

NEW CYCLE PATH CREATES ACCESS TO KENT'S AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

27th October 2011

May this year saw the opening of the Great Stour Way, part of National Cycle Route 18. This route runs West from Canterbury, via Ashford and Tenterden, to Royal Tunbridge Wells, giving people access to the Stour Valley and to the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Brett agreed to allow the cycle path to run through its land along the Great River Stour between Wincheap and Chartham Mill, which includes a bridge over the river.



The Great Stour Way – National Cycle Route 18, part of which runs across Brett Land.



Clive Sherliker – General Manager, Estates Department, Brett Group, Bill Brett – Chairman, Brett Group, Sheila Webb – Sustrans & Doris Hughes at the official opening of the Great Stour Way cycle path, part of National Cycle Route 18.

The path which has been specified 'wheelchair friendly' is proving popular with local cyclists, walkers and families. It also means that there is now an alternative route for cyclists wishing to avoid the busy A28.

The Great Stour Way was officially opened by David Brazier – Kent County Council Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment Highways and Waste, Bill Brett – Chairman of the Brett Group, Simon Pratt – Regional Director of UK charity Sustrans and Councillor Ian Thomas – the Lord Mayor of Canterbury.

Kent Cycling Group Spokes led the 3 mile guided bike ride and a walk was led by Kentish Partnership to mark the occasion. Music was provided by local musicians and many people sat down after the opening event to enjoy a picnic lunch in the beautiful surroundings.



Beech Hill, Sam Hill – Brett Group, Thomas Hill & Richard Ford – Brett Group enjoying the Great Stour Way Cycle path.