

© Natural England copyright 2014.
 Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown
 copyright and database right 2014

Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Routes around Rossendale

Location:	Lancashire
Right of Way Created:	Bridleway 1.0 km
	Footpath
Improved existing rights:	550 m

Supporting local businesses:	6
Volunteer hours contributed:	147
Cost of project:	£174,979
Grant rate:	76%

This project was awarded £132,595 to create 1 km of new bridleway on a disused rail track through Stacksteads, Bacup Lancashire. The project also included training opportunities for local people to encourage engagement with the outdoors and recreational exercises such as walking, riding and cycling. The project was delivered by

a strong partnership between local community groups led by the not-for-profit company 'Profits-Investing in Communities' and the Local Authority.

The new bridleway provides a link in the 20 km off road cycleway between Rawtenstall and Rochdale being developed by Sustrans. The project was



supported strongly by local businesses. Rossendale is starting to become a centre for outdoor activities with visitors coming from all over the region to the mountain biking centre at Lee Quarry. Also the hugely popular Mary

“The main problem with Rossendale is that, being a valley, there is only one main road through it. Introducing a multi-use pathway will help take horses, cyclists and pedestrians off the busy road. I am fully supportive of this scheme. It is a crucial link in the chain...”

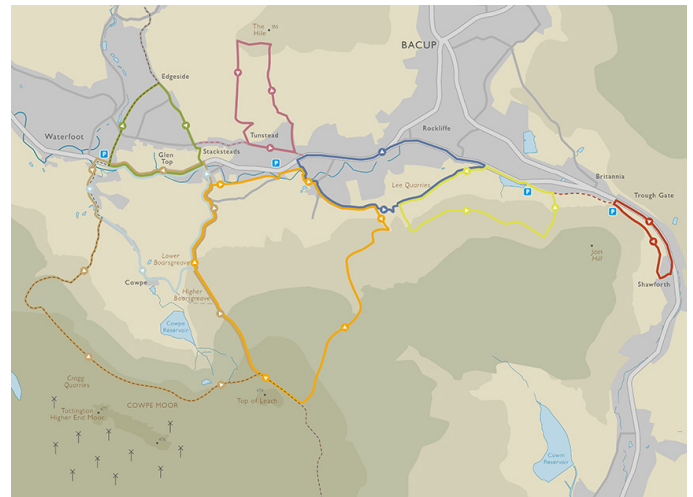
Linda Ward, Stacksteads Friendly Riders Club

“Our January ride was the second of two funded by the Paths4Communities ‘Routes around Rossendale’” scheme.

We started from the Glory at Loveclough and enjoyed the concessionary bridleways around the Crown Point catchment area. The ground was like iron on the tops and the wind had a real nip to it. But it didn't rain!

The publicity attracted six new members who will hopefully remain interested in hacking out and bridleways in general.

The Forest of Rossendale Bridleways Association



Townley Loop of the Pennine Bridleway draws in visitors and their horses to local B&B's and farms from as far away as Devon. The new bridleway and associated landscape improvements, which includes tree planting, is a major improvement to the local environment and is already much appreciated by local people.

Links

[Forest of Rossendale Bridleways Association](#)

[Profitts](#)

[The heart of Rossendale](#)

