

## South Wilts Walks: Empowering communities to do more for themselves...

A community led project initiated by the Southern Wiltshire Area Board in partnership with the Rights of Way team

### A milestone for the project...



**On 3 February 2014, the South Wiltshire Walks Volunteers will install its 50th gate! Join the volunteers and find out how to get involved in future sessions.**

### Progress so far

#### Key information:

- 49 gates installed so far, the next will be the 50<sup>th</sup>!
- 400 hours of volunteer time
- £15,000 towards the project from the Area Board, PIG scheme, Parish Councils and New Forest National Park Authority

#### Update on other elements of the project:

- **Walks guide:** This project is funded but needs to move forward. We will set up a meeting in Feb/March for new people interested in collating the information aiming to get the draft collated by September 2014.
- **Footpaths links:** The Area Board so far has part-funded a footpath link between Whaddon – West Grimstead via the CATG. We are also perusing a link between the Medieval Bridge at Milford Mill Road going out to the nursing home via the CATG too. There is another possible project in Redlynch to develop in the Summer.
- **Clarendon Palace:** There is interest in developing a community walk to Clarendon Palace this Summer to commemorate the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Constitution of Clarendon to coincide with the exhibition, funded by the Area Board, which will be going to local schools about it. We will be meeting in February to discuss how we will take this forward.
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** As a result of the recommendations of the last report, we are looking at ways of working with partners to get a Volunteer Coordinator in place in the short run to work with the volunteers and encourage further participation.
- **Time Credits:** Area Board is exploring the possibility of using Time Credits to encourage more volunteering.