

MILES WITHOUT BARRIERS - PART 3

DRAFT SYNOPSIS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this synopsis is to inform possible funding sources of what we aim to do and see if they have an interest in funding the Miles Without Barriers project. The organizations that we are initially trying to seek support from are Visit England and Natural England, as we believe these are the organisations that have the most to gain from our project. This is due to it having the potential of being replicated across other highway authorities. This would enable more people across the Country to enjoy access to the countryside by using public rights of way..

In the synopsis I have stated that a member of the Lincolnshire Joint Local Access Forum's Disability Sub Group will also be working on the project. The reason for this inclusion is to show other highway authorities are interested in exploring the options of introducing a similar project.

The main object of the synopsis is to attract funding.

Action: CAF to strengthen the synopsis below

Action: David to email to Visit England and Natural England once the synopsis has been revised

SYNOPSIS

The Rutland Countryside Access Forum, are aiming to make their Public Rights Of Way (PROW) more accessible for those with limited mobility and those who are not confident in using the PROW network . This will be done by displaying on the web site the legal structural barriers e.g. gates, stiles, bridges. The web site will be interactive. Members of the public will be able to identify routes with zero barriers or barriers that will not restrict them from using the PROW route.

We will involve parish councils and train volunteers from local communities, to enable them to inspect the routes and collect the data. The data will be transmitted to a new database and this will then be loaded to the mapping system on the web.

The outcomes will include:

1. More people aware of the PROW network.
2. More people with limited mobility (whether through disability or young families with pushchairs) able to access and enjoy the PROW network.
3. An increase in the green social prescribing tools available.
4. All the above contributing to a healthier Rutland through improving peoples health and general wellbeing.
5. The possibility of other highway authorities adopting the project, making PROW networks in other local authority areas more accessible. We have a member of the

Lincolnshire Joint Local Access Forum's Disability Sub Group working with us, to enable them to see how this project that can be undertaken in Lincolnshire.

Cost of the project, circa £10,000 includes:

1. Software and hosting
2. Hire of trainer
3. Hire of halls for training
4. Advertising to recruit volunteers
5. Promoting the web site

We are currently looking for funding to enable us to undertake this project. Please let me know if you would like further information if you are interested in funding this project. We can supply you with the detailed project definition document and project plan.