

**Bridleway Improvement Project - 20.10.2009**

At the moment we are in the very early stages but there are currently 3 options being looked at in consultation with the Royal Borough.

RBWM are already considering the upgrade of footpath 59 between Drift Road and Oakley Green Road (opposite cricket pitch) as 60 is already a restricted byway where it adjoins the Drift Road. We need to find out what progress has been made and whether we can assist in any way.

We have suggested to RBWM the upgrade of footpath 52. This would create a route from the Red Lion in Oakley Green to Fifield. Once in Fifield it is easy via Coningsby Lane and Green Lane to join the established bridleway network in Holyport.

The 3rd proposal is to find a way to improve off-road access to the Great Park. Currently there is a bridleway which runs from Tinker's Lane (off the Dedworth Road) around the back of Legoland and ends at the perimeter of Windsor Forest. With the assistance of the Royal Borough we need to enter into dialogue with the Crown Estate to discuss the possibility of opening a route from this point onto the existing bridleway which runs through the forest from the Drift Road to the Legoland Road where there is an access point to the Great Park.

All of these proposals need to be discussed with all interested parties; land-owners, the Royal Borough, Parish Council, Rambler's association and Crown Estate in particular. If successful considerable funding will be needed to provide suitable surfaces for all-weather usage. RBWM are anxious that before any money is spent they have assurance that community members will use these bridleways on a regular basis. So, if you are a cyclist or a horse-rider and would use any of these proposed routes please let us know via the usual channels.

We will keep you informed of all developments via the website and the community newsletters.

