



THE ICKNIELD WAY ASSOCIATION

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Over the past 12 months I have continued to liaise with MPs and build the case for National Trail status for the Icknield Way. To date, we have three MPs leading the liaison in Parliament and four among them who have put out posts on their support in local papers and social media. Progress is being made.

I also finished the complete 375 miles of the Great Chalk Way (including the 110 miles of the Icknield Way) with my son earlier in the year by walking the last 65 or so miles of the Wessex Ridgeway from just inside Wiltshire, over Win Green, and down through some of the toughest but most enchanting and historic countryside in Dorset to Lyme Regis. It was a great pleasure to see two of the Great Chalk Way information boards clearly showing the four long distance paths that make up the GCW route.

We also have plans to facilitate another information board on the Norfolk coast which currently looks promising.

Tom Chevalier and I have also been liaising with colleagues from Dorset County Council, Friends of the Ridgeway, and members of the National Landscapes in that area to see if we can get a Wessex Ridgeway Association inaugurated to look after that trail and, ultimately, support the case for the entire Great Chalk Way becoming the oldest and longest coast to coast National Trail in Britain.

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