



The Watercress Way

Appendix 12 Current and Future Projects 2020 & beyond

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| Public Awareness of the Watercress Way Charity and improved use | The Watercress Way | <p>See Appendix 9.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual (April) Dawn to Dusk Days • AGMs on Anniversary of charity's founding day: 16th June 2016. • Attend meetings and hold information sessions at village fetes, the Alresford show and Watercress Festival • Annual quiz • Leading walks , showing points of ecological and historical interest • Leading volunteer sessions • Active Facebook page, website. • Fundraising: Donations & Sponsorship options for local businesses. | Trustee and volunteer commitment. |
| Access for All at Couch Green | Couch Green | <p>Topographic survey completed. Quote for full plans.</p> <p>HCC approached for Licence to permit works.</p> <p>Support from Itchen Valley Parish Council, HCC and South Downs National Park (SDNP).</p> | Grants from Rotary Club for planning. c£13k for construction |

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| Access for All at Worthy Down Halt | Worthy Down Halt | Topographic survey planned | Full works require substantial external funding. |
| Access for All at Bridgets Lane | Bridgets Lane Martyr Worthy | Regular clearance to keep path and environs clear. Deferred until Couch Green ramp completed | Full works require substantial external funding |
| Installation of 10 benches | Various locations | Some sites identified and agreed with HCC. Deferred installation due to CV-19. Will implement as soon as permissible. | Grant of £4500 from Alresford Rotary Club. |
| Installation of Mag Post and listening posts | Worthy Down Halt and Couch Green | Mag Post purchased. Listening posts planned. Installation delayed by Covid-19. | Grants from Alresford Rotary Club. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 5: Establish a route to the centre of Sutton Scotney gaining access through two new housing developments. Also including former track bed under Wonston Road bridge. | Sutton Scotney | <p>1.Route agreed and waymarked through Taylor's Yard to the Gratton. Interpretation Board and bench installed. Wonston Bridge cleared. Decision made to open up the licensed area for public use.</p> <p>2.Repeated attempts to get permission from adjoining landowner for permissive path to connect to Beggars Drove unsuccessful.</p> | <p>1. Clearance paid for with a grant from Wonston Parish Council.</p> <p>2. Grant needed but majority of the work to be done by volunteers.</p> |
| Improve walks section of the Website | Website | In progress. New Walks need to be added as developed. | None |
| Route maintenance | Hampshire Rights of Way network on the disused lines. | On-going with the Worthys Conservation volunteers and SDNP volunteers and local support. 3 Trustees brush cutter trained. | None. 3 brush cutters and sufficient tools available. |

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| Identify improvements to the route including diversions where appropriate. | The Watercress Way | Maintain dialogue with landowners and seek permissive paths where possible | None |
| Improve access from former DNSR railway up to Oxdrove | South Wonston | Regrading current very steep ramp In conjunction with HCC | HCC to implement |
| The Watercress Way will review all Planning applications that are likely to have an impact on the route of the former railway Lines and Trustees will respond as appropriate | The Watercress Way | The Watercress Way seeks to secure benefits for the project through planning applications and the use of Section 106 agreements and other means. All our responses will contain a preamble explaining our aims and objectives | None |
| Maintain contact with landowners to investigate opportunities to open more of the disused line. In particular, maintain interest in sections in Projects 2, 3 and 4 as listed. | Sutton Scotney Itchen Valley Alresford | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project 2 Extension of route alongside former railway from Lovedon Lane to the A33. Project 3: Establishing a route in New Alresford linking Bridge Road to New Farm Road. Project 4: Establish a route from Northington Road to Rectory Lane following the track of the former railway | Unknown |
| Improve the condition and surface of the trail | Kings Worthy Itchen Valley | Investigation of different types of surface material. Liaison with HCC and WCC on upgrade of paths. | Unknown |
| Maintain a list of artefacts and seek to preserve them where possible. | The old railway lines between Alresford and Kings Worthy and from Kings Worthy to Sutton Scotney | Telegraph poles cleared of vegetation at Martyr Worthy. Railway historian is mapping finds. | None |