

Cheshire Local Access Forum



Agenda

Date: Friday 24 June 2011
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Room 1, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Offices, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

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1. **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies (10.00 - 10.05)**
2. **Minutes and Matters Arising (10.05 - 10.15)** (Pages 3 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Cheshire Local Access Forum held on 25 March 2011
3. **Two Saints Way Long Distance Trail (10.15 - 10.45)**

David Pott
4. **A556 Project Update (10.45 - 11.30)**

Dan Johnston and Anna Pickering, Highways Agency
5. **Cheshire West and Chester Council Personnel Changes (11.30 - 11.35)**

Ian Hesketh
6. **Cheshire West and Chester Council Results of CAMS Survey (11.35 - 11.50)**
(Pages 11 - 46)

Denise Snelson

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7. **Working Groups: Funding, Under-represented Groups and Health (11.50 - 12.10)** (Pages 47 - 50)

All

8. **Rights of Way Improvement Plan Updates (12.10 - 12.25)** (Pages 51 - 56)

Denise Snelson and Genni Butler

9. **Feedback from North-West Regional LAF Chairs' Meeting (12.25 - 12.45)**

John White

10. **Reports from Members (12.45 - 13.00)**

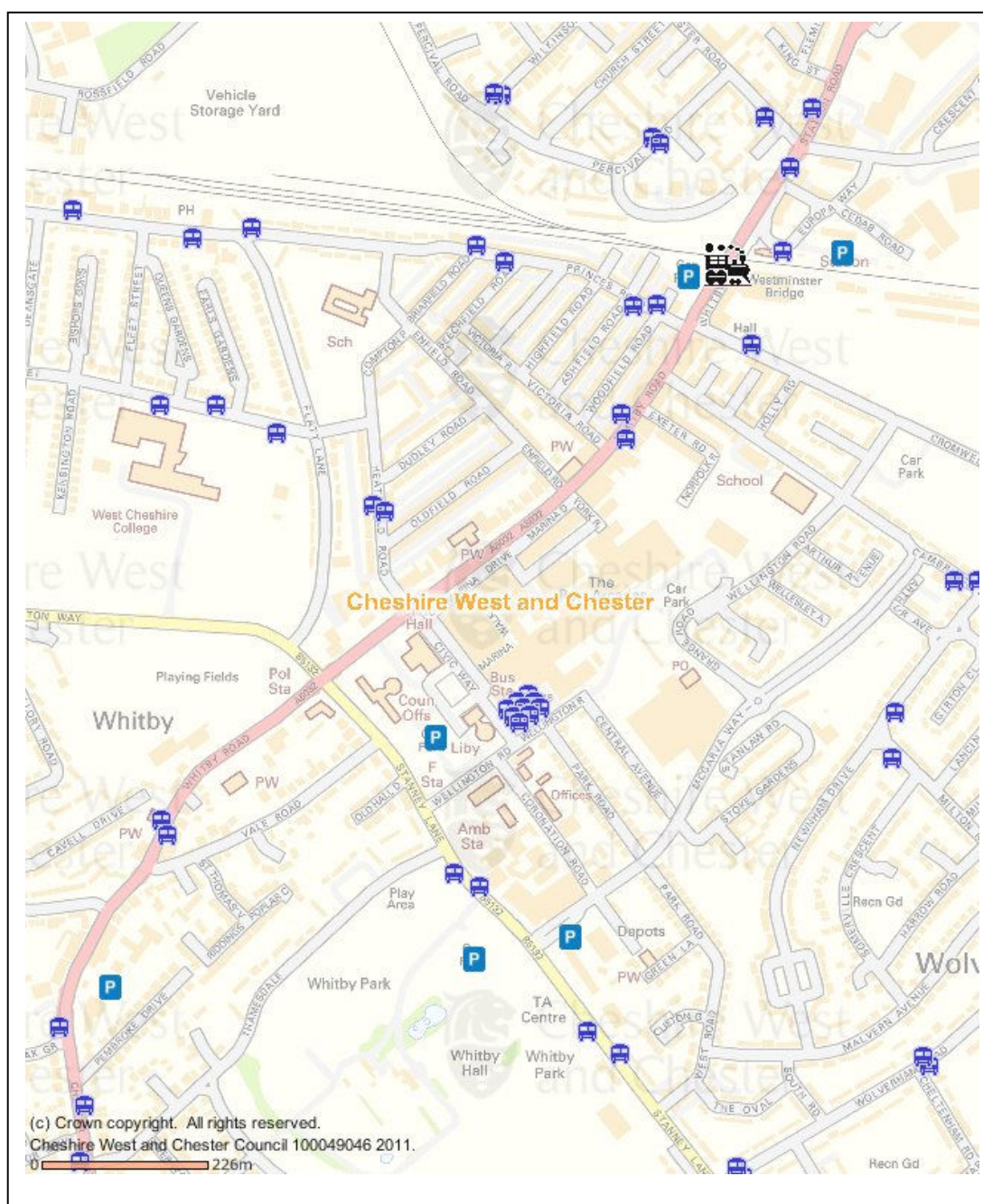
11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cheshire Local Access Forum will be on Friday
23 September 2011

Cheshire Local Access Forum Friday 24th June 2011 10.00am

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MEETING : CHESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
DATE : 24 JUNE 2011

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MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

To confirm the minutes of the Cheshire Local Access Forum held on 25 March 2011.

RECOMMENDED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM held on Friday 25 March 2011 at Phoenix House, Winsford.

PRESENT:

Forum Members

John White (in the Chair)
Robert Anderson
Rhoda Bailey
Ken Edwards
Andy Gildon
Andrew Needham
Keith Pennyfather
John Taylor
Kath Wurbacher

Officers and others

George Broughton, Cheshire East Council
Genni Butler, Cheshire East Council
Rachel Graves, Cheshire East Council
Mike Taylor, Cheshire East Council
Hazel Barber, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Denise Snelson, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Angela Simpson, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Martin Thornhill, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Toni Proffitt, Denbighshire County Council
Graham Dutton, Warrington Borough Council
Andrea Peattie, Forestry Commission
Richard Mostyn, Forestry Commission

Action

The Forum was informed that Amy Rushton, Rights of Way Manager, Cheshire East Council, had recently left the Authority. Members paid tribute by saying she had been an excellent Officer who had made a valuable contribution to the work of the Local Access Forum.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Neil Collie, Helen Connolly, Dale Langham and Keith Osborn.

2 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

3 FORESTRY COMMISSION: PROPOSED FUTURE CHANGES

Andrea Peattie, Project Manager, and Richard Mostyn, Recreation Manager, at Delamere Forest briefed the Forum on the proposed

changes to the Forestry Commission.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) had launched a consultation on 27 January 2011 on the future of the Public Forest Estate in England but following public outcry on the proposals for future management and ownership, had halted the consultation on 17 February 2011.

The Environment Secretary, Caroline Speiman, then announced that an Independent Forestry Panel would be established to advise her on the future direction of forestry and woodland policy in England and on the role of the Forestry Commission in implementing policy. The Panel would consist of 12 members, chaired by the Right Reverend James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool. A bibliography of the members and the terms of reference of the Panel could be viewed on the Defra website: <http://ww2.defra.gov.uk/rural/forestry/panel/>

Members queried how the Panel would consult with Access Forums and it was suggested that this be raised with the England Access Forum.

The Forum then went on to discuss the work of the Forestry Commission at Delamere Forest. Andrea Peattie explained that Delamere Forest was a mixed use forest with a third used for timber and two thirds for recreational use. The Forestry Commission was looking at ways to generate income and increase the number of visitors from 750,000 to 1 million whilst protecting the forest environment. The Forest was zoned in to areas for walkers, horse riders and cyclist in the forest, with a number of dedicated trails for each. Restoration work was being carried out on the meres and mosses at present and to help protect them, none of the trails went near them. The Forestry Commission had led the way in providing permissive access for horse riders and cyclist to their forests as the CROW Act 2000 only gave access to walkers.

Members suggested that a representative from the Woodlands Trust be invited to a future meeting to discuss access to woodlands in Cheshire

GB/DS

4 WORKING GROUPS

Members of the Working Groups gave an update on their progress to date:

Finance

The terms of reference for the Funding Sub Group had been circulated with the agenda and a breakdown of funding for public rights of way responsibilities for Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire East Council was tabled, along with a list of sources of external funding. On discussing the breakdown of funding, it was suggested that details of old Best Value Performance Indicator 178 (% of total length of public right of way which are easy to use by members of the public) be included as well as the percentage of easy access paths.

GB/DS

The Forum approved the terms of reference for the Funding Sub Group.

Under Represented Groups

The Group had not met since the last meeting and were hoping to arrange a date today. The Group was looking at how transport, such as mini buses, could be provided to help access the countryside and it was suggested that they contact the Council's Transport Services and also the Local Transport Plan departments to seek their views.

Health

The Health Group had not met since the last meeting. John White reported that he had attended a training event on the Localism Bill. The Bill, which was going through Parliament at present, would allow local communities to access funding via community budgets to tackle local issues. This was an area which the Group could look at to see if it could support health initiatives.

5 LOCAL SERVICES DELIVERY – UPDATE FROM BOLLINGTON

Ken Edwards gave a presentation to the Forum, from the prospective of Bollington Town Council, on Cheshire East Council's proposals to devolve services to Town and Parish Councils.

