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Old railway line at Breamore now open for walkers

A 2 mile section of disused railway line on the edge of the New Forest has recently been opened as a public footpath. The path runs from Burgate Cross, just north of Fordingbridge, northwards for one mile to the old station in Breamore Village, and then continues for another mile to South Charford. Working in partnership with Breamore Parish Council, the New Forest National Park Authority and the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society, the Countryside Service has improved the route by cutting back vegetation, improving the surface and removing barriers to access. The path provides a firm and level walking route along the Avon Valley with attractive views of the surrounding countryside and wildlife. The line connects with other footpaths to provide the opportunity for an easy linear walk, or as part of a longer circular route taking in the New Forest or the high ground west of Breamore Village. At the moment the path is only available for walkers due to the lack of suitable connections to bridleways or safe roads for cyclists and horse riders. Further work will be done to improve the route over the coming months with the provision of interpretation boards that will explain points of interest along the way.