Public Rights of Way and the Parish Paths Partnership

A community approach to improving access in the countryside, towns and villages
• 5,000km PRoW
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• 560km unsurfaced roads
• 130km off road trails/cycleways
• 2 Country Parks
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Highways Act 1980

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Rights of Way Act 1990
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Countryside Act 1968
National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949
Definitive Map Showing Witheridge
Highway Authority Duties

- To erect signposts and waymarks
- To bridge natural water courses
- Undertake works to drain PROWs
- To improve a PROW
Highway Authority Duties

- Make grants to farmers and landowners of at least 25% of the cost of maintaining approved stiles and gates
- Controlling the growth of surface vegetation
- To protect the public’s use and enjoyment of a PROW
Other Responsibilities Include

- To keep the definitive map under continuous review
- To make path diversion orders
- To make temporary diversion and closure orders
Responsibilities of Landowners

- Know where PROWs cross their land and ensure gates and stiles are kept in good order
- Refrain from obstructing paths
- Cutting back overhanging vegetation
Responsibilities of Landowners

• Refrain from ploughing a path that forms the headland of field

• Ensure that paths across fields are reinstated two weeks after ploughing
Parish Paths Partnership

• The History of P3

• Numbers of parishes involved

• Overall objectives
How Does P3 Work?

- Role of the P3 Co-ordinator
- The annual survey
- Projects are considered by the parish and Devon County Council
- Grants are issued on a mileage basis
- Parishes are able to organise improvements through talking to landowners and liaising with local contractors
P3 Grants

• How much is the annual budget?

• How do we allocate the grant?

• When are grants issued?
Typical Parish Projects

- Replacing stiles for gates to give greater access to the countryside
- Liaising with landowners to improve the surface of rural paths
- Adding dog gates with landowner permission
- Signing and waymarking routes
- Organising cutting programmes
- Making funding applications
P3 Projects - Volunteers

• In the parish of Yealmpton liaison with landowners ensured local volunteers were able to add dog gates to stiles
P3 Projects - volunteers

- Volunteers in the parish of Modbury work hard to resurface a route with the help of local landowners.
P3 Projects - Contractors
P3 Projects - Boardwalk
P3 Projects – Funding Success
P3 Projects – Working Partnerships

• The parish of Exminster wanted to improve the surface of a level path that lead to a pub across an RSPB nature reserve.

• The project was funded by P3, DCC and RSPB
Parish Paths Partnership Autumn
workshop dates

• Four Parish Paths Partnership workshops:
  – Musbury Village Hall 1st October 2014
  – DNP HQ, Bovey Tracey 14th October 2014
  – Kennerleigh Village Hall 17th October 2014
  – Beaford Village Hall 23rd October 2014

– All Welcome!
– Please email parish paths – mailbox.gov.uk to reserve a space
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