

### 1.63 Local Road Entrance from North

This entrance is a local lane originally serving fields and agriculture, and still apparently lightly used. It is a delightful sequence, a walk through a little changed landscape, passing by the farm entrance to Rowlestown House ① and along its boundary, sloping down to the sharp left turn into Church Road ②.

The lane, like others in the County, makes for ideal country walking, with glimpses across fields and a strong connection with nature and the farming landscape. Signalling the quality of the road by defining it as a 'green lane' for cyclists and pedestrians first would improve safety along the lane and may help to conserve its qualities for the future.

### 1.63A. Development Guidance for Entrance from North

- Consider defining the lane, along with others as a 'green lane' with speed restriction and cycle and pedestrian priority
- Traffic calming is effected already with narrow width, no footpaths and winding lane.
- Continue to manage the lane with hedgerow trimming and verge cutting.

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## 1.64 Local Road Entrance from East

This entrance is also a local lane. It is the continuation of Church Road, and connects back to the R125. It appears to be busy during school arrival and departure times, but otherwise is relatively quiet. It may be identified as one of the lanes around Rowlestown which would be suited to a walking and cycling network allowing for loop walks. The stretch of lane eastwards after the church is relatively straight; cars travel at speed along this stretch and any proposal would need to take into account the need to reduce speed and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

- ① View looking back to church and community centre on Church Road. Car turning is heading for the entrance to the school on Rowlestown Drive.
- ② Lane looking eastwards is straight with a series of entrances to individual houses and housing clusters.

### 1.64A. Development Guidance for Entrance from East

- Consider defining the lane, as a 'green lane' with speed restriction, and cycle and pedestrian priority
- As there are numerous entrances with further development proposed, traffic calming is necessary; the lane is straight, and susceptible to speeding.
- Continue to manage the lane with hedgerow trimming and verge cutting.



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Rowlestown House, service entrance with farm outbuildings, virginia creeper and guard dog





## 1.7 Architectural Heritage

### 1.71 Rowlestown House

The OS 1839 42 map, **left**, gives a good impression of the house within its demesne. Built in 1780, there is a paddock or park, giving formal access through the Lawn Gates and supervised with a Gate Lodge. The gardens around the house are structured and appear to have walled gardens and orchard in sheltered areas. The access to the farmyard and rear is from the agricultural lane on its western side.

The front of the house is a five bay symmetrical composition with unusually large windows. The window above the arched door has six panes for each of two sliding sashes, whereas the rest are four panes for each of two sliding sashes on the first floor, and two panes for each of two sliding sashes on the ground floor, suggesting at least two window replacements since its construction. Despite this and the unusually large proportion of window to wall, the facade is a handsome one and a piece of heritage in Rowlestown to cherish.

