

Improvements to public rights of way network

If you are a resident of Stanstead then Stanstead Parish Council would like to hear from you. We're seeking your suggestions on 'public rights of way routes' within the Parish eg. what improvements you think are needed, what access issues you have, etc. that the funding opportunity detailed below might be able to help implement. Please email your suggestions to the clerk at stansteadpc@gmail.com ideally by 22nd November 2024 so that they can be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 25th November 2024.

Suffolk County Council's Rights of Way & Access Team are sending a call to relevant stakeholders for potential improvement schemes relevant to the National Landscape's Dedham Vale and Stour Valley project area. Any prospective project must: be an improvement and not maintenance; not include any new routes or upgrade in status to routes (i.e. from footpath to bridleway/ increased width); provide good value to local communities (for instance on a well-used route that offers amenity and useful links, not a cul-de-sac route); or cause a fundamental change in use for the landowner or other potential users (i.e. surfacing a cross-field route, tarmac in an inappropriate location).

Projects could include:

- *Upgrading structures such as stiles and gates to be more accessible;*
- *Small surfacing schemes (type 1 granite, road planings etc.)*
- *Upgrading Rights of Way bridges (wider specification, additional sleepers on sleeper bridge)*

All responses will be investigated, although some may be dropped due to constraints with time, resource, access, geography, etc.