



*We have a rich treasure of unspoilt countryside, historic sites, wildlife, art and quality food.*

## The Legend

### *Why the White Hart Link?*

The Blackmore Vale was once known as the Vale of the White Hart. Legend has it that a white stag that was protected by Henry III was killed by a bailiff of Blackmore Forest. He was fined and imprisoned and the vale paid a fine of White Hart Silver for many years.

## The Vision

Developed from the vision of Janet Swiss (artist and local resident) by a team of volunteers, it is hoped that the White Hart Link will attract visitors, support local business, encourage enterprise and provide the impetus for a range of healthy activities.



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## The Countryside Code



### *Respect Protect Enjoy*

#### *Respect other people*

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors.
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available.

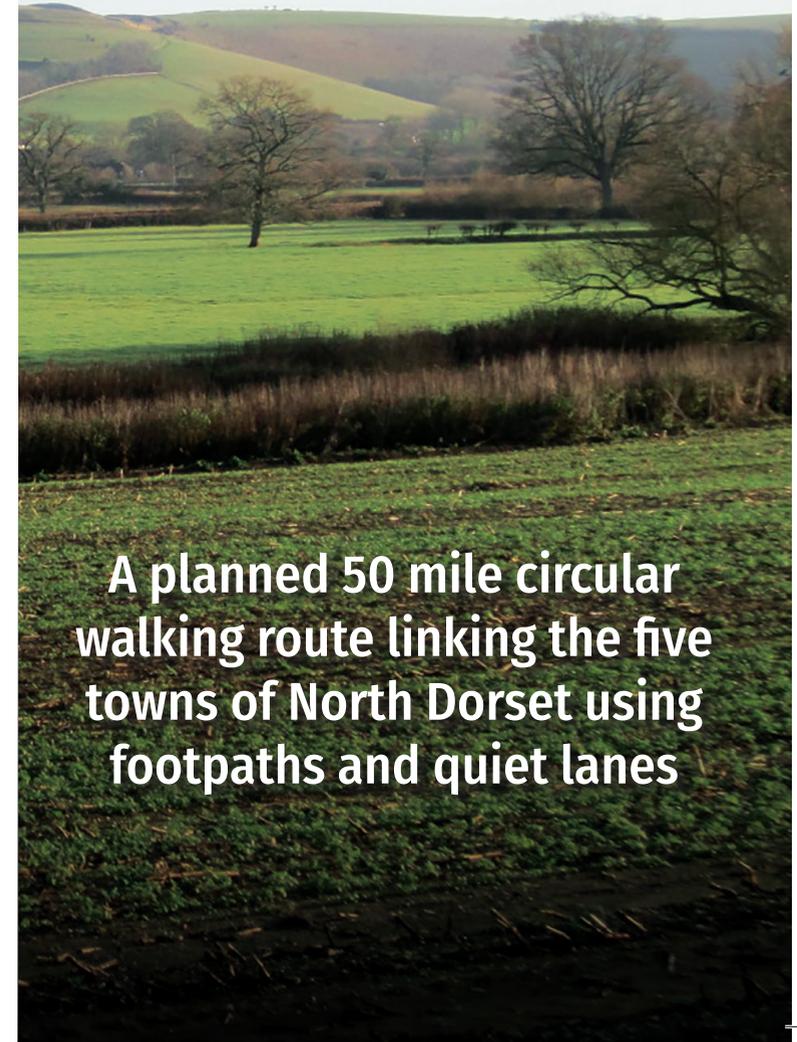
#### *Protect the natural environment*

- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under effective control.

#### *Enjoy the outdoors*

- Plan ahead and be prepared.
- Follow advice and local signs.

# WHITE HART LINK



**A planned 50 mile circular walking route linking the five towns of North Dorset using footpaths and quiet lanes**



The White Hart Link project is part-funded by the Dorset Community Innovation Fund



50 MILE CIRCULAR WALKING ROUTE

# White Hart Link



## MAP KEY REFERENCE

- CHALK ESCARPMENT
- RIVERS
- CLAY VALE
- HILLS



## Future developments

Future developments will include walks leaflets describing the sections of the route and linking with local points of interest, art and heritage assets, National trails and businesses such as local hostels and B&Bs.

## The Team

Led by volunteers, and supported by the DCC Countryside Rangers, the project forms a basis for community groups to feed into and benefit from activities along the route. It is hoped that local communities along the way will “adopt” sections of the route and promote activities involving all ages and abilities. Young people in particular will be encouraged to respect, protect and enjoy their local environment and develop rural skills.

