

## **COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL – Report**

### **Report for LAF meetings 6 & 19/07/16**

#### **COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES**

##### **Lincolnshire**

The new route literature has been received and sent out to libraries, tourist information centres and site owners. There are a number of packs to be sent to other tourist information centres. This we will carry out during the next few weeks.

We will be setting a reorder level and reorder quantity to enable us to obtain funding for re ordering at the appropriate time to ensure we do not go out of stock.

The new routes we are surveying this year to enable us to produce more route leaflets include:

The Water Rail Way, Southrey – Stixwold

Freiston Shore

Grantham Canal, The specific location of the route to be determined

We still need to identify another suitable route. Any help in this will be greatly appreciated.

##### **Rutland**

Anglian Water will be funding the printing rather than the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. We are currently finalising the details of the leaflets and should have them printed and available for the Rutland Choice Unlimited event.

The Woodland Trust stated in 2015 they would be planning a Countryside For All route in Rutland in 2017. The sub group has recently contacted them regarding this and we will continue to work with them to try and ensure a Countryside for All route is provided by the Woodland Trust.

Further discussions by email have taken place with Councillors and Council officers in relation to Yew Tree Avenue. We have offered to apply for funding to improve the accessibility of this site and once this is carried out we will aim to get funding for further Countryside for All route leaflets.

#### **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS**

##### **Lincolnshire**

Due to the reorganisation at Magna Vitae the training was put on hold. Magna Vitae are now in the process of advertising for volunteers to be trained. This will enable more dementia inclusive walks to take place and help ensure their sustainability after April 2017.

##### **Rutland**

The dementia inclusive walk leader training was put on hold due to two members of staff leaving. The Active Rutland Officer is now taking over the role of walks coordinator. Advertising for volunteers to be trained and to lead the walks is underway.

## **CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENT**

### **Lincolnshire**

A meeting is planned for 28<sup>th</sup> June to see how we move forward with Choice Unlimited in Lincolnshire. At the time of writing this report the meeting had not taken place. Depending on the outcome of the meeting, Deb North (Mid Linc's LAF) will work with the team to ensure a successful Choice Unlimited event is held in Lincolnshire.

### **Rutland**

We are still working on the Rutland event. The offer to businesses and charitable organisations was sent out 8<sup>th</sup> June. We have a number of organisations interested in attending which represent the countryside and countryside access.

## **WOLDS WALKING FESTIVAL**

Unfortunately the weather forecast for 31<sup>st</sup> May walk for the disabled, was heavy rain and whilst it was dry initially, nobody attended apart from those helping me with the walk. We aim to have sunshine next year. Thanks go to Wally Grice (Forestry Commission), Debby Braund (Lincolnshire County Council), Richard Graham and Sam Tate for offering their assistance.

## **FUNDING BIDS**

We will be looking to obtain funding for the route leaflet folders. With the number of walks we now have, we will be having a separate folder for Lincolnshire and Rutland.

We are awaiting Natural England to inform us on whether they will be able to fund the improvements we require to Chapel Six Marshes. If Natural England state they cannot fund these improvements, this will be the first site where we will be investigating obtaining funding.