

CONHAM RIVER PARK ENHANCEMENTS

Improving visitor facilities to the Avon Valley Woodlands Local Nature Reserve.

Conham River Park is an important place for wildlife and recreation in the heart of the Forest of Avon and is a gateway to the popular Local Nature Reserve and the River Avon Trail.

An external grant from the Forestry Commission (£15,000) and the South Gloucestershire Environment Body (£10,000) has enabled South Gloucestershire Council to carry out work to improve the local environment near Hanham.

The work includes surfacing paths, all-ability gates and new seating for people to rest and enjoy the natural beauty of the area. It is now a more accessible place for people with mobility difficulties, families with pushchairs, horse riders and cyclists alike.

Additional money has also been secured from the Safer and Stronger Community Fund to improve access down a steep flight of steps leading from the River Avon Trail to the popular Panorama Walk.

The improvements have been warmly welcomed by local residents and the newly established Friends Group.

The Council aims to build on the success of this project through the Wild Roots Project by securing additional external funds to enhance the woodlands along the River Avon.

For further information about the enhancement works please call John Morris on 01454 863581 or Chris Giles on 01454 863725.



▲ Before the enhancement works several sections of the towpath were difficult to negotiate



▲ Five new benches made from green oak were installed along the route of the path, providing welcome rest stops



▲ Contractors create the new surface and compact it with rollers



▲ New picnic areas and benches installed close to the car park



▲ Improving the entrances to the nature reserve and making access safer was a key priority



▲ Path inspection following its completion



▲ Cllr O'Neill, Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, with Ann Fay from the South Gloucestershire Environment Body and Rob Spence from the Forestry Commission opening the improved pathways

