
Residents invited to bridlepath opening

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A 1.5-kilometre stretch of pathway from Borehamwood to Shenley and London Colney will be officially opened tomorrow.

The new bridlepath, completed as part of the Watling Chase Greenways Route, allows walkers, cyclists and horseriders access to a new entrance to Cow Banks wood, via Shenley Park.

The path has a new bridge, signs, fencing, bollards and kerbs, and improved paintwork and lighting.

It will be officially opened to the public at 3pm tomorrow by Mayor of Hertsmere, Rosemary Gilligan.

Councillor John Donne, cabinet member for transport, said: "This newly-finished section forms part of an overall route across the borough to provide off-road access, and a safer and more enjoyable experience for non-motorised travellers between these areas.

"This particular route is a central part of a link between Radlett, Borehamwood, Potters Bar and London Colney.

"I hope that people will use it and the wider network, and enjoy being out and about in the countryside."

As well as the access improvements, a new native hedgerow is to be planted along part of the route to link Cow Banks wood to the rest of the park. This will provide a new wildlife corridor allowing free, protected movement of birds and small mammals.

The project was developed by the Greenways Steering group, including Hertsmere Borough Council, the British Horse Society and the Rights of Way unit at Hertfordshire County Council, in association with local cycling and walking groups.

It was managed by Hertfordshire County Council's Countryside Management Service and funded through a planning agreement.

All are welcome to attend tomorrow's opening, at Shenley Park tearooms, in Radlett Lane.

Car parking is available at the tearooms, and guests will then walk, cycle or ride the route to experience the completed path. Warm clothes are recommended.

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