

Easton Royal footpaths upgrade - 23-December-14

By some miracle, the resurfacing of Harris Lane was completed yesterday. It has transformed the route out of the village towards the Bruce Arms into an all-weather bridle track.

Many people made this happen. Firstly, Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer Paul Millard spotted the opportunity of using the planings from the resurfacing of Bedwyn High Street and provided the funds. Then, contractor Peter Brown sat up until midnight for four nights to receive the materials in and laid them in very wet and testing conditions. Peter's gang of Ken, Dave and Mark were outstanding and utterly committed to producing a really good job. The overnight stopover for the planings had to be changed at the last minute, because it was so wet, and Beverley and Hew Helps stepped in to allow their access track off the top road to be used instead. The stopover must have caused disruption to the nearest houses, but there were no complaints. We are extremely grateful for the tolerance and cooperation of those individuals and families.

I should also like to thank Ken from Wiltshire Council, Allan x2, James, Beverley and Hew for helping to put up footpath signs and shift planings in barrows. As Ken said to me before leaving, 'you deserved what you got because so many people from the village came out to help'. If there are any questions or suggestions, do email me. Meanwhile - a good job, well done.

Happy Christmas.

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