



## Parish Paths Initiative (PPI)

### APPLICATION

PPI applications run from 1 April until 31 March the following year.

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**Please refer to the guidance notes to complete the application form!**

**PARISH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Clerk	PPI Co-ordinator in the parish
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Post code:</b>	<b>Post code:</b>
<b>Phone No:</b>	<b>Phone No:</b>
<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>

**Does your parish have an active community/path group?** Yes/No

**Does your parish have/is currently producing a parish plan?** Yes/No

This application will be processed and applicants contacted in due course.  
Please await approval of application before carrying out any works!

Path No	What is the grant required for?	Materials required	Who will be carrying out the work (e.g. name and phone details of contractor, parish volunteers)	Cost
			<b>Total of estimated expenditure</b>	

**Have you applied for funding from other sources?**

Yes/No

If yes please give details \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you received permission from all the relevant landowners?**

Yes/No/Pending

**Have you sought permission from other relevant authorities where appropriate?**

Yes/No/Pending/not applicable

If yes please give details \_\_\_\_\_



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### APPLICATION – GUIDANCE NOTES

**PPI co-ordinator in the parish:** This is the main contact person to co-ordinate PPI activities in the parish, liaise with Cumbria County Council and provide updates on the progress of projects. The parish PPI co-ordinator does not need to be a Parish Council member. If you have an active community group with interest in Public Rights of Way (PRoW) then you might want to nominate somebody from the group for this role.

**Path No:** PPI grants are only available for definitive PRoW, not for permissive or other routes. Each PRoW has an identifying number that is recorded on the definitive map; this number makes it easier to locate and communicate any issues on paths. Parish Councils should have access to a copy of the definitive map for their parish. We can also provide you with a PPI working map of your parish to show relevant path numbers.

**What is the grant required for:** Tell us about the activities you want to undertake. If you are planning any physical improvement works then you need to submit the following details:

- Copy of the contractor estimates(s) and work specification(s)**
- Copy extract of the definitive or PPI working map with the exact location of proposed works indicated**
- Details of all affected landowners where known**
- Basic survey of the paths you intend to improve or promote** (forms supplied by the Countryside Access Team)
- Photographs before and after where possible**

**Cost/Have you applied for funding from other sources?** The PPI grant can be used as match funding and we are always keen to support partnership projects. Examples of suitable funding sources for path projects include Neighbourhood Forums, Sustainable Development Fund or Landfill Tax Grant Schemes.

**Have you received permission from all relevant landowners?** Please make sure that your parish consults the landowner(s)/tenant(s) about any activities carried out on their land. In some cases landowners or tenants may have certain issues with PRow across their land or may have caused obstructions which need to be removed. If there are any issues you are unsure about and you need further advice before contacting landowners please get in touch with the Countryside Access Team.

**Have you sought permission from other relevant authorities where appropriate?** Please be aware that some works need permission from other authorities. For example if an activity is carried out near a water course or on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) you might have to apply to the Environment Agency or Natural England for consent before the project can go ahead. This can sometimes delay the completion of the project if it is not considered early on. If in doubt please contact the Countryside Access Team.

**Please await approval of application before carrying out any works:** When we receive your application we will contact you to discuss your project in more detail and arrange a site visit where appropriate. If you are unsure, this can be arranged before you complete the application form. Decisions on the distribution of the PPI grant will be taken in June and parishes notified soon afterwards. We will confirm with you in writing if your parish has been successful in securing a PPI grant. Late applications will also be considered after June as the grant funding may not have been fully allocated in the first round.

**Register as active PPI parish:** Maybe you don't require a grant this time round? If you have an active interest in helping to improve and promote your local paths we would still like to hear from you. You can use the application form to register as active PPI parish with us without applying for a grant.

If you want to discuss your application or have any further questions contact:

Andrea Bonacker (Ranger & Volunteer Officer) on

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