

APPENDIX 1

SECTION 3: NATIONAL TARGET 2: "PROPERLY MAINTAINED"

Component Task		Source			Achievements April 2012 to March 2013	Targets 2013/14
No	Measure of Success					
3.1	All footpaths, bridleways and byways correctly signposted where they leave a metalled road.	C/side Act 68 NERC Act 06			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 299 signs erected across the borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of additional signs and replacement signs following loss and damage to ensure the requirements of Countryside act 1968 s 27 are fulfilled.
3.2	All PROW clear of obstructions, misleading notices, other hindrances or impediments to use.	HA 80 s130			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement actions saw 7 notices served for cropping and 5 for general obstruction. Additionally 30 "seven day" warnings were issued in relation to cropping offences. Officers have not been required to remove obstructions because offenders have responded successfully in all cases. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out necessary enforcement work in line with adopted protocols to ensure that the duty set out in Highways act 1980 is fulfilled.
3.3	Bridges, stiles, gates etc are in place where required; all are safe and convenient to use.	HA 80 s41 and s146			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Cheshire East 181 stiles, 97 gates comprising 73 kissing gates, 4 bridleway gates and 22 pedestrian gates have been installed. Additionally 31 bridges of varying lengths have been installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renew and repair structures to ensure that they adequately allow the public to access all public paths in Cheshire East. Assist owners and occupiers to repair and replace stiles and gates on public rights of way. Replace structures with less limiting barriers wherever possible in line with ROWIP policies, DDA and Equality Act 2010.
3.4	Surface of every PROW is in proper	HA 80 s41			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A routine maintenance programme is in operation and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The routine maintenance programme will be extended as new paths

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	repair, reasonably safe and suitable for the expected use.				<p>Paths comprising 131 km were subject to routine strimming/ tractor flailing at least once during the growing season with many cut more frequently to a maximum of 3 cuts per annum.</p> <p>Special projects facilitated with additional funding from other departments and as part of ROWIP implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stapeley FP1. Surfacing. • Bunbury FP16 surfacing. • Willaston FP9 Surfacing. • Hassall FP 16 footbridge and steps on steep bank installed. • Poynton FP55 boardwalk installed over boggy area. • Lyme Handley FP 3 Surfacing. • Mere FP6 Surfacing and steps installed. 	<p>requiring routine maintenance are encountered (e.g. paths created through ROWIP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers will continue to work with colleagues in other departments and other partners in order to facilitate additional funding for special projects in relation to rights of way wherever possible.
3.5	All PROW inspected regularly by or on behalf of the authority.	HA 80 s58			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridges are inspected every two years, but paths in general are not inspected due to a lack of resources. This could result in a lack of a legal defence to claim(s) for personal injury. • All maintenance officers hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maintenance officers will continue to hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant representatives of the walking, equestrian and other user groups to agree work priorities and to discuss the results of the survey work carried out by these groups.

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					representative of the walking and equestrian user groups to agree priorities for work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer survey scheme to be extended dependant on availability of volunteers.
3.6	The authority is able to protect and assert the public's rights and meet other statutory duties (e.g. to ensure compliance with the Rights of Way Act 1990).	HA 80 s130			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cropping obstructions were responded to within 4 weeks of reporting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to adhere to the response times set out in the current standard.
3.7	Waymarks or signposts are provided at necessary locations and are adequate to assist users. Waymarking scheme/initiative in place.	C/side Act 1968 s27			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waymarking is undertaken by staff and contractors as appropriate. Additionally waymarkers are provided to partners such as Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society and the Ramblers' Association to enable them to replace missing and damaged waymarkers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waymarking and signposting will be undertaken as appropriate.