Bollington Town Council had met with Cheshire East Council to discuss what services and assets could possibly be devolved to the Town Council. These included:

- Repairing street furniture
- Replacing street nameplates
- Hanging baskets
- Grass cutting
- Bus shelters
- Public toilets
- Community Halls
- Recreation Grounds

The Town Council had expressed an interest in taking over the running of the Civic Hall, Community Centre, Town Hall, Recreation Ground, Memorial Gardens and Allotments, and was awaiting detailed financial data from Cheshire East Council before carrying out a survey of the electorate before deciding on whether to go ahead.

6 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Denise Snelson reported on the consultation process for the Cheshire West and Chester Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). Copies of the Plan had been circulated at the last meeting and Denise asked if Forum members had any comments to feedback as part of the consultation.

It was suggested that a forward from the Chairman of the Local Access Forum be included – as per the Cheshire East ROWIP, to show the Forum's commitment to the Plan. Also mention the Local Transport

Plan and explain what it is, and include safety on connecting roads between rights of way.

The consultation was open until 15 April for comments to be submitted.

7 CHESHIRE EAST RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2011-2026: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2011-2015

Genni Butler reported on the first four year implementation plan under the Cheshire East Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) 2011-2026.

The ROWIP had to set out a statement of action detailing how the Authority would implement improvements and this would be set out in four-yearly implementation plans.

Suggestions for improvement projects had been submitted during the development of the ROWIP by officers, members of the public, user groups and community groups. These suggestions had been prioritised by the methodology selected by Forum at its meeting in December 2010. This methodology took into account the benefits of the scheme in the context of local need.

The highest priority suggestions had been selected for each category of suggestion: walking, cycling, horse riding, transport related and cross-cutting projects. It was intended that these suggestions be investigated and developed first, with the acknowledgement that some may not be feasible and other opportunities may arise through partnerships and developments that result in alternative projects being taken forward.

Funding of £30,000 had been secured from the Local Transport Plan budget for the coming financial year.

8 RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATES

Members were updated on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Cheshire. The report received outlined details of the current projects on the general infrastructure, access for equestrians and off road cyclists, accessibility and event and promotions.

Progress on the following projects was reported:

Cheshire East

- Bollington – upgrade of Footpath No.17 to Bridleway status
- Nantwich Riverside Loop
- Connect 2 project Crewe and Nantwich
- Promotion work for Rights of Way and access matters

Cheshire West and Chester

- Flintshire to Neston Cycleway
- Bishop Bennet Way
- Delamere Loop

- Weaver Valley
- Walks for All in Cheshire West
- Discover Cheshire Website
- Publications and events

9 FEEDBACK FROM NORTH WEST REGIONAL LAF CHAIRS' MEETING

The Chairman reported on the issues discussed at the latest meeting of the North West Regional LAF Chairs. The main topics were:

- Future of English Access Forum
- Localism Bill
- Coastal Access
- CROW access
- National Trails

Natural England would no longer be providing support to the England Access Forum, whilst support at regional level would continue to be provided.

10 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Ken Edwards reported that the Bollington Walking Festival would be taking place again this year in October.

He also asked about work cover at Cheshire East Council, following Amy Rushton's departure. In response Mike Taylor reported that the post of Rights of Way Manager was no longer in the structure and that he had taken over the responsibilities, with two officers being upgraded to help support him and deal with the more major activities. It was suggested the Chairman and another member meeting with the Head of Health and Wellbeing to discuss this.

MT/JW

John Taylor reported on the changes at Crewe Bus Station following its refurbishment.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Cheshire Local Access Forum would take place on Friday 24 June 2011.

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MEETING : CHESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
DATE : 24 JUNE 2011

REPORT OF : Greenspace Project Officer
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CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL

RESULTS OF COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS MANAGEMENT (CAMS) SURVEY

1.0 Introduction

The network of Public Rights of Way (PROW) that weave their way through the fabric of the urban and rural landscape of Cheshire West and Chester provide one of the best ways for the local and visiting communities to enjoy and explore the area.

In enabling and promoting access to the countryside and greenspace, the path network serves both amenity and recreational purposes and is an important means by which environmental, social exclusion and community health issues may be addressed.

High quality access in rural areas in particular also allows residents to enjoy, appreciate and understand their environment and is therefore essential for the development of a wider and deeper constituency of support for countryside issues.

It is also the case that well managed and marketed access is often the foundation of a sustainable tourism industry and through this association a well-managed path network can provide significant economic and social benefits.

2.0 Survey rationale

Whilst a key driver for all authorities embarking on path survey projects is to ensure the quality of user experience, it is important to understand in detail the exact uses of survey generated data as this can have an important bearing on the detail of survey design.

The main purpose of the project was to enable the Council to have the necessary information to develop and deliver an effective asset management plan for the PROW network and to identify those paths with high accessibility (or with the potential to provide high accessibility).

This will enable budgetary forecasting of works required, provide detailed and current works lists, generate a complete and consistent inventory of structures as well as assisting in the management of liability.

3.0 What was surveyed?

Using Global Positioning System (GPS) and the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) surveyors checked paths against the electronic Definitive Map. All furniture items were assessed including bridges, drains, stiles, gates, steps, bridges and fingerposts. Photographs were taken of every path surface, furniture item and fault (termed issues). Any issues were logged to the appropriate Network Officer to be resolved.

4.0 Condition & practical works

Information will be required to establish what practical works are needed to upgrade and maintain each path to provide a certain quality of experience for the user. This implies that a quality standard exists (When is a stile satisfactory or not? What height does vegetation have to reach to become problematic?) Compared to other authorities, it is suggested that we generally have a very high standard of network. In light of this we asked the surveyors to have a high standard when logging faults (issues)

5.0 Budget setting

If estimates for the upgrade and subsequent maintenance of the path network are needed for the future then specific information needs to be captured in the field. For this survey we have identified the costs of furniture items (stiles, gates, fingerposts etc) and resurfacing types and compared this to the longevity of the product to produce reports on the cost of maintaining the PROW network over a period of time.

6.0 Health & safety

Information about user safety may be needed with a risk assessment of features, both to ensure the safety of users and to manage the liability of those responsible for their management. The information provided with the survey will enable the authority to risk assess logged issues and manage liabilities

7.0 Survey frequency and data management

Although this project is concerned only with a one-off survey event, certain aspects of the survey design are dependent upon how the dataset is to be kept up to date in the future. It is therefore important that any changes on the PROW network are continuously cataloged with new information and images continue with annual partial network surveys. The investment made in an initial survey needs to be protected by keeping the dataset up to date. It is a lot more cost-effective to undertake a detailed baseline survey and then update this periodically than it is to commission independent surveys each year.

8.0 Results

All the results of the survey were migrated directly into the electronic CAMS database which the authority uses to manage the network. This system allows work sheets and issues to be raised and resolved. It also allows legal work to be logged against paths (eg Diversions) and continues to build information as time goes by. The amount of data on the system is huge but we can interrogate this system and pull off analysis reports as and when needed.

Appendices 1-4 are four summary reports pulled off CAMs for you to look at

Appendix 1 - Furniture item summary
Appendix 2 - Issues summary
Appendix 3 - Overall surface summary
Appendix 4 - Accessibility summary

However I will bring a few more examples to the meeting for members to look at. To give you some idea of the size of some of the reports, the Furniture Inventory is 1442 pages long and contains information on the 12 244 items of furniture on the entire PROW network.

9.0 Phase 2 Website project

Although the CAMS database is a working tool, it is possible to pull some of the information from the survey and enhance the current interactive mapping on the Council website.

The IT and Web Teams are currently working with new software to transfer furniture icons and images across to the interactive mapping. This will enable residents, visitors and groups to look at routes and assess their accessibility and suitability. Appendix 5 is pulled directly off CAMS but gives some idea of the furniture information that can be migrated to the interactive mapping.

10.0 Summary

The CAMS database is a dynamic database which is constantly changing and being updated by officers. The information is a valuable tool for assessing the accessibility of the PROW network and as an asset register for the authority. The survey has given us a valuable snap shot of the PROW network and the tools to interrogate that information in a myriad of ways to help us manage, maintain and develop the network

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

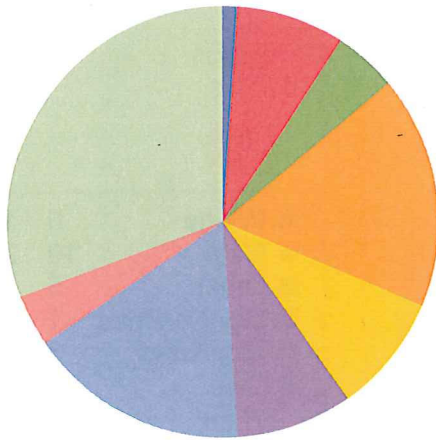
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Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type



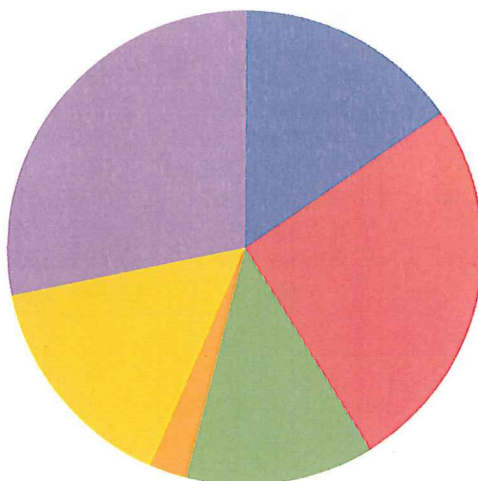
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Bridge	996	8.1%
Drain	567	4.6%
Gate	2,152	17.6%
Other	1,072	8.8%
SignNotRoad	1,063	8.7%
SignRoad	2,046	16.7%
Steps	486	4.0%
Stile	3,731	30.5%
Total:	12,244	100.0%



