



THE 2 SAINTS WAY PROJECT

Progress Report June 2010

Dear friends,

As you will see above the name issue is now resolved. Yesterday we had a steering group meeting and I am glad to report that on this occasion we reached consensus quite quickly.

The important thing to stress for those who have expressed disappointment about dropping St Chad's Way is that in fact it is not lost because what we will be promoting through the 2 Saints Way is a 2 in 1 concept: the Way of St Chad from Chester to Lichfield and the Way of St Werburgh from Lichfield to Chester.

My friend Tim Saxton who has been giving me some invaluable assistance has designed this rather neat logo idea which perhaps has potential for further development.

Now that the name issue is settled, it will be a little easier to proceed with promoting the project. Dr Teeranlall Ramgopal (Ram) and I have drafted a letter to Chief Executives of organisations in Cheshire and Staffordshire and our plan is to follow up the letters by arranging visits and hopefully gaining strong support and commitments to ensure that the task is accomplished.

The other major focus in coming weeks will be proceeding with some funding applications. I would welcome any suggestions about who to apply to. Do any of you have personal connections with a grant making body?

My main focus in recent weeks has been completing a draft guide to the route in time for our first pilgrim. Canon Raewynne Whiteley is an Australian but she is with the Episcopalian church in Long Island, New York. She had heard about the project and was keen to walk it which she did last month. I think it is significant that the first pilgrim was from overseas and it is good to think that even before the route is waymarked, it is beginning to benefit to the local economy. Her comments and feedback have been helpful. She has written a short meditation on an aspect of her pilgrimage on her blog at <http://longisland.anglican.org/god-talk/>
Thank-you for your interest and support.

With best wishes,

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