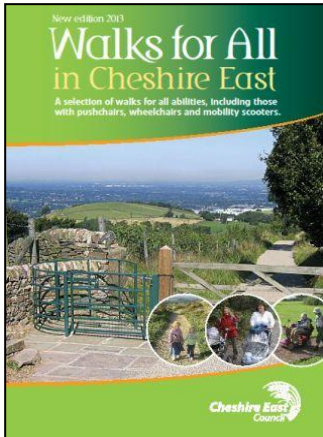






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H2 H3	X7	Walks for All leaflet revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of leaflet suggesting 10 easy access walks in the borough. • Provides full accessibility information including parking, public transport, gates, steps, gradients and toilets. • Revised in partnership with Countryside Ranger Service. • Includes improved maps and directions to assist walkers. • Proving popular with rapid uptake by libraries, visitor information centres and other outlets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed. • Cheshire East Local Access Forum assisting in the collation of other walks for a potential subsequent leaflet.
H2 H3 S7 S8	W84 Various W20	Advice to local user groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and assistance to local user groups in their planning of access improvements and external funding bids, including: • Church Minshull Parish Council seeking a circular walk encompassing the canal towpath: access between the towpath and adjacent footpath is to be improved by the Canal and River Trust as they undertake bridge works, • South East Cheshire Cycling Action Group seeking to make paths available for cycling, • East Cheshire Ramblers in seeking permissive path at Charles Head, Kettleshulme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing, as arising.
H2 H3 S7 S8	X15	Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press releases issued for projects underway and completed. • Newsletters, Twitter and Facebook feeds for all news items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing to coincide with national and local events and projects.

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H2 H3 S7	n/a	<p>Congleton footpath No. 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using s106 planning contributions secured to deliver improvements in the vicinity of developments. Surfacing part of an urban footpath, Congleton No. 10, to create a year-round walking route. The route links residential areas with Astbury Mere Country Park and forms an off-road link towards the town centre. Includes destination signage to encourage usage and a more accessible gate arrangement in response to local requests. <div>    </div> <div> <p>Before</p> <p>Before</p> <p>After</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed.
H2 H3 S7 S8	<p>T10</p> <p>T92 T95</p> <p>n/a</p>	<p>Local Transport Plan cycling schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lacey Green, Wilmslow: improvement of paths between Lacey Green and Pownall Park areas of Wilmslow, linking to the new multi-user route through the Carrs park. Macon Meadows, Crewe: improvement of paths for shared use. Townsend Road to Thames Close, Congleton: improving accessibility between town centre and railway station. Victoria Avenue, Crewe: Cycle Safety Fund scheme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed. Project completed. Project completed. Project completed.





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H2 H3 S7 S8	T25	<p>Dane Meadow access improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to improve access within Dane Meadow public open space in Holmes Chapel. Externally-funded via Natural England's Paths for Communities Fund. • Working with Holmes Chapel Partnership, Parish Council and Cheshire East Council Asset Management Service. • Portfolio Holder and Committee approval secured to create nearly 1000 metres of new public rights of way, protecting public access for perpetuity. • Maintenance agreement entered into with Parish Council to cover future path management. • Legal process completed to create new public rights of way. • New surfacing, steps, signage and interpretation installed to improve access, including disabled access to the flat area of the site. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Unsurfaced path before</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Accessible path surface</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement works being undertaken on adjacent public footpath which provides access to the Dane Meadow. • Further surface works to be undertaken by Partnership on new route in response to local requests. • Linking project proposal to connect Dane Meadow with Cranage village being pursued through project management system.
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p>Mapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance with mapping provided to Cheshire East departments, including the Countryside Ranger Service, for grant applications and management plans. • Assistance with mapping for third sector groups producing walks leaflets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing, as requested.

