



Paths for Communities (P4C): Expression of Interest Form

The Paths for Communities competitive grant scheme is administered by Natural England, on behalf of the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

In order to register your 'Expression of Interest' in the scheme please complete the details below and email this form to p4c@naturalengland.org.uk

We will acknowledge receipt of your completed form and pass your enquiry to one of our Local Grants Officers, who will seek to make contact with you within 10 working days.

Section 1: Who are you and how do we contact you?

Contact details for your group

Give the name of your community group as it appears on your governing document (such as your constitution or set of rules):



Much Wenlock Walkers are Welcome

Address for your group, including postcode

Address

Town **County**

Postcode **Website address**

Phone area code **Phone number** **Fax number**

Email address

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Section 2: Project Description

An old railway line running from Much Wenlock to Farley is under the ownership of two landowners. The Willey Estate is the principal owner but Shropshire Council owns a significant section where it lies within the town of Much Wenlock. Two nationally important routes, The Jack Mytton Way and the Shropshire Way follow parts of the route but it is not recorded as a public right of way. Access to the railway for horseriders and cyclists who are following the Jack Mytton Way crosses land owned by a third party, Wenlock Estates.

In response to a proposal to stop up an adjacent footpath community groups expressed a wish for the railway line to be recorded as a public right of way and for a footpath link to be provided running to the Farley Road to enable the use of a local circular walk.

Although the Jack Mytton Way follows the old railway it is currently difficult to use due to overgrowth and attention to the surface is required to make it sustainable for multipurpose use. As it is an old railway line the gradient and surface, if improved would, offer a continuation of an all ability route which has recently been developed on Council land at the southern end of the route.

The project has been approved by the Local Access Forum

The route would enhance access from the urban centre to the surrounding countryside.

Community Involvement

Much Wenlock Walkers are Welcome
Much Wenlock Walking for Health Group

Landowners:

M J Motley and C O Motley, Wenlock Estates, Much Wenlock
The Willey Estate, Willey Park, Broseley
Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Shrewsbury

A map showing the proposals is attached

Section 3 : How did you hear about P4C?

From the Shropshire Local Access Forum

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