

Parish/ Village Circular Walks Proposal

- To create a circular walk that would appeal to visitors to the village-perhaps a family?
- A route that combines Public Rights of way with quiet lanes that offers interest through views, interesting buildings, landmarks and also includes pubs and shops.
- Not necessarily a challenging walk and ground conditions may dictate that it is perhaps a route for the drier months OR if undertaken in winter then appropriate footwear will be required.
- 1 ½ - 2 hours would be a good guideline and this could include brief halts along the way.
- Shorter alternatives could be included or longer extensions.
- A central start point in the village would be ideal where a visible Circular Walk sign could be erected. This could be a bespoke English oak signpost displaying the places/attractions en route and also include the distance. Smaller circular walk waymarks at key points along the path would make the route easy to follow to ensure a return back to the starting point.
- These routes could combine to form a series of village circuits and be promoted on Parish web sites, Cranborne Chase AONB web site, Visit Wiltshire, local publications or small posters.
- The target participants are not necessarily experienced walkers and the chosen routes could, wherever possible, be on already “improved” paths where e.g. stiles have been replaced by kissing gates for ease of use as part of the South West Wiltshire Public Rights of Way Improvement Programme. In situations where the chosen route could itself be improved to facilitate a circular walk then it might form an ideal project for local volunteers to get

involved with. Guidance can be given to facilitate this.

- There may already be publicised walks in the parish or village but here is an opportunity to develop one of those and give it a higher profile.
- Pubs, shops and B&B's could feature in any promotional information.