



Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Kingfisher Way Enhancement Project

Location:	Bedfordshire
Right of way Created:	Footpath 674 m with cycling rights
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	n/a
Volunteer hours contributed:	n/a
Cost of project:	£31,495
Grant rate:	84%

The new path created with P4C funding links into the PRoW network and enables visitors to walk or cycle to a number of attractions including Swiss Garden; Jordan's Mill visitor and heritage centre with educational facilities, café and shop; the Shuttleworth Aircraft collection and Shuttleworth Agricultural College.

River Ivel was narrow and falling away as the bankside eroded. The new route runs parallel to the old but on the opposite side of a hedge along the river. The Biggleswade Green Wheel partnership had identified this route as a priority – a solution to the division of the area created by the A1(M).

An old public footpath running alongside the

Central Bedfordshire Council has committed to keeping the old footpath and to adding



the new footpath onto the Definitive Map and Statement. The route and rights of walkers and cyclists over it will be dedicated by the landowner, The Shuttleworth Estate, under section 38 of the Highways Act 1980. The Council also acted as applicant on behalf of Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity to provide the up-front funding required to complete works before the grant could be claimed.

The new route is 674 metres long and comprises a hard-core base, topped with re-cycled planings and blinded with granite dust forming an ideal surface for walkers, cyclists and mobility scooters. The P4C funding supported signs, interpretation panels, benches and the promotion of the new route through new leaflets and web pages on partner websites. Volunteers worked to clear vegetation and tidy the area for users.



creating the route was the unprecedented weather which left one particular section submerged for months. But finally the rain abated and the ground dried out long enough for contractors to gain access to the land. The route was completed in October 2014.

"I love this surface!" - walker on the new route

By far the biggest problem encountered in

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