

**National LAF Conference (North) 1st March 2016, Leeds**

## **What can be achieved in an urban/semi urban area**

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### **Notes**

- How to get lots of RoW working with Local Authority (LA) in a short space of time.
- Want to get routes onto the definitive map, make sure they know the go-to source is the LAF – first port of call.
- Many outstanding DMMOAs – contacted LA to discuss how it could be reduced.
- Identified how many DMMOAs were on council land and not contentious.
- Went through the list – picked out the ones to tackle quickly.
- It could be a quick process just creating routes that are already on the ground and landowner is the council.
- People putting in new works on RoW may not have discussed their plans – possible need to educate e.g. kissing gates.
- Identify routes with no status and push for status.
- Multi-users have to use the routes safely and fairly.
- Soon as you know there are any interpretation panels going up, offer free photos of routes being used in a multi-use way (cycles, pedestrians, horses, mobility scooters) instead of stock photos.
- Useful for LAFs to have one member acting as a recognisable public face of the LAF.
- End result: miles of new bridleways and footpaths on council owned land.
- Afterwards write to LA Chief executive with document congratulating them: excellent work done for all users, suggestion for a further x number of routes. Publicise in newspapers etc. – they will prioritise.