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## Creating new peri-urban multi-user routes

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### Presentation notes

- Working with council to get new bridle paths open and open access for horses and other users.
- Gained funds from alternative sources.
- Location? On edge of urban development.
- Just one existing bridleway – aim was to improve access to it.
- Lots of footpaths but no access for horses – council reluctant to change footpath to bridleway.
- Fundraising: pleasure rides, dressage competitions etc.
- Karla's way = ½ mile long.
- Opening ceremony – useful for publicity, invited Mayor, had pleasure ride, commemorative medallions, procession.
- Once good contacts made in the press, they make further contact for new stories.
- Opened network of paths in the parkland of the area – some objections re horse dung – issue soon fizzled out.
- Worth looking at [Lancashire Environmental Fund](#) website as has a lot of information.
- Funding sourced by various groups as council have no money.
- New path double width for emergency vehicles – access for all – bridge made safe.
- Grant money is there (Barclays have a pound for pound match funding scheme for charities).
- Applications can be daunting – but once one is done, easier after for others.
- Work with council but don't be afraid to ask and apply for money.