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NEW RIGHTS OF WAY – March 16th 2014

It's always good news to hear of new rights of way particularly when they open up new areas for walking. By now most walkers will be aware of the new bridleways in Grenowoods and Lady Cannings Plantation at Ringinglow. However perhaps less known is the brand new bridle way in the Ewden Valley running from the Lee Lane, GR252952, running in a southerly direction to meet Rushy Lane at GR256957. This route runs through the Wightwizzle Woods linking the bridleway which runs via Old Booth Farm and Broomhead Reservoir area. It is 820 metres long with associated "furniture" and was funded with money from "Paths for Communities". The partners in the project were Sheffield City Council and the Steel Valley Project who got the funding and carried out the work. Many thanks to all those concerned on this fantastic new route. (As for my part in this, it was my idea to have such a route which I started using in the 1960s, and yes it does take time but we get there in the end).

The work of the "Fix it" team have certainly made an impression with the City's Rights of Way Unit with the very "professional" way they carry out the work. Many thanks and well done. (More volunteers are always made welcome).

How many are aware that we only have until 2026 to make claims for historic rights of way. After this time all historic routes not claimed will be lost forever. Such routes may be found on old OS maps, Tithe Maps, Enclosure Awards etc and even some we already use and take for granted as rights of way but have not a status, eg Cow Gap Lane and Ringwood Lane at Dungworth. We will be making a start shortly on carrying out this research. At present I have a list of at least eighty potential "lost" rights of way which will need researching and possibly claiming. Any one interested in being involved in such research please let me know.