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Admin Group: Chester

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Aldersey



Bridge	6	15.4%
Gate	10	25.6%
Other	5	12.8%
SignNotRoad	1	2.6%
SignRoad	6	15.4%
Stile	11	28.2%
Total:	39	100.0%

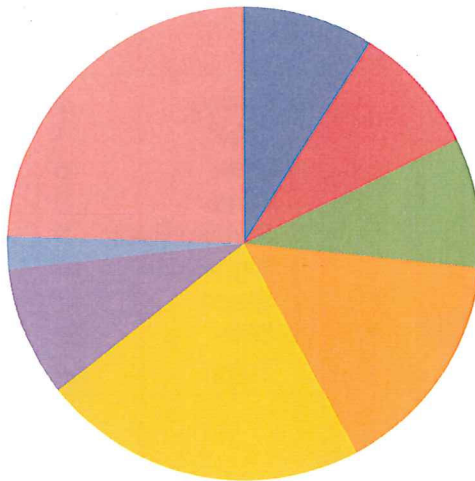
Admin Area: Aldersey

Type	Number of Items
Bridge/Culvert	1
Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	2
Bridge/Timber/6Metre	1
Bridge/Timber/8Metre	2
Gate/Bridle/Steel/1Way	1
Gate/Field/Steel	7
Gate/Field/Steel/2in1/Pedestrian	1
Gate/Field/Timber	1
Other/Gap	5
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Metal	1
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	4
SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	2
Stile/OneStep	4
Stile/Two+Step	7
Total:	39



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Aldford



Bridge	8	8.9%
Drain	8	8.9%
Gate	8	8.9%
Other	14	15.6%
SignNotRoad	20	22.2%
SignRoad	8	8.9%
Steps	2	2.2%
Stile	22	24.4%
Total:	90	100.0%

Admin Area:

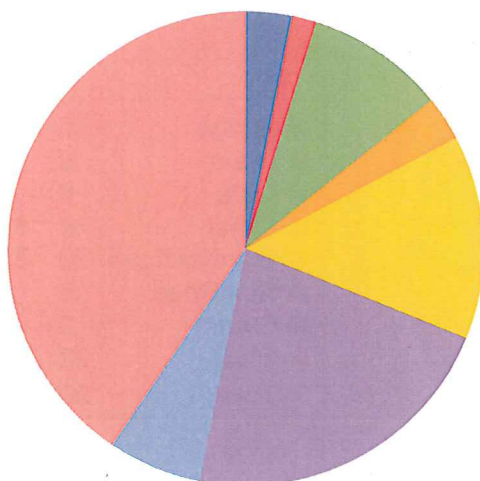
Aldford

Type	Number of Items
Bridge/Culvert	2
Bridge/Highways	2
Bridge/Other	2
Bridge/Sleeper/3.6Metre	1
Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	1
Drain/CrossDrains	3
Drain/Culvert	4
Drain/SideDitch	1
Gate/Bridle/Timber/1Way	1
Gate/Field/Steel	2
Gate/KissingGate/Steel/Standard	1
Gate/KissingGate/Timber	1
Gate/Pedestrian/Timber	3
Other/Gap	14
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Metal	6
SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	14
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	8
Steps/Wood	2
Stile/OneStep	6
Stile/Stone	1
Stile/Two+Step	15
Total:	90



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Ashton Hayes



Bridge	2	3.1%
Drain	1	1.6%
Gate	6	9.4%
Other	2	3.1%
SignNotRoad	9	14.1%
SignRoad	14	21.9%
Steps	4	6.3%
Stile	26	40.6%
Total:	64	100.0%

Admin Area:

Ashton Hayes

Type

Number of Items

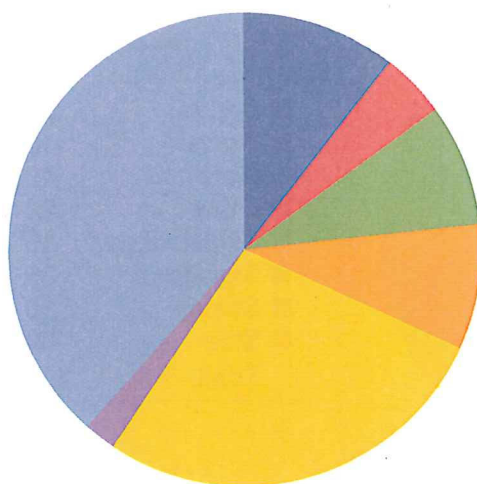
Bridge/Timber/6Metre	1
Bridge/Timber/8Metre	1
Drain/Culvert	1
Gate/Field/Steel	2
Gate/KissingGate/Steel/Standard	3
Gate/Pedestrian/Steel	1
Other/Gap	1
Other/Other	1
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Metal	2
SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	7
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	3
SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	11
Steps/Wood	4
Stile/OneStep	8
Stile/Two+Step	18

Total: 64



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Backford



Bridge	5	10.6%
Drain	2	4.3%
Gate	4	8.5%
Other	4	8.5%
SignRoad	13	27.7%
Steps	1	2.1%
Stile	18	38.3%
Total:	47	100.0%

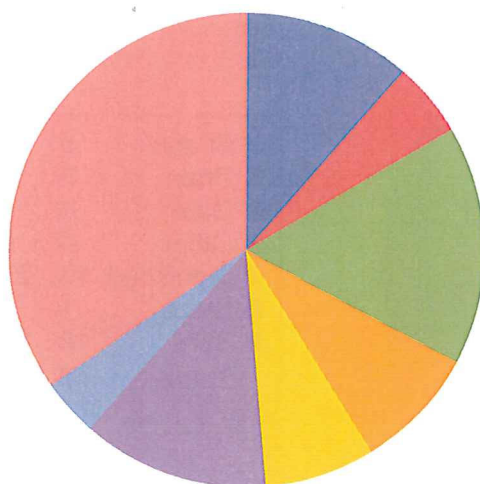
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Type	Number of Items
Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	4
Bridge/Timber/6Metre	1
Drain/Culvert	2
Gate/Bridle/Timber/1Way	1
Gate/Field/Steel	2
Gate/KissingGate/Timber	1
Other/Gap	4
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	10
SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	3
Steps/ConcreteOrStone	1
Stile/OneStep	5
Stile/Two+Step	13
Total:	47



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Barrow



Bridge	29	11.3%
Drain	13	5.1%
Gate	42	16.3%
Other	22	8.6%
SignNotRoad	19	7.4%
SignRoad	33	12.8%
Steps	10	3.9%
Stile	89	34.6%
Total:	257	100.0%

Admin Area:

Barrow

Type	Number of Items
Bridge/Culvert	3
Bridge/Other	1
Bridge/Sleeper/3.6Metre	4
Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	16
Bridge/Timber/5Metre	2
Bridge/Timber/6Metre	2
Bridge/Timber/8Metre	1
Drain/Culvert	11
Drain/SideDitch	2
Gate/Field/Steel	10
Gate/Field/Steel/2in1/Pedestrian	1
Gate/Field/Timber	2
Gate/KissingGate/Steel/Standard	15
Gate/KissingGate/Timber	7
Gate/Pedestrian/Timber	7
Other/Barrier/General	2
Other/Cattle grid	2
Other/Gap	14
Other/Handrail(s)	1
Other/Other	1
Other/RailwayCrossing	2
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Metal	3
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Wood	10
SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	6
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	30
SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	3
Steps/ConcreteOrStone	5
Steps/Wood	5
Stile/Ladder	2
Stile/OneStep	18
Stile/Other	4



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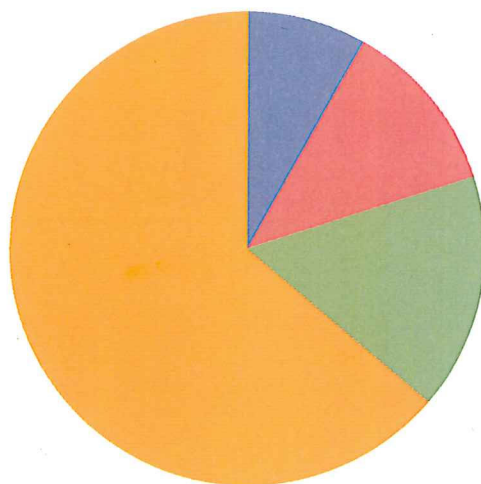
Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Stile/Squeeze	2
Stile/Stone	1
Stile/Two+Step	62
Total:	257



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Barton



Bridge	2	8.0%
SignNotRoad	3	12.0%
SignRoad	4	16.0%
Stile	16	64.0%
Total:	25	100.0%

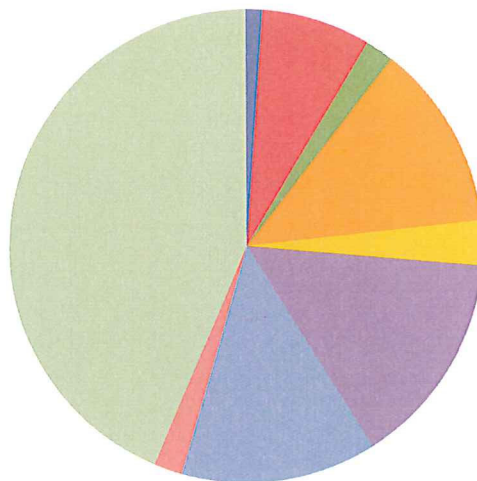
Admin Area: **Barton**

Type	Number of Items
Bridge/Sleeper/3.6Metre	1
Bridge/Timber/5Metre	1
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Wood	1
SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	2
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	3
SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	1
Stile/OneStep	4
Stile/Two+Step	12
Total:	25



