

## **Footpath Access**

### **Proposal from Sheila Petherbridge**

1. In mid December I received a telephone call from Sheila Petherbridge who is responsible for public footpaths in BANES.
2. She told me she had managed to secure some limited funding for the parish and proposed opening up the footpath which went south to north from Eastcourt Road to the field bordering Brandown Close and the village hall.
3. She had approached the landowner, Edmund Bruegger, who agreed to the work as long as he did not have to provide and money.
4. She confirmed she had approximately £15,000 to spend on the project. She wasn't sure if it was enough.
5. We agreed to walk the route together and this we did on 18th December 2019. We were accompanied for part of the time by clerk, Philip Edwards.
6. It is fair to say the whole area is overgrown and has the added drawback of broken glass although this was confined to one specific area, or so it appeared.
7. If we undertook the work it would provide a well landscaped route and provide great amenity value for all age groups. Essentially, at the beginning and end there would be a single track but the whole mid section would provide a circular route.

8. It would also provide an accessible route from the southern area of the village to the village hall/school.
9. Sheila felt sure she could recruit Bath Ramblers to clear the northern end which in places was very steep and covered in brambles.
10. Further on, the path would need the attention of machinery, probably a JCB to achieve the desired result.
11. In other areas fencing would be required to keep people safe.
12. As I type, the Ramblers have been working really hard and cleared the incline.
13. If anyone would like a tour of the proposed network, please let me know.
14. This note is to update where we are and to seek financial support from accumulated "CIL" funds. I would propose in the first instance a sum, not exceeding £15,000.
15. In our Parish we have so little land the PC can develop and provide additional facilities. I hope you can support this project.

Tony Hooper

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