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Mid Devon Green Infrastructure - Initial Consultation

Comments from Bampton Society

Bampton Society was founded in 1989 and is dedicated to the conservation of Bampton with its surrounding countryside and footpaths.

Public Rights of Way and Access to the countryside

Devon County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP 2005) was drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 (the CRoW Act).

The ROWIP includes a section on Partnerships (page 61) including the Parish Paths Partnership (P3); Bampton has been in the P3 scheme for more than 10 years and volunteers from Bampton Society assist the P3 Co-ordinater in keeping our rights of way in good order.

We do not have any Access Land (mapped under the CRoW Act) in the parish, but we do have the Millennium Green - a public open space and a wildlife site.

We also have a recreation ground which is another important green space; (it surrounds a scheduled ancient monument - Motte & Bailey)

Biodiversity - a Biodiversity Audit of the parish was carried out a few years ago and the report makes very interesting reading.

(I believe it was DCC's intention that all parishes would have an audit.)

In common with many other towns & villages there is a waiting list for Allotments - any new residential development of sufficient size might be able to find space for allotments within the site. (such as the recent planning application 11/00052/MFUL - redevelopment of the former BamptonSchool).

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