

## Appendix 1 – Network Management and Enforcement

Measure of Success	Source	Achievements 2020-21 (2019-20)	Anticipated work programme 2021-22
All footpaths, bridleways and byways correctly signposted where they leave a metalled road.	C/side Act 1968 NERC Act 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>210 signs erected across the borough (382)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Installation of additional signs and replacement signs following loss and damage to ensure the requirements of Countryside Act 1968 s 27 are fulfilled.</li> </ul>
All PROW clear of obstructions, misleading notices, other hindrances or impediments to use.	HA 1980 s130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforcement actions saw 0 notices served for cropping and 1 for general obstructions (4 and 3, respectively).</li> <li>Additionally 3 “7 day” warnings were issued in relation to cropping offences (23).</li> <li>1 enforcement action was required to physically remove obstructions on the PROW network (0).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out necessary enforcement work in line with adopted protocols to ensure that the duty set out in Highways Act 1980 is fulfilled.</li> </ul>
Surface of every PROW is in proper repair, reasonably safe and suitable for the expected use.	HA 1980 s41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A routine maintenance programme is in operation, with a total length of 165 km having received routine strimming during the year (201).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The annual maintenance programme will be rationalised across the borough to ensure consistency</li> <li>The development of the input of volunteers in the inspection and maintenance of PROW.</li> <li>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 PROW wherever possible.</li> </ul>
All PROW inspected regularly by or on behalf of	HA 1980 s58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small scale bridges are inspected every three years, with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Network Management Officers will continue to hold bi-annual meetings</li> </ul>

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the authority.		<p>larger/complex structures inspected more regularly by CEHighways, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Network Management Officers hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant representative of the walking, cycling and equestrian user groups, are in regular contact with users throughout the year and receive Ramblers reports including Path Watch Reports.</li> </ul>	<p>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.</p>
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 1980 s130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All cropping obstructions were responded to within 4 weeks of reporting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to adhere to the response times set out in the current standard.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Waymarking is undertaken by staff and contractors as appropriate. Additionally waymarkers are provided to registered PROW volunteers to enable them to replace missing and damaged waymarkers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waymarking and signposting will be undertaken as appropriate.</li> </ul>

## Appendix 1 – Examples of improvement projects delivered

**Weston Footpath No. 13:** A 6m footbridge replacement. Part of the Crewe and Nantwich Circular Walk and South Cheshire Way, this route forms an important link from Weston village to the wider Public Rights of Way network:

**Before**



**After**



**Before**



**After**



**Rainow Footpath No. 23:**

With a financial contribution from the Peak and Northern Footpath Society, the 6 metre bridge was replaced, with additional features to extend its lifespan, including damp proof course, eco-grid and water-proof paint.

**Before**



**After**



**Congleton Footpath No. 70:**

20m revetment, surfacing and associated drainage works to improve a very muddy path near the urban fringe area, forming, with the canal towpath, a circular walk for local residents.



**Before**



**After**



**Mottram St Andrew Footpath No. 3:**

With a small financial contribution from the Council, the owners of this path have resurfaced a 100m section that was a very muddy. The owners removed over 80 tonnes of mud, installed land drains, laid weed suppressing membrane on which they put 40 tonnes of MOT hardcore. Alongside the path, they also planted 15 acer trees.

**Before**



**After**



**Disley Footpath No. 28:**

150m of this very popular path, which also forms part of the Gritstone Trail promoted route, has been resurfaced and a trench dug alongside to aid drainage.

**Accessibility improvements:** investment in durable metal path furniture, such as the following examples of a gate replacements of stiles on a Public Footpaths, results in reduced maintenance, reduced liabilities and more accessible routes:



**Betchton Footpath No. 19 Before**



**After**



**Gawsworth Footpath No. 11 Before**



**After**