



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

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The Disabled Ramblers are working on a project to photographically survey parts of the Ridgeway National Trail.

They have been awarded £2,900 from the Community Lottery Fund to buy two GoPro Max 360-degree cameras (£479 each) and cover expenses. The aim of their project is to record the Ridgeway route and upload it to Google Street View, enabling visitors with mobility issues to remotely survey the accessibility of the route in advance.

They have recently taken delivery of the cameras so are currently trialling them to see whether they will be stable enough if attached to a Trampler mobility scooter to provide decent quality imagery. John Cuthbertson [Chairman of Disabled Ramblers] plans to survey the western half of the Ridgeway [Avebury to Streatley] while LAF member Gavin Caspersz will record the eastern half [Goring to Ivinghoe Beacon].

If the GoPro cameras prove insufficient, the next tier up is a semi-professional camera, potentially the Labpano Pilot Era which, which with accessories, costs about £3,000. Their lottery funding does not stretch to this cost.

The Forum's advice is sought on these proposals and potential future applications.