



**Launch of first sections
(March 2011)**



Enjoying the countryside

To ensure that the countryside is protected for future generations be sure to:

- ◆ Be safe – wear suitable clothing and shoes and take care when crossing roads
- ◆ Plan ahead and follow any signs
- ◆ Leave gates and property as you find them and take your litter home
- ◆ Protect plants and animals
- ◆ Keep dogs under close control
- ◆ Consider other people

Useful websites & phone numbers:

www.hants.gov.uk/shipwrights
www.hants.gov.uk/walking and [/cycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/cycling)
www.hants.gov.uk/maps/paths (rights of way maps)
www.visit-hampshire.org.uk
www.nationalrail.co.uk
www.metoffice.co.uk
www.ctc.org.uk/easthampshire (incl cycling for all)
www.southdowns.gov.uk
www.getactivenow.org.uk
www.forestry.gov.uk
 0845 603 5636 Hampshire County Council
 01730 266551 East Hampshire District Council
 0845 367 3787 Forestry Commission
 0300 030 1053 South Downs National Park
 08457 484950 National Rail enquiries



**Linking village to
countryside,
people to nature**



Shipwrights Way is a partnership project:



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What is the Shipwrights Way?

It's a new long-distance path which will link villages and towns in east Hampshire through some beautiful countryside. Starting in ancient woodland at Alice Holt Forest near Farnham, it will meander down through East Hampshire, across the South Downs and on to the sea at Portsmouth - around 60 miles in all, and including 7 rail stations. The route will be open to walkers and cyclists and, where possible, horse-riders and people with disabilities.

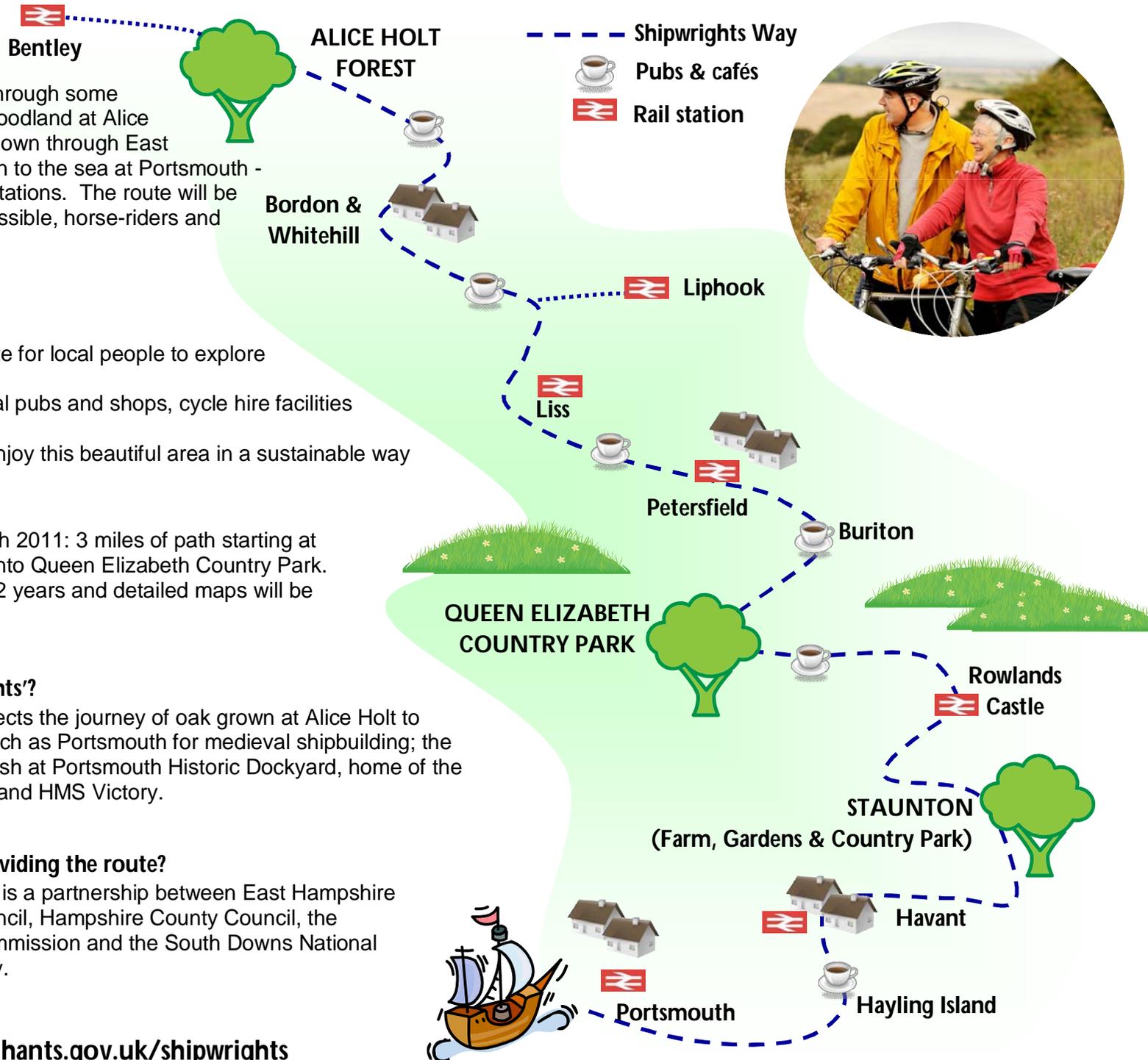
Why is it needed?

For 3 reasons:

- ◆ To provide an attractive, well-signed route for local people to explore and enjoy their countryside
- ◆ To support local businesses such as rural pubs and shops, cycle hire facilities and B&Bs
- ◆ To enable people from further away to enjoy this beautiful area in a sustainable way

Is any of it open now?

Yes, the first sections were opened in March 2011: 3 miles of path starting at Alice Holt Forest and 2 miles from Buriton into Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Other sections will open over the following 2 years and detailed maps will be available at www.hants.gov.uk/shipwrights



Why 'Shipwrights'?

The name reflects the journey of oak grown at Alice Holt to dockyards such as Portsmouth for medieval shipbuilding; the route will finish at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, home of the Mary Rose and HMS Victory.

Who is providing the route?

The project is a partnership between East Hampshire District Council, Hampshire County Council, the Forestry Commission and the South Downs National Park Authority.

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