

**Calne Without Parish Council
Footpaths and Rights of Way Working Group**

Terms of Reference

1 Introduction

The Footpaths and Rights of Way Working Group was set up by Calne Without Parish Council on 8th June 2020.

2 Membership

The Working Group has been set up with the following membership Councillors Maddicks, Rees, Robbins and Songhurst but can also include members of the public, specialists and landowners, all additions and changes to the Group are to be approved by the Parish Council.

3 Aims and Objectives

The Working Group has been set up with the following aims and objectives:

3.1 Aims

- To engage with the community to promote walking, running, cycling and horse riding and to encourage participation in the improvement of opportunities for the enjoyment of the countryside through the use of paths and rights of way by all.
- To work with Wiltshire Council Countryside Access Officers to care for and promote the use the Rights of Way within the Parish
- To identify and record all the footpaths, cycleways and bridle paths within the Parish including permissive paths and those available through legal agreements with the owners as part of the Parish's green infrastructure.
- To promote the safe and responsible use of the paths as an important recreational asset and to work with landowners to identify opportunities for improvements to access.
- To promote improvements to the network.
- To improve the knowledge and appreciation of the Parish's landscape and historical assets.

3.2 Objectives

- To carry out an audit of the existing paths, cycleways and bridle paths, identifying the routes and structures along it and any barriers to its use.

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- To recruit volunteers to help carry out the audit and assist in the maintenance and improvement of the network.
- To identify places of historical or landscape importance to the Parish.
- To promote the use of paths by residents and visitors and to identify projects to encourage the use of the asset.

4 Timescales

The Working Group will aim to recruit volunteers and carry out the audit of routes during the summer 2020 provided that Government advice prevailing at the time allows this to happen.

5 Reporting

The Working Group will prepare an initial action plan to present to the Parish Council detailing its strategy and Councillor responsibilities for the recruitment of Volunteers and the methodology for the audit. The Working Group will use the resources provided by Wiltshire Council to guide their work.

Wiltshire Council resources can be [viewed here](#).

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