



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

# Report

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**Title:** New Footpath Link at Great Gap, Ivinghoe

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1. Providing a new footpath link from Ivinghoe village to the hamlet of Great Gap and onwards to the Grand Union Canal (Aylesbury Arm) was one of the two schemes taken forward by the Great Brickhill, Wing & Ivinghoe Local Area Forum. The aim was to provide a walking link, from the busy B488 road, for residents in Great Gap to access safely the local amenities in Ivinghoe without using a car.
2. The council was able to create a new legally defined footpath by Agreement with the owners of the land. A new bridge has been constructed over the Whistle Brook, fencing erected to separate the path from surrounding farmland and a short link provided on the highway verge to connect with the pavement network of Ivinghoe village. It is proposed to have a launch event during the first week of September.
3. The second phase of this work will be to secure the final 200 metres to the canal towpath. This will create a flat, 6km circular walk suitable for all users, including those in mobility scooters. It will also assist local businesses by enabling canal users and other visitors to walk to amenities in Ivinghoe.
4. This was a partnership project between Buckinghamshire County Council's Locality Services with support and resources from the Rights of Way Team, Ivinghoe Parish Council, County Councillor Avril Davies, Aylesbury Vale District Council's 'Community Chest' and the Big Lottery fund.
5. A launch is due in September 2010 and the BBC Local News expressed an interest in covering the event.

**Recommendation:** Members to consider comments.