**North Wiltshire Path Wardens statement**

**Vision**

To have the best possible rights of way within our area

**Mission**

We will protect, promote, and maintain rights of way across our area,

for the benefit of the public by working with local authorities, landowners and other interested groups;

We will support efforts to improve the local economy, sustain mental and physical health and enhance appreciation of our area’s remarkable history, pre-history and natural setting.

**Our Objectives**

* To help arrest the present deterioration and to protect and preserve our rights of way for future generations
* To promote sustainable use and to create an attractive environment for public use
* To promote parish and community links through the use of rights of way, to stimulate wider interest in the appreciation and benefits of our environment.
* To help maintain and manage rights of way, keeping them clear and accessible to facilitate public use.
* To support and work alongside local authorities and other relevant bodies in pursuit of our objectives
* To help attract people to our area and encourage the appreciation of our rights of way to promote local amenities and grow the economy.

**Action**

**-** Stimulate the interest of relevant stakeholders and create contact with and between

 them

- Welcome designated representatives from parish councils to our steering committee

* Set up groups of path maintenance volunteers
* Carry out a survey to assess condition of paths currently
* Path maintenance volunteers to work with other groups to carry out works identified
* Create leaflets and other promotional material to educate people about rights of way and to encourage their sustainable use.
* Work across parishes to map out circular walks, or walks between two points
* Promote these maps
* Create guided walks
* Maintain a relationship with Wiltshire Council’s Countryside Access officers.
* Act as the eyes and ears of Wiltshire Council about rights of way in our area
* Make contact with Visit Wiltshire and other relevant bodies and promote the walks with them.
* Develop annual and 3 year action plans to deliver our objectives

**Our Area**

This covers a triangle with Broad Hinton, Avebury and Calne at its three points.

Parishes involved at this stage would be:

Avebury

Cherhill

Hilmarton

Berwick Bassett and Winterbourne Monkton

Clyffe Pypard

Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett

Calne Town Council