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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

# Countess of Chester ways to the Countryside

Location:	Cheshire
Right of Way Created:	Bridleway
	Footpath 2.23km
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	1
Volunteer hours contributed:	n/a
Cost of project:	£203,281
Grant rate:	71%

This P4C project is situated on green space adjacent to the Countess of Chester hospital on the outskirts of Chester. The site is earmarked to be designated as a country park.

The 1.9 surfaced footpath created is 2.5 metres wide. The footpath was created using a process called Express

Dedication by Common Law (EDCL) and cycling rights over the whole route have been secured using section 16 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act. As well as surfacing P4C funded signage, a bridge and cycle friendly gates.

The new route provides an off road link





“We spent a lot of time getting the views of local people: how they would like to see the unused land next to the Health Park developed. People were overwhelmingly in favour of creating a country park and new paths were one of most requested facilities. Therefore, we have specifically targeted these elements for funding.”

Sarah Palgrave-Neath



## Links

The Land Trust  
Cheshire region Biodiversity Partnership  
Groundwork Cheshire

between the rural communities to the north and west of Chester and the city centre. It will provide walking routes suitable for both staff and patients of the hospital to use for recreation which will support general wellbeing and rehabilitation. The surface is designed to allow less mobile and wheelchair users to use the path. The new route also provides links into the wider footpath network and the National and City Cycleway, The Shropshire Union Canal towpath. The grant awarded was £144590 and

£58690 match funding came from The Land Trust and The Woodland Trust. The project delivery was ably managed by Groundwork Cheshire.

