

## RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

Policy Ref.	ROWIP Ref.	Achievements 2021-22	Ongoing targets 2022-23
H2 H3 S7 S8	Various	<p><b>Planning Applications, Pre-Applications and Developer Contributions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning applications and pre-applications commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, putting forward ROWIP aspirations.</li> <li>• Developer contributions sought and secured for off-site improvement through section 106 agreements and unilateral undertakings.</li> <li>• Delivery of s106-funded improvement works in Nantwich</li> <li>• Securing improvements to Public Rights of Way and other walking and cycling access routes, to be delivered by developers within sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing, as arising.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	X15	<p><b>Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles submitted for Connected Communities newsletters, other newsletters and social media feeds for all news items, as arising.</li> <li>• Suggestions for walks, cycle rides and horse riding routes published on <a href="http://www.discovercheshire.co.uk">www.discovercheshire.co.uk</a>.</li> <li>• Walks and countryside site leaflets distributed via country parks, visitor information centres, libraries and on request to members of the public.</li> <li>• Countryside Ranger Service events promoted via social media channels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Rights of Way Consultative Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twice yearly liaison meetings for PROW team and user group representatives.</li> <li>• Updates provided on long term closures of PROW due to legal / resource issues.</li> <li>• Updates on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• Improvements to the online collection of information on issue reports.</li> <li>• Providing input into the identification of improvements to public rights of way linking the footway/cycleway alongside the A555 A6-Manchester Airport Relief Road.</li> <li>• Updates from local groups.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing.</li> </ul>



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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><b><u>Cheshire East Countryside Access Forum</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"> <li>○ continued to hold meetings virutally and elected a new chair and vice chair</li> <li>○ continued to monitor the Rights of Way Improvement Plan delivery and Public Rights of Way team resources</li> <li>○ received a presentation from The Trails Trust on the topic of Environmental Land Management Schemes, seeking to improve infrastructure for non-motorised users of rights of way and other paths. The Forum wrote a letter of support for such schemes to DEFRA as a result.</li> <li>○ lobbied Cheshire East Council to support funding for the work of the PROW and Countryside teams</li> <li>○ supported and was represented at the Lindow Moss Partnership project aiming to explain the history and value of Lindow Moss in its landscape character setting and proposals for its future protection</li> <li>○ heard about a ministerial announcement which stated that the Sandstone Ridge had been shortlisted for designation as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), a proposal that the Forum had supported</li> <li>○ was attended by HS2 Ltd. Engagement Managers to receive updates on Phase 2a to the south of Crewe and Phase 2b to the north of Crewe.</li> <li>○ continued to post on the Forum’s FaceBook account in order to promote sharing of information including on responsible access to the countryside.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <div data-bbox="566 1066 1473 1393" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Forum’s logo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing.</li> </ul>



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H3 S7 S8	Various	<p><b>Road and rail infrastructure schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Continued liaison and input to the revision of the Local Transport Plan and delivery of active travel schemes under the Cycling Strategy.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="539 815 994 1275" data-label="Diagram"> <pre> graph TD     A((1. Maintenance and Asset Management)) --&gt; B((2. Service Redesign and Delivery))     B --&gt; C((3. Delivery of new Infrastructure))     C --&gt; A     D((Quality of Place))   </pre> </div> <p>Diagram showing the priorities of the Local Transport Plan 2019-2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing.</li> </ul>



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H2 H3 S7	n/a	<p><b>Sandbach Footpath No. 11 accessibility improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, scope and delivery of improvements to path furniture and surfacing on 2 locations on a path which links new housing development to services and the town centre</li> <li>• Works involved replacement of stiles with accessible gates, tarmac surfacing and safety barriers</li> <li>• Delivered by Cheshire East Highways through the Sustainable Transport Enhancement Programme (STEPs)</li> <li>• The completed works increases the accessibility of the routes, particularly for those with buggies, pushchairs and wheelchairs and connects them with the highway footway network and onward connections.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Before (©Google 2020)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>After</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7	W127	<p><b>Leighton Footpath No. 2 Sustainable Travel Enhancement Programme (STEPS) project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project to improve accessibility to greenspace and the PROW network</li> <li>• Also improved access to the highway network as an active travel route</li> <li>• Delivered in partnership with developer</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Before</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>After</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheme completed</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7	W126	<p><b>Path between Shrewbridge Road and Wellington Road, Nantwich</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of s106 developer-contribution funded scheme</li> <li>• To improve access to an open green space as part of active travel route between housing development and railway station.</li> <li>• Delivered by Cheshire East Highways in partnership with Network Rail.</li> <li>• Improved surfacing to provide a permeable, year-round walking route, greatly enhancing the aesthetics of the route.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Before</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>After</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheme completed</li> <li>• Aspiration logged for potential extension across park</li> </ul>