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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Bishops Canning

Project Location:	Wiltshire
Right of Way Created:	Bridleway 150 m
	Footpath 110 m
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	1
Volunteer hours contributed:	n/a
Cost of project:	£13,174
Grant rate:	92%

The Bishops Canning project has reconnected the public rights of way network, previously severed by the A361 dual carriage way trunk road for many years. Although a bridleway network exists to both north and south of the road, the volume of fast moving traffic had been a real disincentive to all users, especially equestrians.

The P4C project scheme has brought back into service a disused agricultural tunnel under the dual carriageway with the permission of the landowner and as a result three short new public rights of way have been created, making an “interchange hub” between a number of promoted routes – The Wansdyke Path, the White Horse Trail, The Wessex



Ridgeway and the Kennet and Avon Canal towpath.

Significant engineering work has been required to excavate a path at the base of an embankment and to create a ramp to a suitable gradient for horses. New fencing has been installed to separate the route from the bio secure farm. Mounting blocks have been installed at both ends of the tunnel to allow horses to be led through the well-lit tunnel.

Significant new housing development is planned to the north of Devizes and the interchange hub now gives many more opportunities for the more urban based population to explore safely the Wiltshire downland to the north of the



A361.

" It's great to have the tunnel open. Stonepit Hill (on the opposite side of the A361) is a wonderful area and hardly ever used as it was so inaccessible."

*Mr Clark
Parish Council Clerk*

Bishops Canning Parish Council, Wiltshire Local Access Forum and Wiltshire Council have all worked hard to make this long overdue scheme happen.

Links

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