

Willenhall North, Willenhall South and Short Heath Area Panel

Green Pathways

26th March 2015

Introduction

The project involves the creation of a healthy walking and exercise route within New Invention, Short Heath and Coppice Farm, capitalising on the area's rich green spaces and natural corridors.

The project is being funded through the capital programme. The approved budget allocation is £90,000 (works/fees). This is a pilot project that if successful could be replicated across the Borough.

A successful funding application was submitted to the Area Panel in February 2015 to deliver consultation, promotion and marketing activities.

Report

Footpaths at and between the following sites are currently being improved:

- Short Heath Park
- Coppice Farm Public Open Space
- Stroud Avenue/Calstock Road/Brackendale
- Railway Walk - Lichfield Road to Littleton Road Public Open Space
- Littleton Road Public Open Space

Additionally, outdoor fitness equipment is being installed at Short Heath Park.

Consultation work that is due to be carried out in 2015 with funding by the Area Panel includes:-

- Information session with potential partners and walk leaders at New Invention on 30th March 2015 to explore opportunities for walking, signage, marketing, promotion and future events
- Local event to promote the healthy walking route - date to be confirmed
- Ongoing events/activities throughout the summer, to be agreed and developed with the local community

Recommendation

The Area Panel is recommended to note progress on the Green Pathways project.

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