

The Eaton Village Residents Association

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MARSTON MARSHES EASY ACCESS PROJECT

BACKGROUND

After last winter's very wet weather, it showed how inaccessible at times the marshes can be. This concern was raised with the Norwich City Council's Natural Areas Officer who oversees the management the marshes. He agreed there was a problem and asked the Norwich Fringe Project to see what could be done.

After due consideration, the idea was formed that a hard core path should be put around the Marshes connecting the two access points on Marston Lane (marked A and B on the map below) giving access to the River Yare. This would be about a kilometre long and wide enough for the use of wheel chairs and prams/buggies. But with a lack of funds in the Council budget to make any significant improvement to the footpath, it was considered a good project for possible funding by 'Community Spaces', which is supported by the Big Lottery Fund.

The Eaton Village Residents' Association was then approached to see if the committee agreed with the problem and would help with the improvements. The committee was very keen to help and met with Paul Holley, Natural Areas Officer and Matthew Davies, Norwich Fringe Project Officer. The first stage of a two stage application for funds was drawn up and submitted.

