

RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

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| H2 H3 S7 S8 | Various | <p>Planning Applications, Pre-Applications and Developer Contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning applications and pre-applications commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, putting forward ROWIP aspirations. • Developer contributions sought and secured for off-site improvement through section 106 agreements and unilateral undertakings. • Completion of delivery of s106-funded improvement works in Disley. • Securing improvements to Public Rights of Way and other walking and cycling access routes, to be delivered by developers within sites. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing, as arising. |
| H2 H3 S7 S8 | X15 | <p>Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles submitted for Connected Communities newsletters, other newsletters and social media feeds for all news items, as arising. • Suggestions for walks, cycle rides and horse riding routes published on www.discovercheshire.co.uk. • Walks and countryside site leaflets distributed via country parks, visitor information centres, libraries and on request to members of the public. • Countryside Ranger Service events promoted via social media channels. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing. |

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| H2 H3 S7 S8 | n/a | <p><u>Cheshire East Countryside Access Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat duties for Forum, a statutory body, whose members are volunteers, which advises the Council on matters relating to countryside access. The Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ held meetings virutally as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. ○ gave tribute to former Chair Bob Anderson who sadly passed away. ○ elected a new chair and vice chair. ○ monitored the Rights of Way Improvement Plan delivery and Public Rights of Way team resources. Commented on Network Rail proposals for PROW level crossings on the Alsager-Crewe line. ○ received statistics of path use increases during Covid-19 lock down. ○ submitted consultation responses on Public Space Protection Orders, Cheshire East Council’s Corporate Plan, the revision of the Countryside Code and the proposed Wilmslow Walking and Cycling Route. ○ Considered Lindow Moss - prospects for restoration, conservation and countryside access, ○ Discussed the draft contents of a position paper on Climate Change and the Visitor Economy, ○ Received a presentation from HS2 Ltd. on the progress of Phase 2b of the project south of Crewe. ○ Adopted the Forum’s Communications Strategy and set up a Forum FaceBook account in order to continue to generate publicity on a number of topics. A key area this year was encouraging responsible access to the countryside in light of the issues experienced during the Covid-19 lockdowns. <div data-bbox="539 1099 1447 1426" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Forum’s logo</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing. |

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| H3 S7 S8 | Various | <p>Road and rail infrastructure schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influencing road and rail infrastructure schemes through design development, the planning system and Side Road Orders to achieve best possible outcomes for non-motorised users, and ensuring delivery of infrastructure on the ground as well as legal records. • A556/M56 junction, SEMMMS A6-Manchester Airport Relief Road, Congleton Link Road, A500 dualling, M6 missing Restricted Byway Bridge, Middlewich Eastern Bypass and Poynton Relief Road. • Continued input of ROWIP aspirations into options and designs to maximise opportunities for improving routes for active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horse riding. • Response to consultation and negotiation with HS2 scheme designers for improved accommodation of Public Rights of Way and rural lanes, to protect and enhance leisure and active travel routes affected by HS2 proposals. • Continued liaison and input to the revision of the Local Transport Plan and delivery of active travel schemes under the Cycling Strategy. <div data-bbox="539 815 996 1278" data-label="Diagram"> </div> <p>Diagram showing the priorities of the Local Transport Plan 2019-2024</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"> • Twice yearly liaison meetings between PROW team and user group representatives. • Updates provided on long term closures of Public Rights of Way due to legal or resource issues. • Updates on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. • Improvements to the online collection of information on issue reports. • Providing input into the identification of improvements to public rights of way linking the footway/cycleway alongside the A555 A6-Manchester Airport Relief Road. • Updates from local groups. • Ongoing management of register of volunteers and issuance of Letters of Authority for volunteers assisting with waymarking and minor vegetation cutting and additionally legal order notice checking. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing. |