Furniture Type Summary Chart Report

Furniture breakdown across network by Type For Beeston



Amenity	2	1.0%
Bridge	15	7.6%
Drain	4	2.0%
Gate	25	12.7%
Other	6	3.0%
SignNotRoad	29	14.7%
SignRoad	26	13.2%
Steps	4	2.0%
Stile	86	43.7%
Total:	197	100.0%

Admin Area:

Beeston

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number of Items</u>
Amenity/InformationBoard	1
Amenity/Seat	1
Bridge/Other	2
Bridge/Sleeper/3.6Metre	3
Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	6
Bridge/Timber/5Metre	1
Bridge/Timber/6Metre	1
Bridge/Timber/8Metre	2
Drain/CrossDrains	2
Drain/Culvert	1
Drain/SideDitch	1
Gate/Field/Steel	2
Gate/Field/Timber	3
Gate/KissingGate/Steel/Standard	12
Gate/KissingGate/Timber	2
Gate/Pedestrian/Steel	3
Gate/Pedestrian/Timber	3
Other/Barrier/General	1
Other/Gap	2
Other/Other	2
Other/RailwayCrossing	1
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Metal	2
SignNotRoad/Fpost/Wood	15
SignNotRoad/WM Disc/General	2
SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	10
SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	5
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SignRoad/WM Disc/General	2
Steps/ConcreteOrStone	1
Steps/Wood	3
Stile/Ladder	1



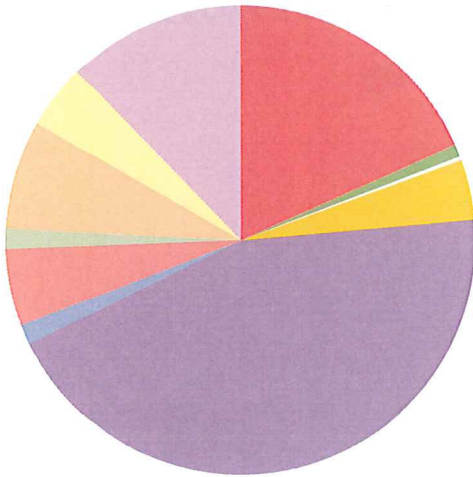
Furniture Type Summary Chart Report













Stile/OneStep	10
Stile/Other	4
Stile/Two+Step	71
Total:	197



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network



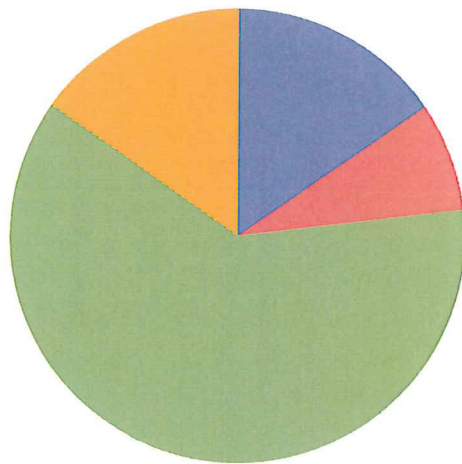
		0	0.0%
	CrossPath	1,011	18.3%
	Intimidating	53	1.0%
	IntimidatingOrMisleading	7	0.1%
	LandUse	241	4.4%
	Maintain	2,433	44.0%
	Misleading	83	1.5%
	Missing	281	5.1%
	Obstacles	84	1.5%
	Other	414	7.5%
	Terrain	245	4.4%
	Vegetation	677	12.2%
	Total:	5,529	100.0%



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Admin Group: Chester

Issue Type across network For Aldersey



CrossPath	2	15.4%
LandUse	1	7.7%
Maintain	8	61.5%
Obstacles	2	15.4%
Total:	13	100.0%

Admin Area: Aldersey

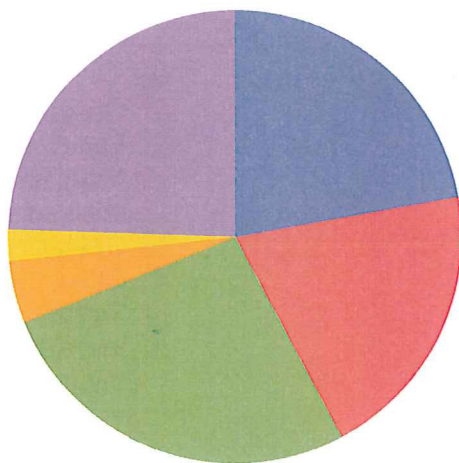
Maintenance Type:	Number of Occurences:
CrossPath/Electric fence	1
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	1
LandUse/Building	1
Maintain/Gate/Bridle/Steel/1Way	1
Maintain/Gate/Field/Steel	3
Maintain/Gate/Field/Steel/2in1/Pedestrian	1
Maintain/Other/Gap	1
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	1
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	1
Obstacles/General	2

Total: 13



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Aldford



CrossPath	10	22.2%
LandUse	9	20.0%
Maintain	12	26.7%
Other	2	4.4%
Terrain	1	2.2%
Vegetation	11	24.4%
Total:	45	100.0%

Admin Area: **Aldford**

Maintenance Type:

Number of Occurrences:

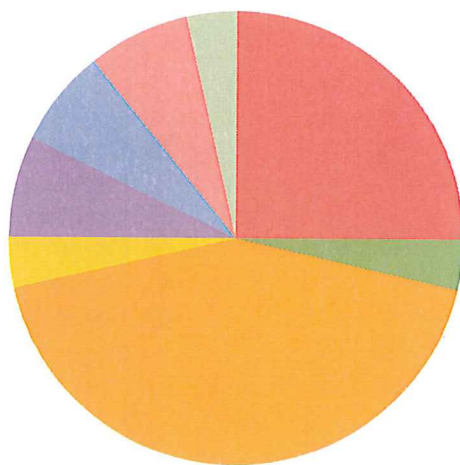
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	9
CrossPath/Watercourse	1
LandUse/Crops	8
LandUse/Ploughed	1
Maintain/Bridge/Other	1
Maintain/Gate/Field/Steel	1
Maintain/Gate/Pedestrian/Timber	1
Maintain/SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	1
Maintain/SignRoad/Fpost/Metal	1
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	4
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	3
Other/MappingProblem	2
Terrain/Other	1
Vegetation/Sides&Above	1
Vegetation/Surface	10

Total: 45



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Ashton Hayes



	0	0.0%
CrossPath	7	25.0%
LandUse	1	3.6%
Maintain	12	42.9%
Misleading	1	3.6%
Obstacles	2	7.1%
Other	2	7.1%
Terrain	2	7.1%
Vegetation	1	3.6%
Total:	28	100.0%

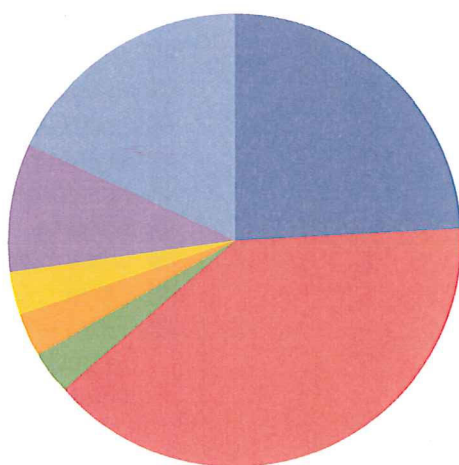
Admin Area: **Ashton Hayes**

Maintenance Type:	Number of Occurrences:
	0
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	7
LandUse/Building	1
Maintain/Gate/Field/Steel	1
Maintain/Gate/KissingGate/Steel/Standard	1
Maintain/SignNotRoad/Fpost/Metal	1
Maintain/SignNotRoad/WM Post/General	2
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	7
Misleading/Sign	1
Obstacles/General	2
Other/MappingProblem	2
Terrain/Muddy	2
Vegetation/Surface	1
Total:	28



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Backford



CrossPath	8	24.2%
Maintain	13	39.4%
Misleading	1	3.0%
Obstacles	1	3.0%
Other	1	3.0%
Terrain	3	9.1%
Vegetation	6	18.2%
Total:	33	100.0%

Admin Area: **Backford**

Maintenance Type:

Number of Occurrences:

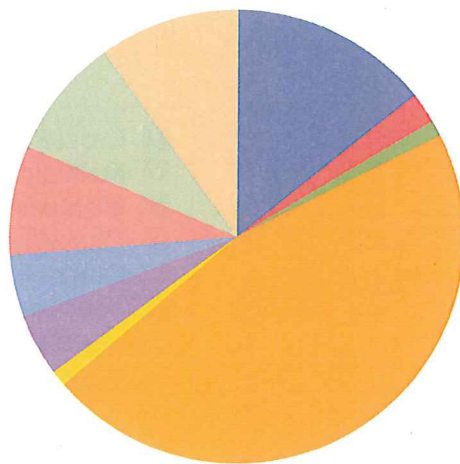
CrossPath/Electric fence	2
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	5
CrossPath/General	1
Maintain/Bridge/Timber/6Metre	1
Maintain/Gate/Field/Steel	2
Maintain/SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	1
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	5
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	4
Misleading/Sign	1
Obstacles/Deposit	1
Other/MappingProblem	1
Terrain/Crossfall	1
Terrain/Muddy	2
Vegetation/Sides&Above	6

Total: 33



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Barrow



CrossPath	13	14.3%
Intimidating	2	2.2%
LandUse	1	1.1%
Maintain	42	46.2%
Misleading	1	1.1%
Missing	4	4.4%
Obstacles	4	4.4%
Other	7	7.7%
Terrain	8	8.8%
Vegetation	9	9.9%
Total:	91	100.0%

