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New bridge for Thornham Point in Chichester Harbour



A new footbridge at Thornham Point has been opened by the Chairman of Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Jeremy Hunt. The new bridge replaces one which had stood for 20 years and forms part of the footpath leading from Prinsted along the eastern shore of Thorney Island. This route is popular with walkers and the panoramic views make it particularly attractive part of Chichester Harbour.

The new bridge was commissioned by the Conservancy and built by Andrew Oliver, a local shipwright and joiner based at Emsworth Yacht Harbour. The new bridge is made from a particularly durable wood called 'ekki' which will give it a greater life-span than the previous bridge, which was made of oak. Construction and the associated remedial works cost £48,000 with £5,000 generously donated by the Friends of Chichester Harbour. The work needed to be completed by the end of September so as not to disturb the overwintering birds that arrive in the autumn.

The Conservancy would like to thank walkers for their patience whilst the bridge section of the footpath was closed and hope that they will now enjoy the route without interruption for many years to come.

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Notes to editors

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is the statutory authority for Chichester Harbour and, as a team, manages the Harbour and surrounding areas. The Conservancy focuses on recreation and leisure, conservation and landscape protection, making it a destination for visitors to enjoy. It also runs an annual programme of events and an Education Service for families and schools.

National and International Designations

Chichester Harbour is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The Conservancy and the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB) work closely with the Government, landowners, environment organisations and local communities to ensure the Harbour is conserved and cared for. The intertidal areas across Chichester Harbour are also designated at national (Site of Special Scientific Interest), European (SPA, SAC) and international level (Ramsar site) in order to protect the diverse and fragile range of habitats. www.conservancy.co.uk