



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2007 - 2012



Engaging with the community

As part of the consultation process for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan the County Council ran workshops for families to come along to share their experiences of the local countryside.

The Authority ran a children's colouring competition throughout the consultation period, giving children the chance to win days out at Nottinghamshire attractions such as White Post Farm for the best countryside posters.



Overall Winning poster design

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Foreword

I am delighted to introduce you to the very first Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) for Nottinghamshire. This is a new duty for us under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

With no coastline or mountains to visit, I see public rights of way in this county as the key to informal countryside recreation providing the gateway to walking, cycling, horse riding, mountain biking, bird watching and so much more. There are nearly 2700 km of paths for both residents and visitors to enjoy providing access to some of Nottinghamshire's best countryside and heritage.

However, our rights of way network provides so much more than a walk in the countryside. Our towns and villages have local paths and these often extend from one settlement to another. With sustainability and health both high on local and national agendas, our paths are increasingly being used as routes to school, work and the shops. 'Green exercise' is the new jargon.

We discuss this new thinking on rights of way in the Plan, but also address the increasing demands for a path network that is legally defined and well maintained. We need to look for value for money in all the work that we do. This Statutory plan will therefore, for the first time, offer policy statements and address priorities.

We have consulted widely with many key organisations and individuals, both during the production of the Plan and the draft consultation process. I would like to thank all those who gave their time and expertise towards the development of Nottinghamshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Over the next five years, we will strive to implement the key actions of this Improvement Plan by identifying further funding and resources to make Nottinghamshire's rights of way network more accessible and enjoyable for residents and visitors.

Thank you

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