Admin Area:

Barrow

Maintenance Type:

Number of Occurrences:

CrossPath/Electric fence	4
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	6
CrossPath/General	1
CrossPath/Watercourse	2
Intimidating/Sign	2
LandUse/Building	1
Maintain/Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	2
Maintain/Gate/Field/Steel	3
Maintain/Gate/KissingGate/Timber	2
Maintain/Other/Gap	2
Maintain/SignNotRoad/Fpost/Wood	4
Maintain/Steps/Concrete	4
Maintain/Stile/Dog	1
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	11
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	13
Misleading/Sign	1
Missing/Sign/NotRoad	2
Missing/Sign/Roadside	2
Obstacles/General	1
Obstacles/Machinery	1
Obstacles/Other	2
Other/FlyTipping	1
Other/MappingProblem	6



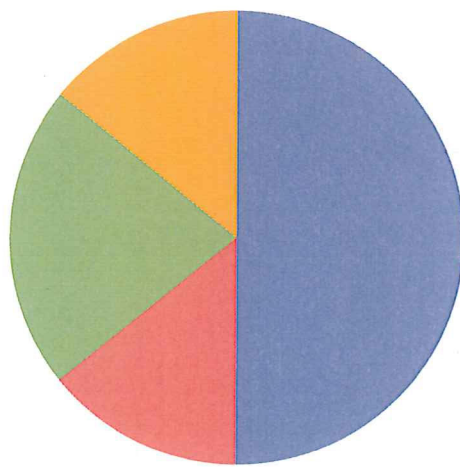
Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Terrain/Muddy	3
Terrain/Waterlogged	5
Vegetation/Bough	2
Vegetation/Fallen Tree	1
Vegetation/Sides&Above	5
Vegetation/Surface	1
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Total:	91



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Barton



Maintain	7	50.0%
Missing	2	14.3%
Other	3	21.4%
Vegetation	2	14.3%
Total:	14	100.0%

Admin Area:

Barton

Maintenance Type:

Number of Occurrences:

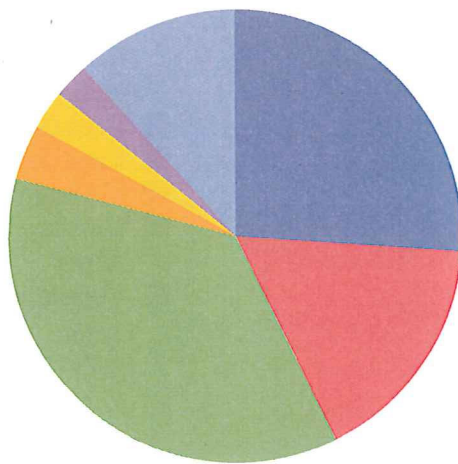
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	2
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	5
Missing/Sign/Roadside	2
Other/MappingProblem	3
Vegetation/Sides&Above	2

Total:**14**



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Beeston



CrossPath	20	26.0%
LandUse	13	16.9%
Maintain	28	36.4%
Missing	3	3.9%
Other	2	2.6%
Terrain	2	2.6%
Vegetation	9	11.7%
Total:	77	100.0%

Admin Area: **Beeston**

Maintenance Type:

Number of Occurrences:

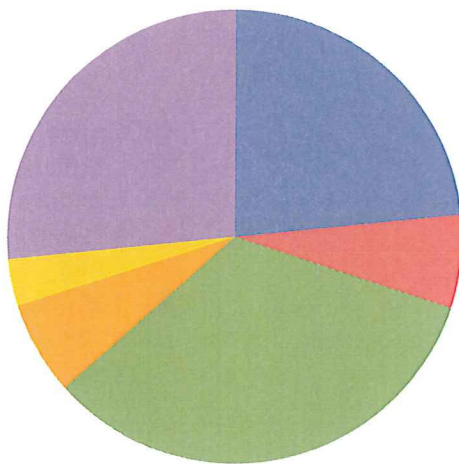
CrossPath/Electric fence	1
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	16
CrossPath/Watercourse	3
LandUse/Building	2
LandUse/Crops	6
LandUse/Forestry Plantation	2
LandUse/Ploughed	3
Maintain/Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	1
Maintain/SignNotRoad/Fpost/Wood	1
Maintain/SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	3
Maintain/Stile/Dog	2
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	8
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	13
Missing/Sign/Roadside	3
Other/MappingProblem	2
Terrain/Other	1
Terrain/Waterlogged	1
Vegetation/Sides&Above	7
Vegetation/Surface	2

Total: 77



Issue Type Chart Summary Report

Issue Type across network For Bickley



CrossPath	7	23.3%
LandUse	2	6.7%
Maintain	10	33.3%
Missing	2	6.7%
Other	1	3.3%
Vegetation	8	26.7%
Total:	30	100.0%

Admin Area: **Bickley**

Maintenance Type:

Number of Occurrences:

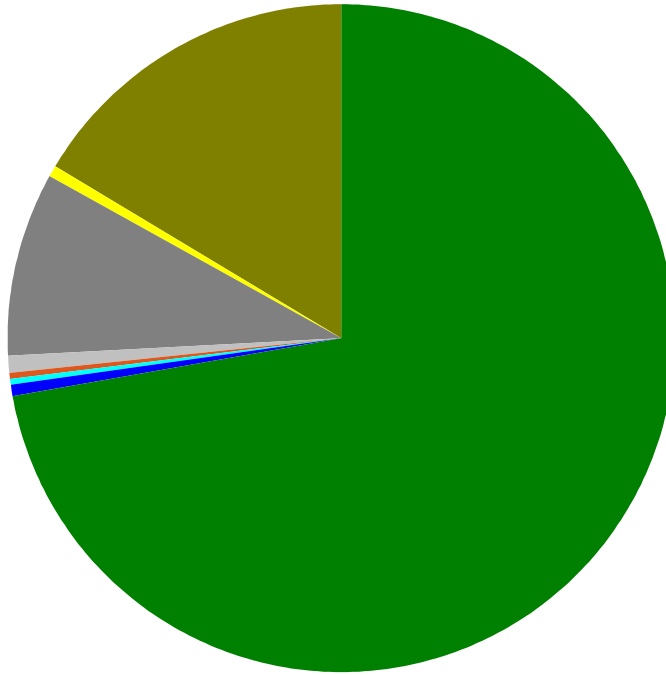
CrossPath/Electric fence	1
CrossPath/Fence/Hedge/Wall	5
CrossPath/Watercourse	1
LandUse/Crops	2
Maintain/Bridge/Sleeper/3Metre	1
Maintain/Gate/Field/Timber	1
Maintain/SignRoad/Fpost/Wood	1
Maintain/Stile/OneStep	4
Maintain/Stile/Two+Step	3
Missing/Sign/Roadside	2
Other/MappingProblem	1
Vegetation/Sides&Above	7
Vegetation/Surface	1

Total: 30



Link Overall Surface Summary Report

Link surfaces by Length



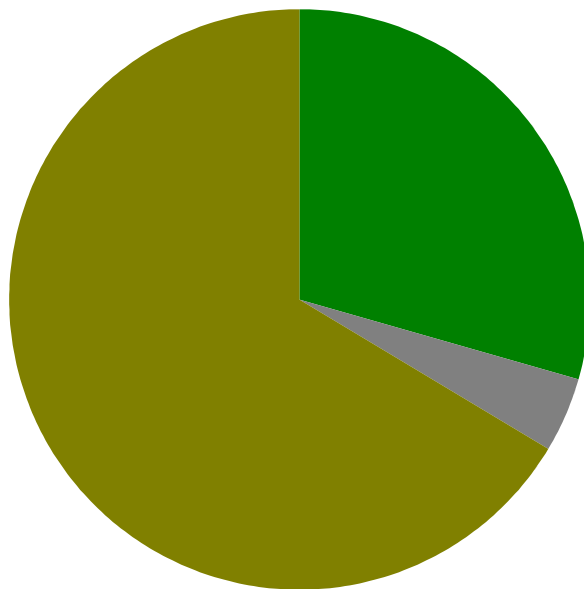
■ Natural/Natural	912.4	72.4%
■ Other/flags	6.8	0.5%
■ Other/Other	1.9	0.1%
■ Other/Pitching	2.9	0.2%
■ Sealed/Concrete	11.0	0.9%
■ Sealed/Tarmac	111.1	8.8%
■ Unsealed/StoneCompacted	8.8	0.7%
■ Unsealed/StoneLoose	206.2	16.3%
Total:	1261.1	100.0%



Link Overall Surface Summary Report

Link Status: BOAT

Link surfaces by Length



■ Natural/Natural	3.7	29.4%
■ Sealed/Tarmac	0.5	4.3%
■ Unsealed/StoneLoose	8.4	66.3%
Total:	12.7	100.0%

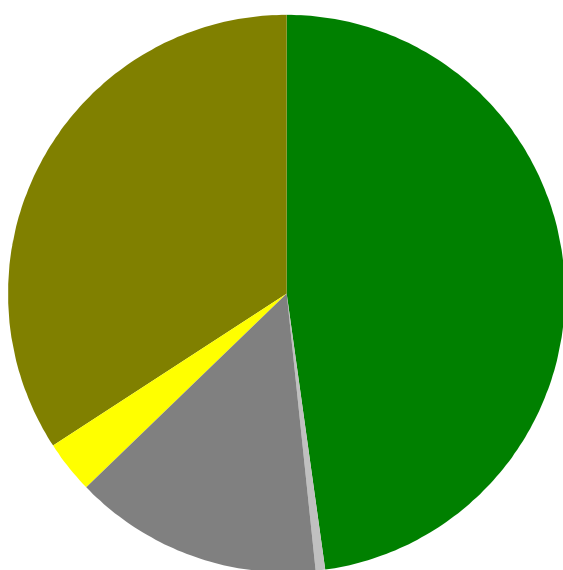
Figures for BOATs

<u>Surface Type</u>	<u>Number of Links</u>	<u>Total Length (km)</u>
Natural/Natural	8	3.73
Sealed/Tarmac	5	0.54
Unsealed/StoneLoose	22	8.42
Total for BOATs	35	12.69

