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**Subject:** South Hams Way

Dear Sir/Madam

South Hams Ramblers is proposing to create a 100-mile walking route which roughly circumnavigates the South Hams area. Our group has existed for over 50 years and is part of the national Ramblers organisation.

We plan to call it the South Hams Way. It would showcase the variety of beautiful landscape we enjoy here: moorland, river valleys and coastline. We attach a pdf of a map showing the proposed route.

We are in the very early stages of planning but with approval from relevant organisations we hope to open the route in summer 2025.

The path will follow existing public rights of way – footpaths, bridleways and quiet lanes - and therefore in places will follow the same route as existing trails. Currently members of the South Hams Ramblers are receiving different sections of the route. We hope to have this stage of the project completed by Christmas 2024.

We expect the route to attract tourists from far and wide so the local economy would benefit. It would also be a leisure amenity for South Hams and Devon residents. Long term we aim to produce literature and media information about the trail. Points of interest on or near the route would be included.

We are seeking permission to sign the route as the South Hams Way (logo to be designed and approved) using existing signage furniture where possible (posts, gates, stiles, etc).

Initially, funding would be minimal but we would welcome advice on any available funding for the future.

Organisations that help us will be acknowledged in any media information created if they so wish.

Please let us have your thoughts and comments on this initiative. We are happy to meet with you if that would be appropriate.

We intend to present an update and progress report on the South Hams Way to members of South Hams Ramblers at our AGM on 21 November in Modbury.

Kind regards

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