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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

The Steel Valley Project

Location:	South Yorkshire
Right of Way Created:	Bridleway 830 m
	Footpath
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	3
Volunteer hours contributed:	n/a
Cost of project:	£62,106
Grant rate:	78%

The applicant, The Steel Valley Project, was awarded a P4C grant of £48,191 towards construction of a new 850 metre bridleway through Wigtwizzle plantation. The plantation is a local authority owned woodland on Bradfield Moors south of Stockbridge and bordering the Peak District.

The new route creates a link in the local bridleway network allowing walkers and riders to enjoy

an attractive woodland walk/ride through a previously inaccessible plantation. This would also avoid the use of dangerous winding country roads. The route winds up a steep hill and there were particular problems with drainage during construction in the wettest winter on record. However The Steel valley Project, a third sector community organisation, has a long record of successful delivery of projects and the P4C project was no exception and was completed on



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schedule. The P4C bid was put together through a strong partnership between local ramblers and riders, the Local Access Forum, Tata Steel, Bradfield and Stockbridge Parish Councils, Sheffield City Council and the South Yorkshire Forest partnership. The new route is a strategic addition to the Public Rights of Way network in the area and one that walkers and riders have been requesting for some time. The project also included the creation of some woodland ponds and wetlands which will eventually be a rich source of bio-diversity.



Feedback from users has been very positive,

“ This new “inspirational” bridleway has opened up and created many new opportunities for people to explore a part of Sheffield’s countryside which was lost to many”.

“I’ve been raving about this to my friends, walkers and riders, they all think it is brilliant”.

Links

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