Link Overall Surface Summary Report

 Link Status: **Bridleway**

Link surfaces by Length



■ Natural/Natural	42.5	47.7%
■ Other/Other	0.0	0.0%
■ Sealed/Concrete	0.5	0.5%
■ Sealed/Tarmac	12.9	14.4%
■ Unsealed/StoneCompacted	2.8	3.2%
■ Unsealed/StoneLoose	30.4	34.1%
Total:	89.2	100.0%

Figures for Bridleways

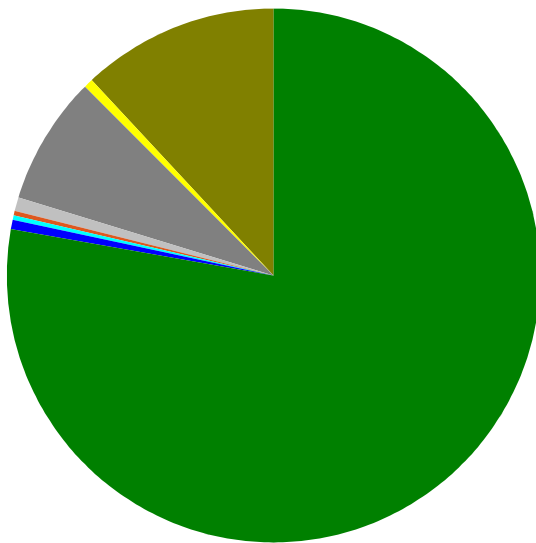
<u>Surface Type</u>	<u>Number of Links</u>	<u>Total Length (km)</u>
Natural/Natural	85	42.49
Other/Other	1	0.04
Sealed/Concrete	1	0.47
Sealed/Tarmac	43	12.86
Unsealed/StoneCompacted	5	2.84
Unsealed/StoneLoose	73	30.44
Total for Bridleways	208	89.15



Link Overall Surface Summary Report

Link Status: Footpath

Link surfaces by Length



Natural/Natural	844.4	77.7%
Other/flags	6.8	0.6%
Other/Other	1.8	0.2%
Other/Pitching	2.9	0.3%
Sealed/Concrete	9.7	0.9%
Sealed/Tarmac	85.4	7.9%
Unsealed/StoneCompacted	5.5	0.5%
Unsealed/StoneLoose	129.7	11.9%
Total:	1086.1	100.0%

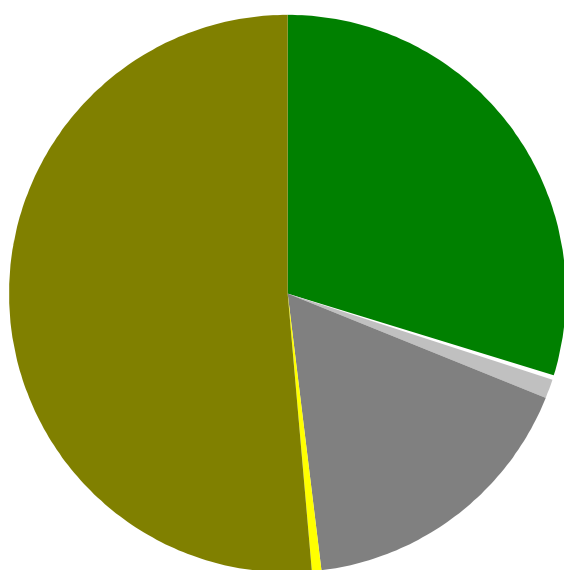
Figures for Footpaths

Surface Type	Number of Links	Total Length (km)
Natural/Natural	2,207	844.40
Other/flags	100	6.79
Other/Other	41	1.82
Other/Pitching	62	2.86
Sealed/Concrete	54	9.74
Sealed/Tarmac	615	85.36
Unsealed/StoneCompacted	13	5.47
Unsealed/StoneLoose	422	129.72
Total for Footpaths	3,514	1,086.15

Link Overall Surface Summary Report

Link Status: Restricted Byway

Link surfaces by Length



Natural/Natural	21.8	29.9%
Other/flags	0.0	0.1%
Sealed/Concrete	0.8	1.1%
Sealed/Tarmac	12.3	16.9%
Unsealed/StoneCompacted	0.5	0.7%
Unsealed/StoneLoose	37.6	51.4%
Total:	73.1	100.0%

Figures for Restricted Byways

Surface Type	Number of Links	Total Length (km)
Natural/Natural	59	21.83
Other/flags	1	0.04
Sealed/Concrete	2	0.83
Sealed/Tarmac	48	12.34
Unsealed/StoneCompacted	2	0.49
Unsealed/StoneLoose	98	37.59
Total for Restricted Byways	210	73.11

Grand Totals

3,967

1,261.10

Note: Figures given in this report are based solely on the surveyed overall surface of each link, and in many cases there are links that have a significantly different surface for a significant portion of their length which is not covered by this report.

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Route Accessibility Report

Accessibility Statistics for All Links with a Maximum Gradient of 1:10

Do Links Meet Wheelchair Accessibility Criteria? *	No of Links	% of Path Network
No	2812	79.41%
Potential	192	5.42%
Yes	537	15.17%

* Wheelchair Accessibility Criteria: minimum width 1 metre, hard surface, no stiles or steps along route

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Appendix 5

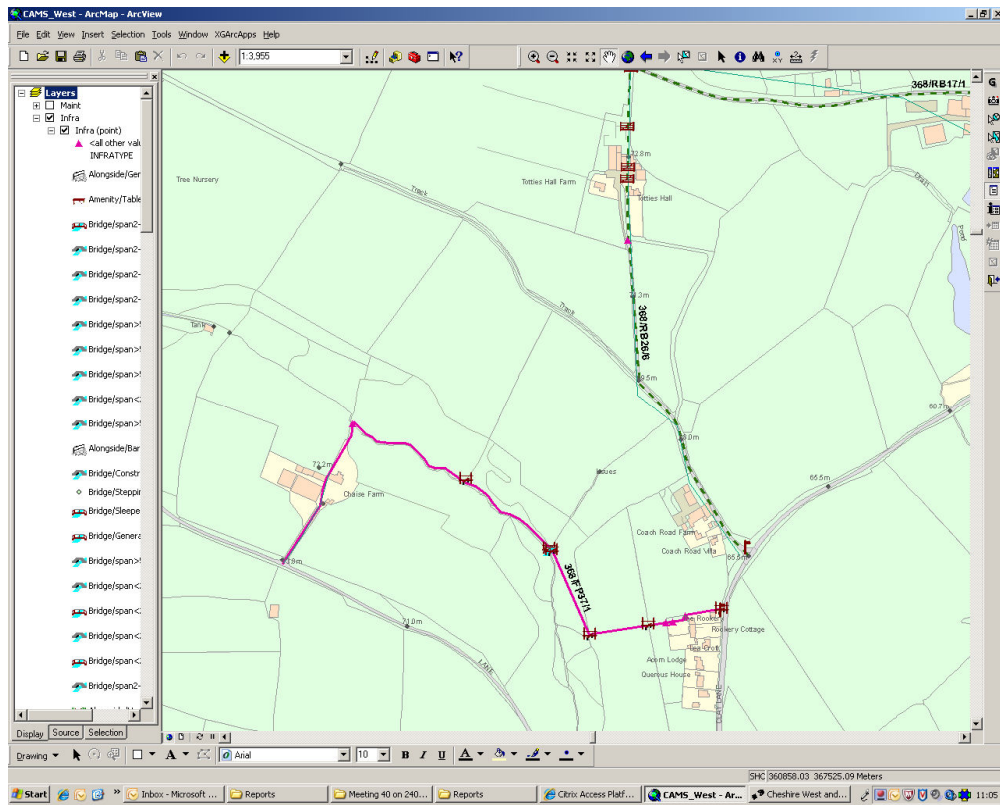


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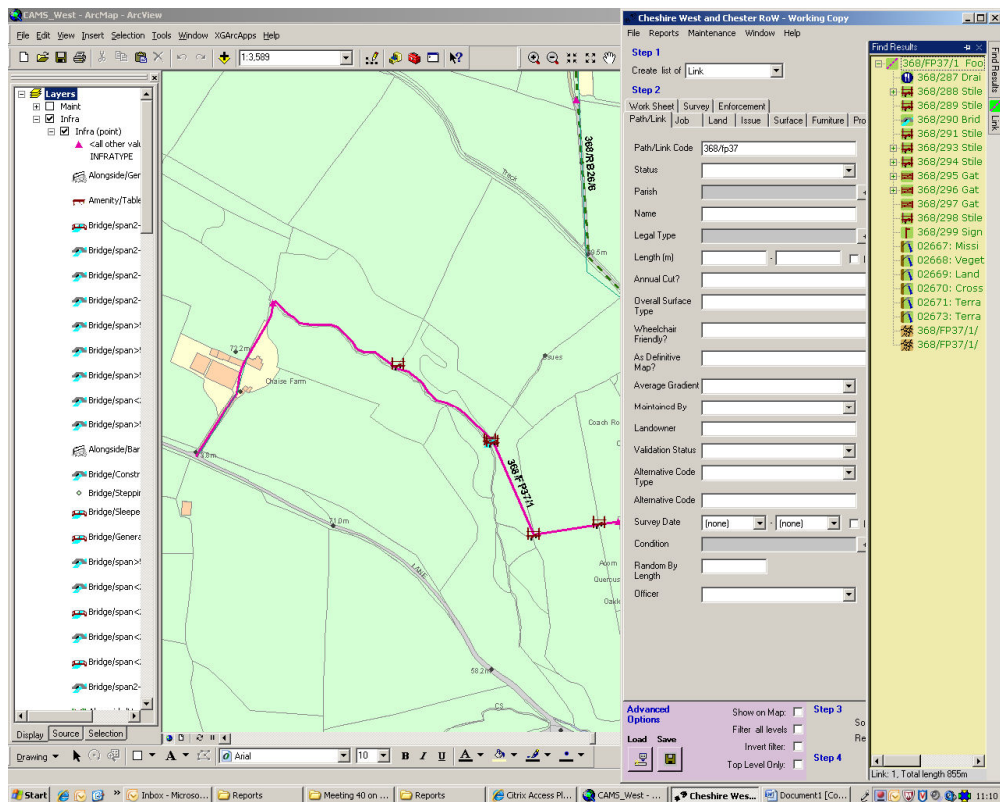


