



Leading project: Ken Oliver

Steam rail plan saved

A PIONEERING project to restore an old canal and a steam railway line in Wiltshire is back on track after councillors decided not to ditch it.

The Cricklade Country Way scheme envisages the revival of a section of the North Wiltshire Canal and the Swindon to Cricklade railway line.

Last year North Wiltshire District Council won £250,000 to prepare a detailed application

for a £15 million Lottery grant. But it was put in jeopardy after financial risks were identified, compounded by the illness of project leader Chaloner Chute.

But at an urgent meeting of the authority's executive committee on Thursday night members decided to press ahead, handing over much of the project manager's role to Ken Oliver, chief executive of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust.