



# Could you be a Trustee?

**The Watercress Way** (registered charity 1167675) **seeks new trustees.**

The charity has been in existence for nearly 4 years. We have negotiated with land owners, local authorities and the South Downs National Park to establish a **circular marathon length walking trail**, using disused railway lines and historic rights of way NE of Winchester. Cyclists and horse riders can use much of the route, with alternative sections and loops.

The trail is now **waymarked** with our distinctive logo which reflects the role of watercress production along the route. We have installed interpretation boards and benches.

We work with the local community and other conservation groups to **restore the heritage and conserve the ecology** along the railway lines. Our biggest **project** of 2019 was clearing the bridge at Sutton Scotney, abandoned since the 1960s.

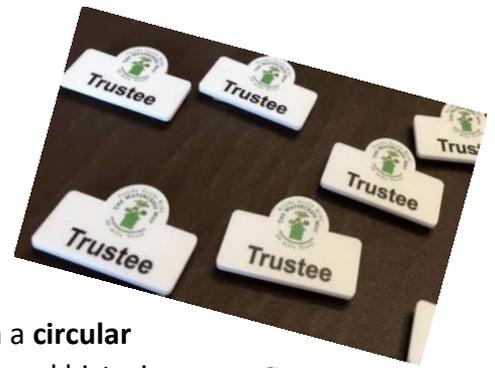
Our website and social media feeds chart our progress. We run **guided** walks and cycle rides and an annual **Dawn to Dusk Day** with children's geocaching, heritage and ecology and dawn chorus guided walks.

We have attracted many local business **sponsors** and work closely with the rotary club and other charities. You will see us at the nationally renowned Watercress Festival in May and the Alresford Show in September, and at local fetes.

**However there is much yet to do:**

- **Open up more** of the old Mid-Hants railway (Watercress Line) between Alresford and Kings Worthy, and the Didcot-Newbury-Southampton line between Sutton Scotney and Kings Worthy. One 2020 project in conjunction with HCC is a new bridleway opening up a new 0.5km section of the overgrown Watercress line at **Top Fields**, Kings Worthy
- **Increase access** for the disabled. We now have funds and permission to install a ramp at Couch Green, Martyr Worthy up to the Watercress Line
- **Ongoing conservation work** and **public interpretation** particularly at Worthy Down Platforms, Kings Worthy and the mile stretch of old railway opened up at Itchen Abbas
- **Apply for new and implement existing grants and sponsorship:** 10 new benches & leaflet holders

**Have you got the enthusiasm and skills** to help the existing 8 trustees? **The commitment** is to one trustee meeting a month plus additional voluntary time to support our events and activities.



This QR code can be scanned by a smart phone camera for instant access to our website <https://www.thewatercressway.org.uk/> and Facebook, twitter and instagram pages for more information on our activities. **If you are interested please contact [secretarythewatercressway@gmail.com](mailto:secretarythewatercressway@gmail.com) for further information.**



## Would you like to become a Trustee?

**The Watercress Way** (registered charity : 1167675) seeks new trustees.

The charity has been in existence for nearly 4 years and its purpose is to create a non-motorised route along, or as near as possible to the old railway lines from Alresford through the Worthys to Sutton Scotney using the basis of the 1953 ordnance survey map, returning on the old Drove Roads to complete the circular route. We encourage walking, cycling and horse riding along the 26 mile route.



The existing 8 trustees seek some new people to augment our skills and to help develop the route. The commitment is to one trustee meeting a month plus additional voluntary time to support our activities.

See our website <https://www.thewatercressway.org.uk/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/watercressway> for more information on our activities.

If you are interested please contact [secretarythewatercressway@gmail.com](mailto:secretarythewatercressway@gmail.com) for further information.

