Item 15 - Footpaths project update

Volunteer Coordinator started this month

The project is going from strength to strength. We have appointed a Volunteer Coordinator, Abby Sullivan, who will be working 2 days a week out of the River Bourne Community Farm and the Rights of Way offices. The funding for this project was received from Public Health. They have a keen interest in the work we are doing as we are improving the access to the local footpaths in our area.



Management group:

This project will be overseen by a management group made up of:

- Lead volunteers working with the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Southern Wiltshire Area Board representative(s).
- Rights of Way Warden
- River Bourne Community Farm representative.
- Parish Council representative(s)
- Public Health representative (where necessary)

They will make decisions on spending associated with the project and grant applications to other bodies.

Volunteer Coordinator Brief

Working under the main project partner River Bourne Community Farm the Volunteer Coordinator role will have the following aims:

- 1. Coordinate monthly activity days working with volunteers on our footpath network.
- 2. Develop and complete the walks guide.
- 3. Work with the community on special events such as the 850th anniversary of the Constitution of Clarendon.
- 4. Work with communities to create circular walks in each parish. Alderbury is already underway.
- 5. Coordinate waymarking sessions with a view to create volunteer waymarking groups. Starting with Clarendon Way.
- 6. Develop toolkits for volunteers to set up their own parish footpath groups.
 - How to guides for installing gates etc.
 - A toolkit for setting up footpath groups in parishes.
- 7. Develop a group to take this project on after the 18 month period.

There is a budget of £12,500 for materials and we will be looking for continued support from Parish Councils.