



# THE TRAILS TRUST

The Charity that creates access to the countryside for all  
- on foot, bicycle or by horse

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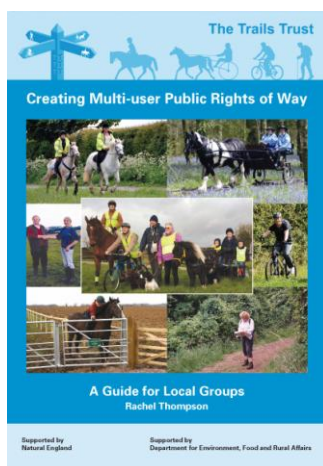
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The Trails Trust presented Defra Minister Richard Benyon with a copy of their DIY guide to the creation of public paths at the Royal Bath and West Show. The Minister said that he was very impressed with TTT's clever use of a 'medieval' legal (common law) process to short circuit the, sometimes tortuous, statutory processes normally used. The TTT method of working with landowners and farmers to gain new access for horse riders and others through negotiation to create 80 new routes on Mendip was 'uplifting' and represented a fast track way forward for the public and local authorities to engage in countryside access projects.

Rachel Thompson, the driving force behind the guide, explained that a user group in the Forest of Dean had recently used an earlier draft of the guide to secure landowner agreements in principle to the creation of new 50 miles of trails in the Forest – potentially creating the longest greenway in England

The Guide took Rachel a whole year to produce, it gives detailed advice and lots of case studies to help people create new trails. Rachel said "it has been really hard work, the Trust is really grateful for the support from Natural England and Defra who've also commented on earlier versions and helped with the legal side".



The guide is available at a cost of £15.00 plus £2.50 post and packing. To secure your copy please send a cheque for £17.50 payable to the The Trails Trust to:

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