

## Footpaths project update: 26 May 2016

Working with the Rights of Way team, volunteers have played a key part in installing over 60 new kissing gates, carried out surfacing and clearance work and even installed foot bridges.

Parishes have been taking up the challenge to identify tasks, liaise with landowner and work with volunteers to repair stiles and install new gates.

River Bourne Community Farm is available to be booked to undertake footpath work facilitating local volunteers. Costs are covered by the footpath project, only when local volunteers are involved. We have a stock of kissing gates and timber available.

### Recent case study: Alderbury – thanks to Nigel Walsh for coordinating!



Stile between the bottom of Recreation Road and Old Vicarage Lane was repaired and renovated on Monday 16 May 2016. Walkers can now cross the stile safely.

Thanks to those involved:

- Alderbury Paths Group volunteers Andre, Robin and myself (materials were manually carried from bottom of Recreation Road)
- Nick Cowen (Rights of Way) for providing materials
- Ben Parker of River Bourne Community Farm who provided free bark chippings
- Nigel for providing tools and transport
- Landowner for letting us park in his farmyard

### How it works...

River Bourne Community Farm is making 2 days per month (for around 20 months) available to support local footpath work which involves local volunteers. **Here's how we envisage this working but you can make it work how you want!**

Roles		
Parish/footpath grp	RBCF	RoW team
Identify tasks required Landowner consent Book RBCF Recruiting volunteers Local communications	Kit to site Provide tools Supervise activity day Capacity build (Gearing local groups to do things on own) Report outcomes eg. No. volunteers	Advice & guidance to local group around task/landowners

River Bourne Community Farm will operate a first come first served basis and will keep a calendar of activities shared at regular Area Board meetings.

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