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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet

Friends of the Carrs Multi User Route

Location:	East Cheshire
Right of way Created:	Bridleway 1.2 km
	Footpath
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	5
Volunteer hours contributed:	1,108
Cost of project:	£146,377
Grant rate:	85%

After many years of discussions, planning and seeking appropriate funding a bridleway route through The Carrs greenspace, on the edge of Wilmslow Cheshire, was formally opened on 3rd April at a ribbon cutting ceremony by the town mayor and attended by all those instrumental in making it happen. The result is a very accessible 2.5 metre wide

surfaced bridleway already being used and appreciated by all members of the community, including walkers, wheelchair users, those pushing prams and pushchair, horse riders and cyclists. What was a muddy trail is now a dry and solid route through the very attractive and popular greenspace used by both locals and visitors for recreation and exercise. Graham Beech

from the volunteer action group Friends of The Carrs, the prime instigator of the project said, " I have campaigned for many years to get a high quality multi-purpose path through The Carrs and am absolutely delighted that it has been completed. This path really is a path for all categories of users and for all ages. My long term vision is to see it continue to Styal Country Park , Manchester Airport and beyond". This Paths for Communities project was a partnership effort with the sitelandowners, Cheshire East Council, managing the project, Friends of The Carrs instigating and applying for the grant and the Bollin Valley Partnership getting the community on board and the wider public supporting the scheme with letters and campaigning. The main route runs alongside the River Bollin from near the Parish Hall to Twinnies car park where it



meets the recently upgraded Kings Road to Lacey Green link. Additional resurfacing and widening work has been completed by Cheshire East council on the sections of path that link to Hawthorne Lane and to Cliff Road providing flexible access to and from the town centre. Sustrans hope to designate the upgraded routes as part of the National Cycle Network linking to the Airport Orbital Cycleway.

Emma Houghton, Community Projects Officer at the Bollin Valley Partnership said, " the hard work, time and energy everyone put into this project all seemed worthwhile when I heard a story of a man in a motorised wheelchair who had been unable to access the site for many years. He didn't kick up a fuss but as soon as the path was renovated, he jumped at the opportunity to visit and enjoy The Carrs."

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