



Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Improvement of the open land and lakes off The Mead, Westbury in order to make it more accessible for use by the general public.

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

Area of land adjacent to the railway line and accessed via a footpath from The Mead

3. When will the initiative take place?

As soon as funding is available.

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

The Westbury Community Plan highlights issues from childhood obesity to health concerns as well as the need to make best use of our environment. As part of this it refers to:

- Make walking & cycling easier by upgrading and linking footpaths

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

This area of open land off The Mead is a delightful potential nature reserve containing lakes, walkways and seating and leading onto a network of footpaths. Currently the area is considerably waterlogged and needs remedial drainage work in order to make it more accessible to everyone. While funds from a S106 agreement have been set aside for the long term maintenance of this land, it does not include allowance for such remedial action. It is believed such remedial work would enable the area to be better used by the community for leisure and hopefully for an educational resource – it is hoped interpretation boards may be provided in the future to chart the flora and fauna of this area.

6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

The remedial drainage work will be carried out by English Landscapes. The long term maintenance work of the site thereafter will be the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and/or its contractors.

7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

This work would cost £675.00.

8. Additional information

This project would make best use of a currently underused public area. Making it more easily accessible and better used by all ages would raise awareness and appreciation of the local environment just minutes from the town centre, and would encourage walking, exercise and education.