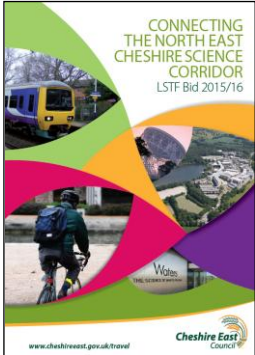
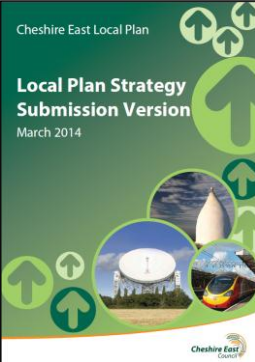
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H2 H3 S7 S8	T9	<p>The Carrs, Wilmslow, multi-user route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project to improve access within the Carrs public open space in Wilmslow. Externally-funded via Natural England's Paths for Communities Fund. Working with Bollin Valley Partnership, Parks Development, the Friends of the Carrs and Cheshire East Council Asset Management Service. Portfolio Holder and Committee approval secured to create nearly 900 metres of new public bridleway, protecting public access for perpetuity. Legal process completed to create new public right of way. New surfacing installed to improve access along over 1100 metres of public rights of way. New route ties in with Ramblers' volunteer group clearance work on public footpath in the Carrs and improved cycle route linking Lacey Green with Pownall Park areas of the town. <div data-bbox="1406 188 1653 430" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="622 801 1079 1152" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Flooded and wet path before</p> <div data-bbox="1124 801 1585 1152" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Year-round surface after construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Bollin bank stabilisation works to be undertaken to protect multi-user route. Comprehensive signage to be developed with Friends of the Carrs to direct users along new routes.

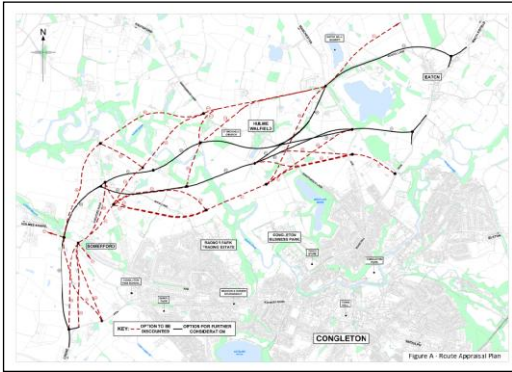
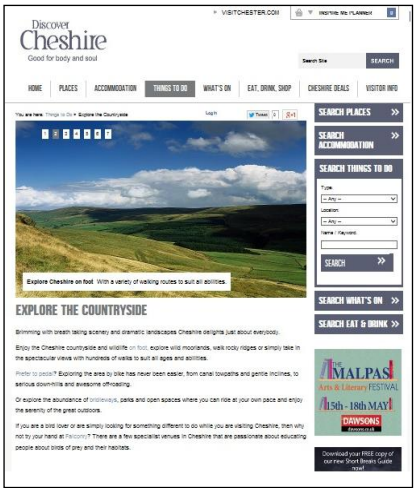
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H2 H3 S7	Various	<p>Accessibility improvements to public rights of way network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various surface improvement projects, including: • Wilmslow restricted byway No. 12, • Wilmslow footpath Nos. 43, 111 and 113, • Disley bridleway Nos. 34 and 44A, • Disley footpath No. 28, • Aston by Budworth bridleway No. 1, • Aston by Budworth footpath No. 15, • Mobberley bridleway No. 99 'Hop Path' surface improvements using developer contribution. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Muddy, rutted route before</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>After laying of 'Hop Path' surface</p> </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wybunbury footpath No. 4 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Muddy, uneven path before</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Year-round useable path after surfacing</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects completed.

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S7 S8	n/a	Local Sustainable Transport Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued delivery of active travel infrastructure and promotional schemes focusing on smarter travel within Crewe. Subsequent 'LSTF2' application submitted as part of borough-wide Strategic Economic Partnership Local Growth Fund application. Active travel route improvement suggestions collated under ROWIP included in submission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery ongoing. Result of new bids awaited.
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	Planning applications and Local Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning applications are commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, putting forward logged ROWIP aspirations. Developer contributions sought and secured through section 106 agreements and unilateral undertakings. Input from Public Rights of Way and Countryside into new Cheshire East Local Plan strategy and infrastructure plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing, as arising.
H2 H3 S8	T37	Crewe footpath Nos. 3 & 36 Cycle Track Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ROWIP suggestion to upgrade status of a footpath to cycle track to regularise current usage of route. Route runs from residential areas of Crewe and village beyond towards town centre Project in partnership with Cheshire East Highways and Local Area Partnership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing legal process.