Figure 2

Fig1 snapshot of the mapping detailing Marton FP57

Fig2 CAMS can detail all furniture items and issues relating to this path

Figure 3

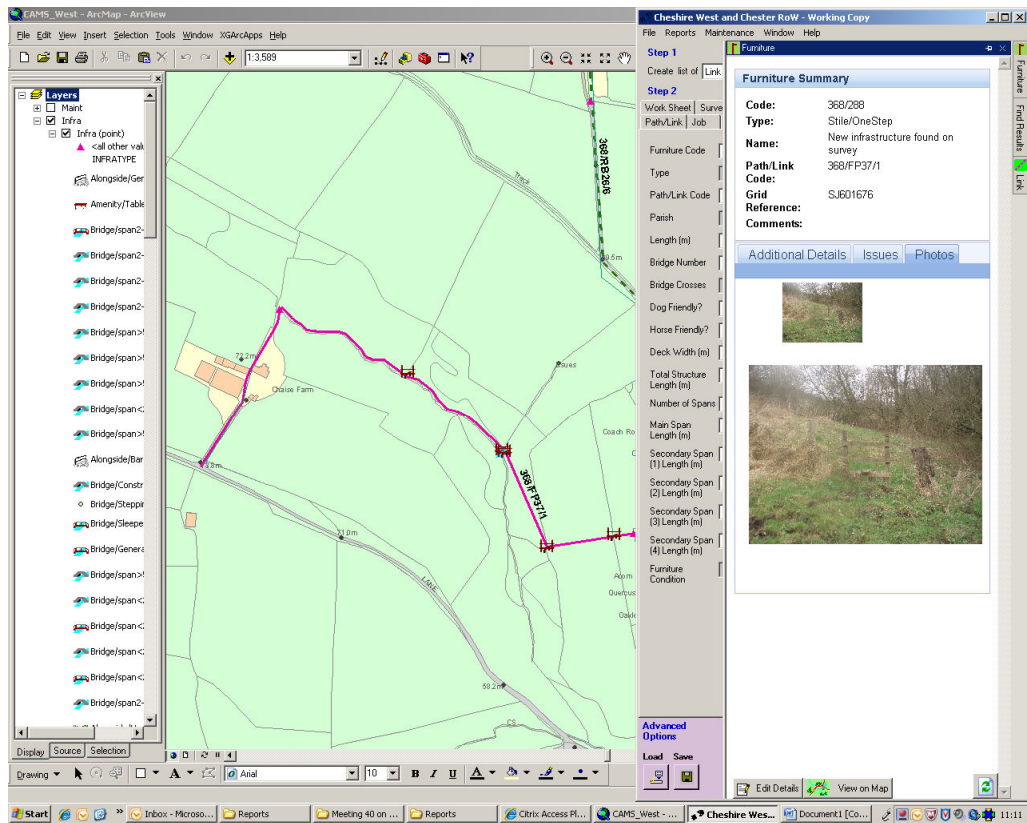


Figure 4

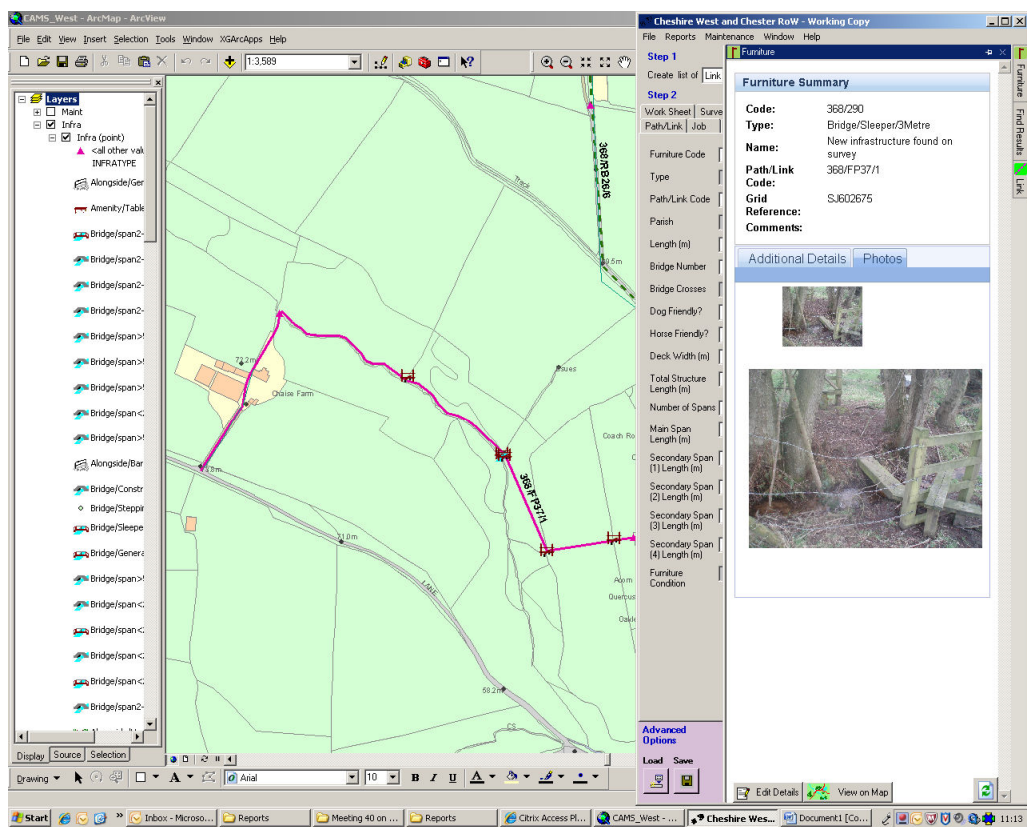


Figure 3 & 4 show the photos available for a few of the furniture items along the route

Figure5

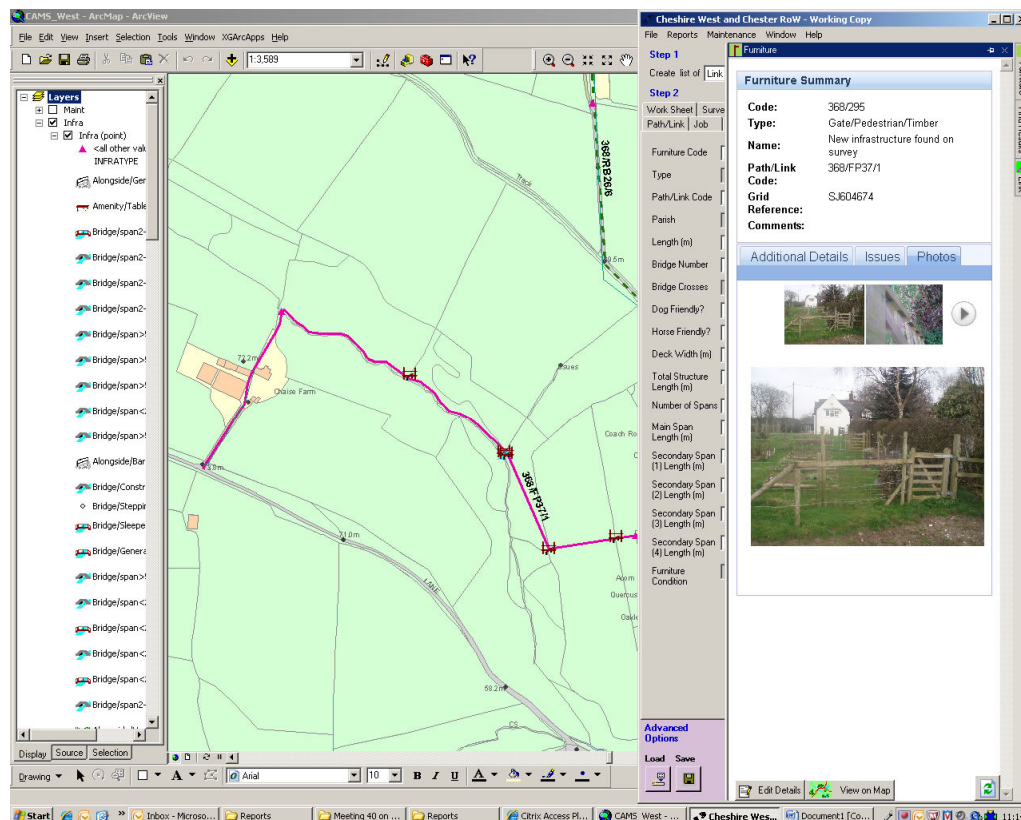


Figure 5 shows the gate at the junction of Clay Lane

At the moment a walker following either Ordnance Survey maps or having looked at the interactive mapping available may have decided to walk along Marton FP57 as a safe off road route, without realising there are several stiles to navigate on route.

