

Easy Access Path Article for FCA Newsletter 11.11.2006

The “Easy Access Path Project” at Cams Hall Estate, Portchester in Fareham, Hampshire.

A steering group was organised by Fareham Access Group (a group of and for people with disabilities) in September 2002 but were forced to pause with

this challenging project to establish an “Access for All” circular route of the unspoilt rural heritage of the trail and its harbour views, in January 2004. Though the path had been walked for well over 35 years it was just a permissive path and offered no access for people with physical and/or sensory disabilities.



Following a prolonged effort over 2½ years Fareham Access Group assisted by local Councillors and Hampshire County Council it was finally

brought to a successful completion of a formal designation of a right of way (RoW) on 21.04.2006. for an inclusive society, therefore an inclusive path, everyone can enjoy country walks, experience the and wonder of nature and the historical interest



We aim where beauty

available on this trail and Fareham creek. This Project will be an asset for the Borough of Fareham and may well lead to a path of excellence and could be used as an example for others.

The steering group restarted on 1st June 2006 to get down to the very detailed work to draw up the costing / contracts / funding etc. An estimated cost for an all weather sustainable path over an approximate path length of two miles is £180,000. **WOW!** Fareham Access Group would need to raise a quarter of this amount, a mere £45,000! What a challenge. Fareham Shopmobility manager Barrie Hill is part of the steering group and hopefully more community and voluntary group representatives will join us. This path is one everyone to enjoy, so please get involved by contacting Lorraine on: 023 9238 8049 or by email lorraine@farehamaccess.org.uk