



Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Wheathampstead, Nomansland, Sandridge link

Location:	Hertfordshire
Right of way Created:	Bridleway 1.1 km
	Footpath
Improved existing rights:	n/a

The new 1.1 km bridleway links together the residents of Sandridge and Wheathampstead in Hertfordshire on a safe, off-road route across the rural divide including Nomansland Common. It also connects to bus services, and businesses including the local pub. The bridleway provides links with the existing Public Rights of Way (PROW) network and also to permissive bridleways, used by the many local livery stables. The need for the path

Supporting local businesses:	4
Volunteer hours contributed:	not claimed
Cost of project:	£43,225
Grant rate:	88%

upgrade is referred to in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan which forms part of the Local Transport Plan 3.

This project to upgrade an existing footpath to bridleway status was proposed and led by St Albans Access Forum (SAAF). SAAF is a partnership of the Hertfordshire LAF, St Albans District Council, Footpaths and Ramblers Societies, the British Horse Society,



Hertfordshire County Council Rights of Way Department, the Woodland Trust and St Albans Cycling Campaign. SAAF joined forces in this application with the St Albans Access Group (which works for people with limited mobility), Nomansland Common Joint Management Committee and Heartwood Forest Access Group. Volunteers supported hedge-laying and litter-picking activities.

Created under section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, the upgrade includes dedication of extra width to 5 metres, of which 3 metres is surfaced using hard surface materials in keeping with the area's character (crushed concrete sub-base with concrete dust dressing) and 2 metres is planted with grass as a softer surface.

Local businesses sent letters of support for the project, including local livery stables, Tara's Retreat care home and The Wicked Lady pub. Local councillors also lent their support to the project.



**"This is great!" – cyclist on the new
bridleway**

**"The Rights of Way officer [at
Hertfordshire County Council]
was excellent" – main contact for
the project, Lynn Myland**

The St. Albans Cycling Campaign acted as applicants for the project with Lynn Myland, Chair of the St Albans Access Forum (equestrian and livery stables owner) co-ordinating all the partners and driving the project forward.

Links

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[Section 25, Highways Act 1980](#)

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