With the survey information added to the online mapping a more informed judgment could be made to avoid disappointment and suggestions could be made for improvements

The information above is taken from our CAMS database and as such is just a representation of what information could be displayed. The final interactive mapping would be simple to use and would also allow you to build up layers of information such as train stations and bus stops, car parks and toilet facilities etc.

To view the current online mapping go to the PROW homepage below and follow the link 'view the rights of way network map online'

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/prow

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<u>Cheshire East</u>	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
No of Kms. of PROW	c.1900	c.1900	1928	?
% Easy Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No stiles or steps • Gaps wider than 1m • Firm surface • Gradient no greater than 1:10 • Open corridor (no vegetation issues) 	unknown	unknown	Unknown – assume to be same % as CWAC	?
‘Ease of Use’ Random 5% survey (BVPI)	78% Spring survey 90% autumn survey	86% Spring survey 84% autumn survey	Spring survey being undertaken –results due end June	?
No of Officers(Total)	7.8 FTE	8.8 FTE	7.8 FTE, of which: 3.8 x legal 3x maintenance 1xROWIP	?
Budget Total (‘000)	£511	£460	£440.6	?
Footpath Maintenance (‘000)	£129	£132	£126.4	?
Other funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROWIP capital allowance £24k • LTP additional revenue £25.7k • WREN grant £50k won with British Waterways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROWIP capital allowance £25k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROWIP capital allowance £30k 	?
ROWIP suggestions total cost	n/a	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • estimated £6.76m 	?

<u>Cheshire West and Chester</u>	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
No of Kms. of PROW	c1270km	c1270km	c1270km	c1270km
% Accessible paths (criteria- >1m width, gradient no steeper than 1:10 firm surface, no steps or stiles)	15	15	15 + 2.5% scheduled improvements	17.5 +2.5% scheduled improvements
‘Ease of use’ Local Performance Indicator (criteria- no obstructions, signed off metalled roads can be found off o/s maps)	65 (one annual summer figure)	97 (one annual summer figure)		
No of Officers(Total)	3 Maintenance Officers, 2.3 Legal Team Officers , 0.5 Improvements Projects Officer	3 Maintenance Officers, 2.3 Legal Team Officers, 0.5 Improvements Projects Officer	3 Maintenance Officers, 2.3 Legal Team Officers, 0.3 Improvements Projects Officer	TBC
Budget Total (‘000)	Salaries for the above approx £200k	Salaries for the above approx £200k	Salaries for the above approx £200k	TBC
Footpath Maintenance (‘000)	N/A emergency spend only - actual spend £97k	N/A emergency spend only – actual spend £137k	N/A emergency spend only	TBC
Other funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTP ROWIP capital £24k. SUSTRANS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTP ROWIP capital N/A SUSTRANS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital- £1.25k blue bridge Hartford to 	TBC

	£500k Millenium Greenway	£600k Riversdale Bridge and associated path improvements	Winsford	
ROWIP suggestions total cost	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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MEETING : CHESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
DATE : 24 JUNE 2011

REPORT OF : COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS
Contact : Genni Butler & Denise Snelson
Officer 01606 271817 or 01606 271931

RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN - CURRENT PROJECTS

Updates on current projects are provided for both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester overleaf.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

APPENDIX - PROGRESS ON THE RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Project	Completion date	Partners	Detail and work completed 2011-12	Update June 2011
Bollington – bridge over canal at Clarence Mill to link towpath (FP52 Bollington) with Clarence Road	ongoing	Bollington Civic Society, British Waterways, Friends of Bollington Recreation Ground, adjacent landowner	Project lead = Richard Doran & Civic Society. PROW involvement = helping with any shortfall and dealing with the dedication of a PROW across new structure and down British Waterways' track to park & adjacent circular loop. Opportunities identified and approach made to BW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial BW response received: suggesting permissive path – no further progress to date
LTP Area Programme Crewe and Nantwich – Crewe to Nantwich greenway	Ongoing	Sustrans, Highways, Weaver Valley Regional Park	Creation of new bridleway link between Crewe (Queen's Park) and Nantwich Riverside over land owned by the Beam Heath Trust. Part of the Sustrans 'Connect 2' project using the People's Millions Lottery Money.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowner negotiations continuing Planning permission application in process
Nantwich Riverside Loop	ongoing	British Waterways, Nantwich Town Council, Shropshire Union Canal Society, Nantwich Civic Society, Acton, Henhull and Edleston Parish Council, Riverside Concern, Nantwich in Bloom	Continuing contributions to overall package of projects. Part of Weaver Valley Regional Park. Development of 'Nantwich Riverside Loop' route linking riverside and canal. Path improvements and new bridge. WREN bid successful October 2009 for upgrading towpath as part of Riverside Loop project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch event held with partners May 2011 Evaluation data being received
discovercheshire.co.uk	ongoing	ICT, Tourism colleagues	Population of www.discovercheshire.co.uk and its sister websites Discover Cheshire's Peak District and Discover the Gritstone Trail with promoted walks, cycles and horse rides.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knutsford Rail Walks leaflet routes added
Cheshire East News / other publications	ongoing	Communications teams	Providing news material for Council newsletters and promoting work of PROW/CMS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Walking Month press and website coverage achieved May 2011 Press and website coverage achieved for Nantwich Riverside Loop launch May 2011 Press release issued for National Bike Week June 2011

CESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL UPDATE ON RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS

Project	Completion date	Partners	Detail	Update March 2011
Cuddington new footpath to link bowling green to FP21 Cuddington upgrade to surface and installation of new bridge	2011/12	Cuddington PC,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not within priority funding list for Highway for 2010/11. Capital bid potential for 2011/12 or possibility for external funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital bid for 2011/12 Pursue external funding
Flintshire to Neston Cycleway	Long term	SUSTRANS, CCC Regeneration, Flintshire CC, Engineering Service etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing cycling/walking link between Deeside and Neston. Approach to RSPB has been made by SUSTRANS. RSPB have agreed to permissive footpath, but not to cycling yet. Definitive Map Team dealing with Old Quay and Snab Lane claims – both to be DMMO'd as footpaths. Part of North West Coastal Trail (NWCT) – will be taken forward as part of this project. Authority has sent letter of support to Network Rail to compliment SUSTRANS application for this stretch. I meeting is taking place with landowners on site (RSPB, MoD & Network rail) on 2 December 2010 to progress route The meeting in December was very positive, all landowners confirmed they are happy to progress with a permissive cycle route. There needs to be thorough discussions regarding land management issues in the next few months. Flintshire CC applying for Welsh Assembly funding for their end of the route 2011/12. Cheshire West and Chester will look to secure funding for 2012/13 but will pursue earlier delivery if funding available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMMO priority document has been produced June 2010 Investigate link to Wirral Way 2010
North West Coastal Trail	Long term	NWDA, surrounding authorities, North West Coastal Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merseyside & Cheshire Coastal Access Group meet quarterly. NW Coastal trail proposed route through Frodsham Marsh & Flintshire to Neston cycleway Marine & Coastal Access Act gives Natural England a duty to implement a walking route around the coast by 2020. Working closely to secure both objectives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible source of funding to secure footbridge across Weaver navigation 2011/12

Project	Completion date	Partners	Detail	Update March 2011
Bishop Bennet Way	2011	Road Safety Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetreins Green stretch on the capital bid list, other improvements will be assessed. Road crossing surveyed for improvement possibilities Creation Order in progress to secure stretch at the end of Whitegate Way to join Cuddington BR16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital programme 2011/12
Delamere Loop	2011			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress 2011
Weaver Valley	On going	Weaver Valley Partnership Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dutton horse crossing over £1 million project will be delivered over the next few months, a temporary pontoon crossing will be put in place while the work is undertaken. Weaver Way- Riversdale Bridge completed 2010. Additional footpath improvements along River Dane through Vickers parkway partially completed. Future improvements to tow path from Hartford Blue Bridge to Winsford are scheduled for early 2011 (£150K CW&C capital funding to be confirmed April 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On going project
'Walks for All' Cheshire West and Chester	2011	Volunteer group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No steps no stile, walks for all booklet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Cheshire Show June 2010 Walks on Discover Cheshire April 2011
Accessibility	2011	ICT WEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entire Network Survey information has now been received, reports are being run and issues/anomalies will be assessed for future work programmes and priorities. CAMS data base Fault reporting system will come on line with the new mapping pages Equalities Act training took place March 2011 to assess impact on RoW work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information delivery July 2010 Web package development programme December. Feature to be available Summer 2011
Discover Cheshire	2011	Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New version is now on the web. Additional of walks for all routes and other Greenspace sites will be completed over the next few months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional info regarding parks will be added by the end of March 2011
Cheshire West and Chester publications & events	On going	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New sister web site for Northwich and Rural North will be a magazine type community based website with blogs and updates etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheshire Show 2011- large show feature in the 'Countryside & Rural

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact magazine, • Talking Together Magazine (public services magazine) • Walks for All booklet promoted in both. • Cheshire walks feature article published in national Country Walking magazine • Walks for All information shared on Peak and Northern Footpaths Society website • ROWIP press releases 	<p>section to promote Greenspace Team including access & park improvements projects and allotments.</p>
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