

## Area Board Project

### 1. What is the Initiative?

Purchase and installation of kissing gates to improve rights of ways in and around Westbury and the surrounding villages.

### 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

On rights of way around the Westbury community area

### 3. When will the initiative take place?

As soon as possible after consultation with the town and parishes

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

In the Westbury Community Area Plan 2011-16, Section 6 under Health and Wellbeing , Changing Lifestyles is identified as a key priority and in the Leisure section it advocates making walking & cycling easier by upgrading and linking footpaths. The Air Quality management plan encourages walking and cycling rather than using motor vehicles. The JSA 2014 demonstrated high obesity levels for children.

### 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To improve access to the many rights of way in and around Westbury so everyone can enjoy the countryside and make best use of the rights of way network.

### 6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?

The Rights of Way manager and the Community Area Manager will work together on this project. It will involve liaising with parishes to ask them to identify where stiles could be replaced with kissing gates, liaising with landowners and arranging installation. The installation of the gates would be done by the volunteers Ramblers group under the supervision of the Rights of Way officer.

### 7. Costs/quotes/ match funding? (total cost £5k require 1 quote, total cost £5k-25k require 3 quotes)

The kissing gates costs around £100 for a wooden gate and £200 for a metal one. The installation work will be volunteer led. A grant of £3000 is needed.

### 8. Additional information

This represents the second tranche of a rights of way project. The first tranche has been completed and has proved very successful.