



Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Mid Cheshire Bridleway Association

Location:	Cheshire
Right of Way Created:	Bridleway 3.4 km
	Footpath
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	2
Volunteer hours contributed:	n/a
Cost of project:	£131,649
Grant rate:	£79 %

The Oakmere Way is a new 3.4 km bridleway winding through attractive mid Cheshire countryside. This P4C project was put together and delivered by an effective partnership of Mid Cheshire Bridleway Association and Lafarge Tarmac one of the main landowners in the area.

The project was delivered in two phases and took eighteen months to complete. The new

route is a great addition to the bridleway network in the area. It also allows the public to access Hornby Rough which was formerly an isolated patch of open access woodland owned by the Forestry Commission. It is hoped that the completed Oakmere Way will encourage more tourism and visitor exploration of this scenic area which already has a significant tourist interest.



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This project has been funded under the Rural Development Programme for England

A number of rural businesses related to riding and outdoor pursuits will benefit directly and local pubs and cafes should see an increase in customers. The new bridleway is a link between Delamere Forest in the west and the Whitegate Way, a linear Country Park in the east adding significantly to outdoor activity opportunities and thus contributing to the visitor economy of the area.

The creation of Oakmere Way will help deliver a number of objectives specified in the Local Authority Rights of Way Improvement Plan and will improve the local Public Rights of Way network connecting the two communities of Delamere and Sandiway/Cuddington with a safe off road route. It will encourage more people to use the local network for exercise and health and encourage green travel by commuters with its links to Delamere station.



“This is an excellent example of a P4C project delivered in a close partnership between community groups and local business offering many positive benefits for the local community.”

Links
[Mid Cheshire Bridleways](#)
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