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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Diamond Jubilee Path

Location:	Gloucestershire
Right of Way Created:	Cycle rights 1.1 km
	Footpath 1.2 km
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	n/a
Volunteer hours contributed:	n/a
Cost of project:	£23,573
Grant rate:	75%

A muddy route around Chipping Sodbury sports ground at The Ridings has been transformed into a permanent “all weather” and “access for all” 900 metre Diamond Jubilee footpath that links with two other existing permissive paths now also dedicated as Public Rights of Way (PROW). One of these is a footpath parallel with Wickwar Road that now has dedicated cycling rights providing a safe segregated route from

urban Chipping Sodbury northwards. The new path network now connects urban Chipping Sodbury to Sodbury Common, golf course and the wider countryside.

The flat “all weather” path can be used by all age groups and abilities, in all weather conditions, and it is hoped will encourage those that are mobility



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

impaired to be sports spectators if not participants.

Park Run UK has created a new venue in Chipping Sodbury and welcome the new path which was formally opened at the inaugural Park Run event at which 197 participants arrived from as far afield as London, Reading, South Wales as well as local clubs.

The local community has seen many benefits in a short time the path has been available. It is a regular Park Run venue with an average of 120 participants each Saturday, bringing increased spending locally. Local residents of all ages are using the path and sports clubs are using it for training. Local U3A and South Gloucestershire Walking for Health have incorporated it in their itineraries too.

Volunteers worked hard and long to install additional drainage ready for the first Park Run and local sponsors have funded wood edging to the 900m path for easier maintenance and a small wall installed with sponsors names engraved as a permanent memento of their



donation.

Chipping Sodbury Town Trust led the scheme with support from South Gloucestershire Rights of Way, Frome Valley Community Action Group, the Merlin Housing Association and the Hogweed Trotters.

“We have had nothing but praise from many of these users, be they dog walkers, elderly, joggers, mums with pushchairs, residents or runners, both young and old, and it has given the trustees the enthusiasm to continue to improve our facility for the benefit of all into the future”...

Links
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