

## **PROGRESS TO DATE**

This first stage application has been now been approved with the recommendation of some additional improvements. The estimated cost for the footpath is approximately £50,000 which is being sought as a grant from the 'Community Spaces' fund. The additional work requested includes the positioning of some log seating to form an outdoor classroom area and an information board.

Approval is also being sought from the Environment Agency and a flood risk assessment has been completed in order that the habitat and water levels are not disturbed by the introduction of the path. On the present timetable a formal planning application will be submitted to the City Council about the beginning of September.

## **THE NEXT STAGE**

When consent from the Environment Agency has been received, planning permission has been granted by Norwich City Council and a more exact price known, we will then be able to make the second stage grant application to 'Community Spaces'. Assuming we are successful with the grant application we hope that the work will start on the path in Spring 2011, depending on the weather and site conditions. We will also be working with local volunteers to construct the 'outdoor classroom' of log seating with natural materials from the site.

When completed, we are planning a grand ceremony with a guest celebrity, refreshments and entertainment to officially open the path.

## **YOUR SUPPORT**

As this is an appeal to the Big Lottery Fund we would like to receive as much public support as possible. The local schools, including Eaton Primary and the special needs schools of Clare and Eaton Hall together with the Ipswich Road Training Centre, the local Parochial Church Council and the Yare Valley Society (whom we would like to thank for permission to reproduce the map in this newsletter) have all given their support. Further support from individuals would be very welcome and there are several ways of helping your Residents' Association fulfill our ambition:

- 1 Write to the City Planning Department and give your support to the planning application. The application no. will be on our web site as soon as we know it.
- 2 Visit our web site and indicate your support for the project.
- 3 Write to the Residents' Association with your support.
- 4 Volunteer to help on the site under the direction of the Norwich Fringe Project.
- 5 Volunteer to help organise or help at the Grand Opening

We look forward to hearing from you.

GERALD COOKE, Chairman, Eaton Village Residents' Association, 5 Ellcar Rise, NR4 6HR

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## ***COME AND JOIN US FOR A WALK ROUND MARSTON MARSHES***

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**

**meet in Marston Lane at the Eaton end access point**

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### **Other News -**

## **SCARECROW COMPETITION**

Don't forget to put your entry form in the EVRA box in Waitrose so we know where to find the scarecrows when judging is done on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010

*Valuable 'Waitrose' vouchers for the top three winners*