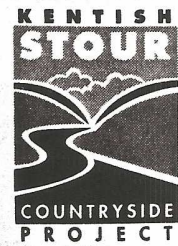


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Dear Mrs Walder,

I'm writing to the Parish in connection with a recreational walking route which the Kentish Stour Countryside Project is developing along the Elham Valley in partnership with the Whitecliffs Countryside Project. The route will use existing Public Rights of Way, upgrading stiles where necessary and establishing Elham Valley Trail Discs on waymarker posts. The aim is to encourage people from Canterbury, Folkestone, other parts of Kent and visitors from the continent to discover the beauty of the Elham Valley on foot, whilst improving facilities for local people.

The KSCP will be implementing improvements on the Canterbury section from Barham to Canterbury, whilst the Whitecliffs Countryside Project will carry out work on the Shepway section from Folkestone to Elham.

We also aim to produce a booklet on the route which will describe the history, features and attractions of the valley. Similar to the very successful Stour Valley Booklet published in 1991. Brian Hart has been commissioned to write this, the author of the book on the Elham Valley Railway Line.

I would be grateful if the Parish Council could help us in identifying any landowners whose land the route crosses, commenting on the proposed route (map enclosed), and in providing any information which might be useful in producing the booklet.

We would like to write to landowners as a matter of courtesy and also to discover if they have any useful facts or stories about their particular piece of land.

The booklet will contain text on natural history, archaeology, impressive buildings, ancient and modern history, geology and other features of the valley. If the Parish Council or local people feel they have any special knowledge about any of these subjects or if they have a particular story to tell please ask them to contact us.

I hope to start work on stile and waymarker post erection in April with the help of KSCP volunteers and local voluntary groups. The work should be finished by the end of the summer. We are aiming to produce the guide booklet by early spring of 1994.

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If you require further copies of the proposed route please contact me.

I look forward in hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

J. Shelton

Jon Shelton
Countryside Manager