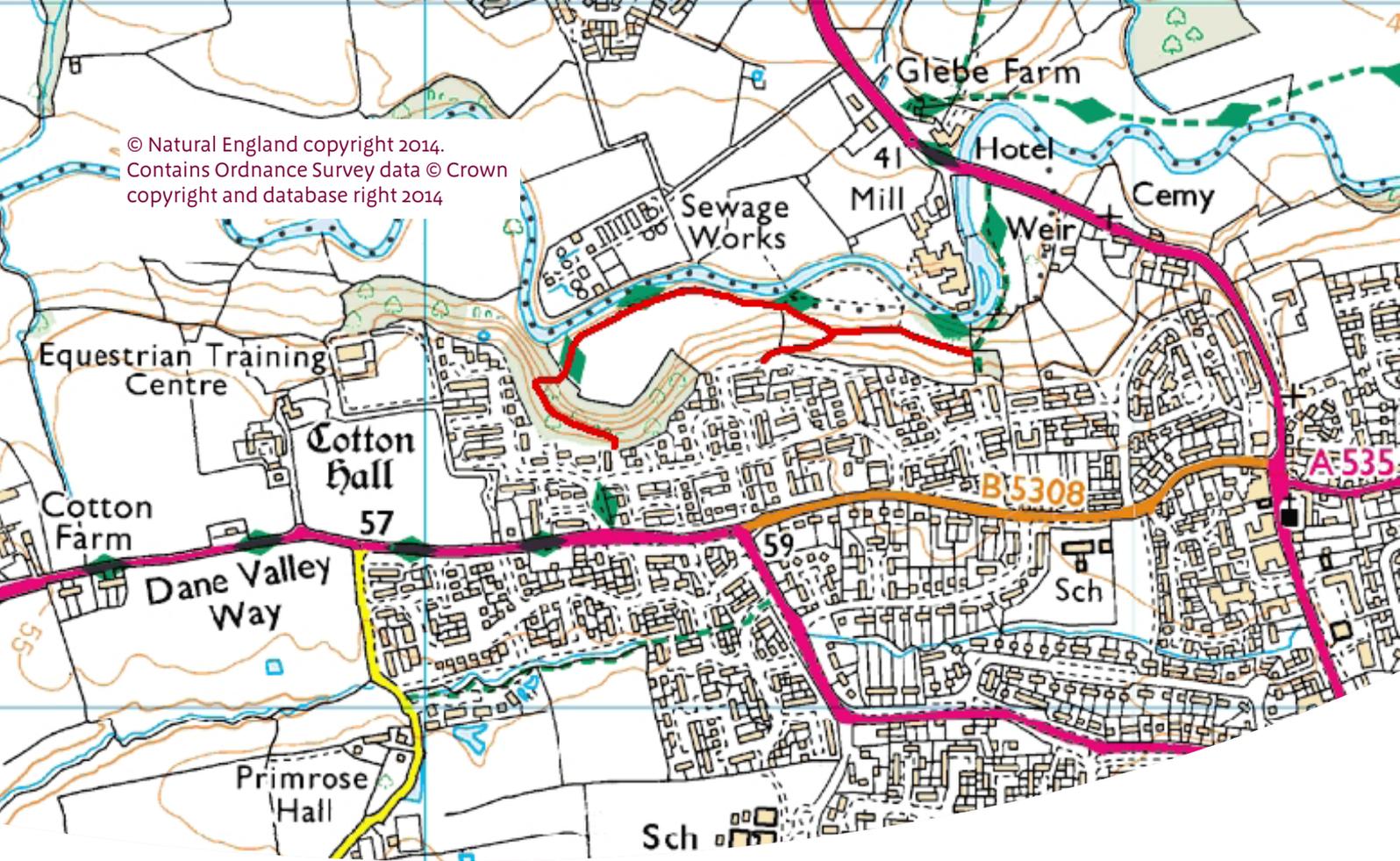


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## Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

# Dane Meadow

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| Location:                 | Cheshire                                    |
| Right of Way Created:     | Bridleway 360 metres<br>Footpath 270 metres |
| Improved existing rights: | n/a   |

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Supporting local businesses: | 3        |
| Volunteer hours contributed: | 900      |
| Cost of project:             | £173,504 |
| Grant rate:                  | 84%      |

The Dane Meadow project has created 360 metres of new footpath and 270 metres of new bridleway creating greater access to an attractive area of green space on the edge of Holmes Chapel. The project was delivered by a strong partnership between the community organisation Holmes Chapel Partnership, the Parish Council East Cheshire Council.

The vision was to provide access to Dane Meadow on the edge of the village to be used as a nature area, recreational space and an open air classroom by local schools. The new route has also improved the 40 mile Dane Valley Way long distance footpath with the creation of a riverside path where previously the route had to detour through a housing estate. The Dane Valley Way attracts a large



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numbers of walkers to the area who will benefit from the improvements.

The idea for the project evolved from a local consultation which revealed that many local residents were unaware of Dane Meadow and that there were very few visitors to the site of which most were dog walkers. Wildlife surveys had shown a significant number of animal and bird species inhabiting the site along with very diverse flora and fauna. The Holmes Chapel Partnership recognised that the site could be managed to attract more wildlife and plant species whilst encouraging more people to visit and participate in its development and maintenance. They saw potential for the site to be an educational resource for local schools and the adult population and were keen to improve access for people with limited mobility.

The new bridleway has created easy

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access into Dane Meadow for people with disabilities, parents with pushchairs and the elderly as well as horse riders and cyclists. The Partnership now have a long term vision to build a bridge across the river and create a link from Cranage village to Holms Chapel. Successfully delivering the P4C project is a spring board for this long term goal. P4C funding has also spurred the Partnership to seek other funds such as WREN monies which will be used to fund pond creation and more wildlife areas.

