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Opening ceremony for Woodland Ways easy access footpath at Natterer's Wood

Woodland Ways opening ceremony will be on Wednesday 1st March 2006 at 10.30am. Before a gathering of residents and invited guests Nick Sibbett, Chair of Woodland Ways, will welcome everyone.

The path will be opened formally by renowned bat expert Dr. Robert Stebbings. The path means that everyone will be able to enjoy Natterer's Wood more easily.

A giant bat, which will be part of the landscape for centuries has been carved into the hillside. Requests to buy an aerial photo of the giant bat can be made to info@woodlandways.org.uk or from Nick Sibbett on 01284 723847.

The work has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and St. Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Attending will be members of the local community, representatives of the town and borough councils, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the contractors – R & D Construction – The Green Light Trust, members of Woodland Ways, local schools who work with the charity, as well as many individuals who have supported this footpath development.

After the ribbon ceremony at 10.45 children and pushchairs will be able to use the path for the first time.

The children and young people, as well as adult visitors will be invited to explore the Natterer's Wood giant bat.

Natterer's Wood lies on the sloping hillside between Mount Road and Barton Road. Woodland Ways care for and develop the site on behalf of the local community.

Come to Natterer's Wood – have you seen the bat?

Woodland Ways – see us on the web at www.woodlandways.org.uk

Notes for Editors:

The opening ceremony is programmed with a number of photo and interview opportunities in the schedule. A CD with tiff images of the site will be available for members of the press at the event.

The tour of principal guests and young people is expected to be over by 11.30 am.

Woodland Ways manage four areas of woodland in Bury St Edmunds, in partnership with *St. Edmundsbury Borough Council*. They are Natterers Wood, Home Covert, Pond Covert and the Woodland Ways Pond.

Working in partnership with *The Green Light Trust*, Woodland Ways is delivering a programme of field study and environmental support to children in local schools.

Woodland Ways was recently awarded £49,450 by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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**We thank the Heritage
Lottery Fund for their
generous support.**

This is how we use our
Heritage Lottery Fund Grant.

Creating a wildflower
meadow and ponds.

Creating an easy access path
through the woods.

Creating a craft
and picnic area.

Developing a mobile
display unit.

Creating storage and
transport facilities for tools
and equipment.

**Woodland Ways thank
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