

COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Report for Local Access Forum meetings 17 and 18 April 2018

1. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

1.1. Lincolnshire

The drafts for the 5 new route leaflets are now with the printer's for designing and printing.

The survey for the Woodhall Spa Airfield route has now slipped to May this year.

We still have the issue of raising £1020 to restock 12 route leaflets. We also have an issue with storage of the leaflets. The printer we use has agreed to storage for an extra £100. The £1120 is required to enable us to have 1000 copies of each of the 12 route leaflets. We are in the process of checking the 12 routes to take account of any changes for the new print run. The application for the Big Lottery Awards For All grant has been withdrawn, the reason for this is given under funding applications. This application included for reprinting of 12 route leaflets.

The Ashing Lane Nature Reserve route will be checked when the weather changes. This is due to trying to navigate between the deep pot holes when they are under water, making it difficult to drive down the road without causing damage to the car. This route leaflet was printed in 2016 and we will not have enough stock to support this year's orders. This shows the high demand of the leaflets in 2016 and 2017.

The routes we have checked so far include Frampton Marsh and Mareham Pastures. An email has been sent to the RSPB with our findings for Frampton Marsh.

Mareham Pastures has deteriorated in places due to weed encroachment on paths reducing the width in places to less than 1 metre. There is also an issue with puddles on paths due to lack of a camber and drainage.

The 2018 Countryside For All leaflet order form summary is attached to this report. We will continue to apply for grant funding for the reprints of leaflets. However we may have found a business that is interested in sponsoring the route leaflets. We still have some work to do in making this an attractive proposition and would be pleased with any guidance both County Councils have to offer.

We have received the following update from Kate Percival, Lincolnshire County Council in relation to the potential Countryside For All routes at the Coastal Country Park:

Countryside For All Audit - being undertaken on all coastal access sites

Huttoft Marsh Countryside For All footpath surfacing – in progress

Chapel St Leonards to North Sea Observatory walkway - planning permission has been agreed

Welcome signs - have been erected on the highways entering the LCC

Sand clearance – underway

England Coast Path – route agreed; launch to be agreed

North Sea Observatory – due to be completed May 2018

ACTION: Chris Miller – Please investigate whether improvements to the path at Mareham Pastures can take place to increase the path width back to a minimum of 1 metre and reduce puddling.

ACTION: Chris Miller/Stuart Crook – Please identify a County Council department/officer to provide guidance on attracting sponsorship for Countryside For All surveying, leaflets and folders.

1.2. Rutland

We may have identified another funding source for The Lodge Trust and hope to be discussing this with them in June.

2. NINEVEH CHARITABLE TRUST'S VISIT

Further thought has been given to the invitation to the Nineveh Charitable Trust's visit. We have not applied to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for funding the Spalding Choice Unlimited event as we have been successful in gaining funding for this from the Community Collaboration Fund. If we do have a Choice Unlimited event in Spalding in 2019 we will then invite the Trust to have a display at the Spalding event.

As stated in the previous report we will also invite the Trust to Oakham. This is to enable them to see how their funding has and is making a difference to people with disabilities. This will be supplemented by a visit to the Lodge Trust to discuss a joint project at the site which we hope the Nineveh Charitable Trust will fund.

3. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALKS – RUTLAND

A meeting was held to see how we can attract volunteers for the training and leading of dementia friendly walks in Oakham and Uppingham.

4. FUNDING BIDS

We have withdrawn the application to the Big Lottery Fund – Awards For All, for the 2018 Spalding and 2018 Rutland Choice Unlimited event due to the success of Community Collaboration Fund for the 2018 Spalding event. We have asked if we can re submit the application for funding the Spalding event in 2019 and 2020. If the answer is yes, we will with Stuart's agreement, submit a bid for the 2018 and 2019 Rutland's Choice Unlimited event. If we feel there is agreement from the working group we will submit a bid for the 2019 and 2020 Spalding event.

The application to the Tesco Bags of Help fund has been put on hold until the other funding applications are completed.

5. CHOICE UNLIMITED EVENTS

5.1. Rutland

We have asked Simon Mutsaers, Citizens Advice Rutland to join the working group and he has accepted.

As we asked businesses to sponsor the Rutland event and had a zero response, we will at some point be asking those businesses for a response.

We still want to find out if there is a more suitable venue than the Rugby Club for 2019

ACTION: All – Please assist with sourcing a suitable venue for the Rutland 2019 Choice Unlimited event.

5.2. Lincolnshire

It is a slow process getting organisations to pay to have a display at the event. We also need help at our Local Access Forum display. Even if you can only provide 1 hour of help on the day, it will be a greatly appreciated. It will also give you the opportunity of seeing the tulips at the Festival Gardens, enjoying a look round the garden centre, a trip on the water taxi or spending money in the retail outlet. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting on the progress of preparation of the event.

ACTION: John Law – Provide a verbal update on the progress of the event.

ACTION: All – Inform John Law if you are available to help at the Local Access Forum display at the event.

6. CHANGING PLACES TOILETS

6.1. North Sea Observatory

As yet no further information has been received from Chapel St Leonards Parish Council, to see if they can investigate the possibility of the building currently housing the cafe, to include a changing places toilet when the cafe ceases to trade.

6.2. Response from Anglian Water

At some stage we will follow this up.

7. VISIT ENGLAND – PROMOTING ACCESSIBLE BUSINESSES, INCREASING TOURISM AND VISITOR SPENDING

7.1. Rutland

A meeting was held at Oakham promoting the Accessibility Guide.

7.2. Lincolnshire

A meeting has to be arranged with LCC to see how to take this forward..

7.3. North East Lincolnshire

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