

Area Board Project

1. What is the Initiative?

Funding for a footpath around the Mead lakes area, Westbury

2. Where is the initiative taking place?

As above – the lakes open area is accessed by a right of way off the Mead.

3. When will the initiative take place?

As soon as possible in conjunction with the Rights of Way and Landscapes officers

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.

5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

The open land and lake area off the Mead was initially intended as a pleasant walking and nature area for the public – it leads to a network of footpaths for walks in and around the community area. However the ground area is constantly muddy and becomes inaccessible. This project would create a raised walkway around the lake linking up to the footpaths on the far side. It would improve access 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 officer and the Senior Countryside ranger. Westbury area board councillors to be kept updated on progress.

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

£3,000 for materials.

8. Additional information

This project is part of a wider long term plan for this area – it is hoped a community group can be set up in the future to help protect and enhance this amenity area.