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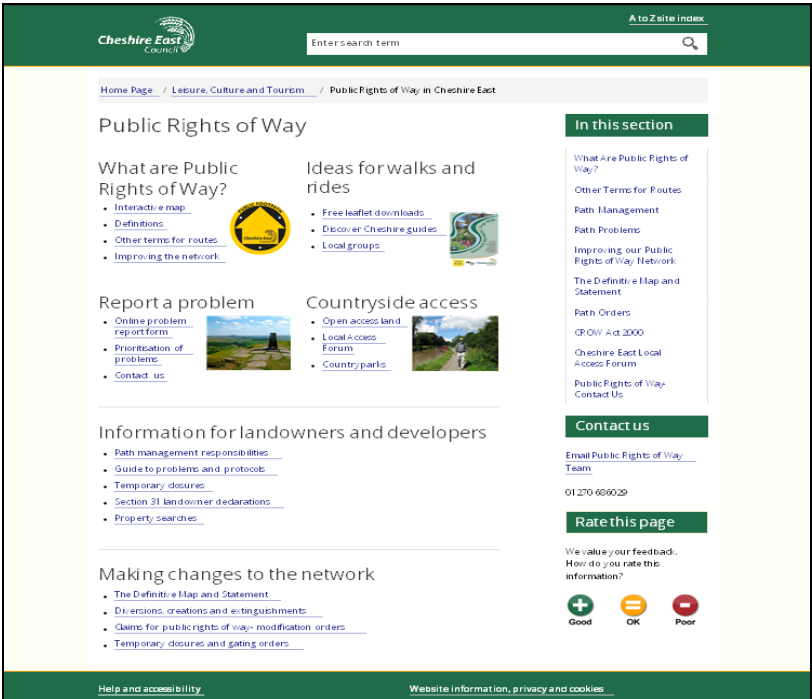
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H2 H3 S7 S8	Various	Road schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input of ROWIP aspirations. Assessment of legal impacts of proposals on public rights of way network. Comments from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, on designs for road scheme including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A556 Bowdon Environmental Improvement Scheme, SEMMMS A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road, Congleton Link Road options plan Congleton Link Road, Poynton Relief Road, Crewe Green Link Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing.
H2 H3	X15	Discover Cheshire website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.discovercheshire.co.uk. Website promoting walking, cycling and horse riding routes. Also highlights nearby visitor economy facilities in the countryside, such as refreshment stops and accommodation. Partners include Visitor Economy team, Marketing Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Mersey Forest. Website being redeveloped to be mobile compatible and combined with other websites to act as the 'one-stop shop' for visitors to Cheshire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned launch of redeveloped website.

New website screen shot

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p>Local Access Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat duties for Cheshire East Local Access Forum, a statutory body of volunteers which advises the Council and other organisations on matters relating to countryside access. • Priorities identified as safety on rural lanes, publicity of the Forum's work and accessibility of the countryside. • Registered interest party in Planning Inspectorate's consideration of A556 road scheme and extensive liaison with Highways Agency. • Support offered for applications to Natural England's Paths for Communities projects. • First annual report published and promoted. <div>   </div> <p>Site visit to the Carrs, Wilmslow</p> <p>Annual report cover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing.

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p>Rights of Way Consultative Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of reports and meetings. • Management of register of 193 volunteers and issuance of Letters of Authority for volunteers helping with waymarking and vegetation clearance. • Implementation of improvements to website suggested by group, including path problem report form, annual strimming list and information on long term path closures. • Initiation of project to develop web portal through which volunteers can input network survey data into CAMS GIS mapping database for use by officers initially, and, in the long term, by the public via Interactive Mapping on the Council's website.  <p>www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/prow</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing.