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A POPULAR but neglected walking route in Mold is to be given a boost thanks to campaigning from members of a local rambling group.

Howard White chairman of the Clwydian Group of Ramblers Cymru nominated the old Mold railway line to be renovated with funds from the Bovril Great Outdoors Revival campaign.

The campaign asked members of the public to nominate outdoor sites in their area in need of renovation and care, the winners of which would all receive a share of the £100,000 prize money.

Mold's former railway line runs north from near the town centre for half a mile.

With £20,000 of funding from Bovril, the project will make the Mold path accessible to everyone.

Over the next few weeks vegetation will be trimmed, rubbish removed, and a gravel surface laid on the railway ballast.

Boundary fences and gates will also be tidied up and signposts provided.

“Mold residents will really benefit from the improvements”, said Howard. “Since the line closed in 1984 it has become overgrown and unwelcoming but is still used regularly by dog walkers and members of the Flintshire Walks for Health groups,

“I hope these improvements will be the first stage in converting parts of the former Mold – Denbigh railway line into a long-distance walking, cycling and horse-riding route through the Wheeler Valley.”

David Titman of Bovril added: “It was tough choosing between so many worthwhile projects.

“But when we came across the Mold footpath during judging, the idea clearly brought so much value to the local community and health groups, with the prospect of reaching further we knew we had to help.”