land owned by Waterdale Dye Works. See inset plan showing details of paths.
Footpath	Whitefield		37c	7	129	Subsidiary paths to path No.37 crossing land owned by Waterdale Dye Works. See inset plan showing details of paths.
Footpath	Whitefield		37d	7	113	Subsidiary paths to path No.37 crossing land owned by Waterdale Dye Works. See inset plan showing details of paths.
Footpath	Whitefield		37e	7	332	Subsidiary paths to path No.37 crossing land owned by Waterdale Dye Works. See inset plan showing details of paths.
Footpath	Whitefield		37f	7	80	Subsidiary paths to path No.37 crossing land owned by Waterdale Dye Works. See inset plan showing details of paths.
Footpath	Whitefield		38	7	241	From footpath No.37 through Molyneux Vale to Phillips Park Path starts from No.37 along single track fenced both sides, overgrown and swampy. Bridge gate to Phillips Park after 228m. Path from this point is included in Phillips Park grounds.
Footpath	Whitefield		39	5&7	1946	Ringley Road via Overdale Hall to Molyneux Brow Path starts at white house along metalled road and continues in reasonable condition past Overdale Hall down Molyneux Brow to path No.42 at northern side of motorway.
Footpath	Whitefield		40	5	418	Clarkes Hill reservoir to Copper Lane Path starts along private metalled road to clarkes hill, then along footpath to its junction with copper lane. Path hedged both sides throughout.

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Footpath	Whitefield		41	5&7	1190	White House to Hurst Farm along Copper Lane Copper Lane is metalled road used by pedestrians and farm traffic. Lane is fenced on both sides and surface is in good condition. 91m from Hurst Farm there is a field gate and a cattle grid across the road and footgate at side. A notice on the gate reads as follows: 'PRIVATE ROAD - HURST FARM'. Path continues , beyond the field gate. Other evidence indicates that a right of way exists for pedestrians to Hurst Farm.
Footpath	Whitefield		42	7	1602	From tunnel at Molyneux Station via motorway bridge to U.D. boundary at Hurst Wood Path passes under railway and takes right hand side way along metalled road 3m wide which skirts Bolton sewage farm to U.D. boundary. Path continues beyond U.D boundary to Kilcoby bridge.
Footpath	Whitefield		43	7	821	From path No.42 at Rhodes Farm via Snape Hill to path No.39 Path runs at right angles to path No.42 to tunnel under railway. This part of path swampy. At tunnel there is a field gate across the path with gap at side. Wide unfenced path runs along clough to gateposts without gate. From this point path is metalled cartway (overgrown) to Snape Hill and widens (wooded clough on right hand side). Gate across path at entrance to Carters Hill Farm and no stile. Path has been trodden left hand side of farm although there is no apparent obstruction of right of way through farm. Gate at other end of farm. There is access through field gate to path which has been trodden round farm. Path runs through to path No.39.
Footpath	Whitefield		44	7	1762	From U.D Boundary near Kilcoby Bridge via Clifton Aqueduct and under river Irwell bridge to path No.42 Path is old tow path to manchester, bolton and bury canal. It is in good condition except for one point where a landslide in to the river has occurred. The path is bounded on the right hand side by the river Irwell and on the left hand side by the canal (now disused). Path continues to Clifton Aqueduct. At this point the canal is still in use as a mill wharf. The path is obstructed by boarding, part of which has been taken away allowing pedestrian access. The dam across the canal forming the wharf provides a way across for pedestrians. From this point path is metalled pathway to path No.42.

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Footpath	Whitefield		45	5&7	993	From Ringley Road Station to Keepers Cottage and Nuttall Wood Path runs along metalled carriageway fenced both sides, passes to left hand side of Lower Heaps Farm and through Keepers Cottage. 1st stile to Keepers Cottage. Path becomes narrow footpath fenced both sides running in to Nuttall Woods. There is no well defined path through Nuttall Wood.
Footpath	Whitefield		45a	5	60	Footbridge from path No.45 over railway to Higher Heaps.
Footpath	Whitefield		46	6	370	From Egypt Lane via bridge over motorway to link with footpath No.50 at Prestwich Borough Boundary.