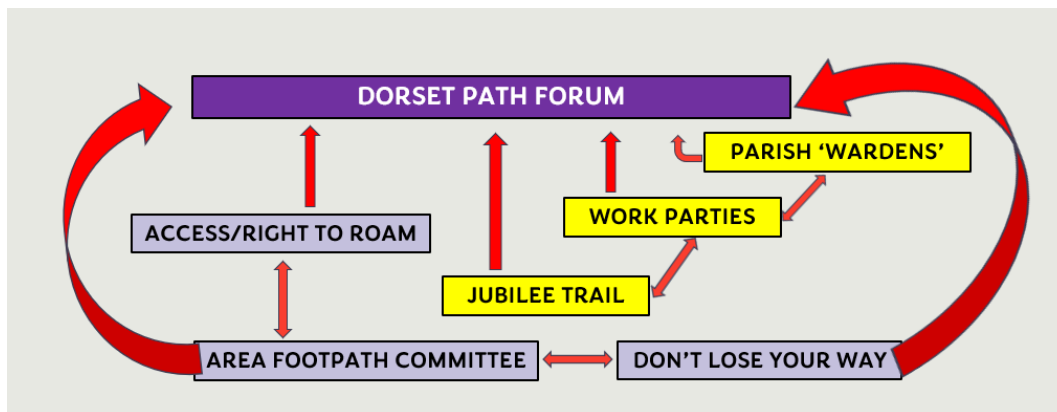


## DORSET AREA PATH/ACCESS FORUM

At the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Dorset Area of the Ramblers, the Motion 'That Dorset Area seeks to establish a Path/Access Forum' was carried, and therefore the wheels (or boots) will be set in motion over the next few months.

We know that there are many Ramblers members in Dorset who do not walk with groups, but given the opportunity would like to become involved in the core aims of the Ramblers. Even though the 'Welcome' page of the Ramblers website focuses on walking, there is far more to our Charity! Our objects are to "*promote, encourage or assist in the provision and protection of footpaths and other ways over which the public have a right of way or access on foot, including the prevention of obstruction of public rights of way; the protection and enhancement for the benefit of the public of the beauty of the countryside and other areas by such lawful means as the trustees think fit, including by encouraging the provision, preservation and extension of public access to land on foot;*"

The 'forum' would be for those with mutual interests which would function **outside** of groups' confines, towards a common goal/objective, and **without** having to be based on a formal committee structure (other than the existing Area Footpath Committee).



The above is a schematic illustration of a possible working structure – very fluid at this stage. I plan to hold a preliminary Zoom meeting for those interested: the yellow highlighted boxes are those for which a 'lead' is required. The Jubilee Trail has its full quota of Monitors, but does need an overall co-ordinator: we would be looking for volunteers to lead on the work parties and Parish 'wardens' once parameters have been agreed. The various groups would be able to feed into each other's work: for example a Parish warden could report to the AFC, the JT monitor (if applicable) and/or the Work Party. There will be the opportunity to work and collaborate with other volunteers, and the amount of time spent on each volunteer's particular role would be up to the individual and/or circumstances. As this is a new concept, we have no guidelines as such, but do need YOU!

Please contact me Jan Wardell, preferably by e-mail, stating which topic(s) interest you, and if you would be willing to join a Zoom meeting for a fuller exploration.

THANK YOU – and I look forward to hearing from you.

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