

MEETING : CHESHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM
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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	Update December 2010
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
Bollington upgrade of FP17 to bridleway status	Ongoing	Landowners, KRIV, Bollington Town Council Footpaths Committee	<p>Landowners have agreed to upgrade a footpath to bridleway status. This will link a cul-de-sac bridleway in Rainow parish. Local support and opposition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CE PROW Committee approval gained 10th June 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation agreements awaiting signing and sealing Works ready to proceed Improvements to gates and surfacing done on Rainow Br43
LTP Area Programme Crewe and Nantwich – Crewe to Nantwich greenway	Ongoing	SUSTRANS, Highways, Weaver Valley Regional Park	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for funding secured. Design and landowner negotiations continue. Public consultation exercise to follow. Stakeholder group established CE PROW Committee approval gained 10th June 2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning permission submitted Approvals also needed for Village Green and Registered Common Land Negotiations with landowners continuing Public open day held. Phase 1 opened 1st December
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	<p>Continuing contributions to overall package of projects. Part of Weaver Valley Regional Park.</p> <p>Nov 08 – working on circular '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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Towpath improvement works scheduled for April 2010. Sign posting and waymarking being installed. Leaflet to be published. Signage completed Works delayed by BW until summer 2010 Leaflet being drafted up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BW works delayed Leaflet printed Launch planned early new year

discovercheshire.co.uk	ongoing	ICT, Tourism colleagues	<p>Redevelopment of www.discovercheshire.co.uk and re-launch due summer 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Walks for All leaflet routes uploaded ready for launch • New DiscoverCheshire website launched July 2010 • Horse riding routes from North Cheshire Riders added: Teggs Nose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Horse riding routes from North Cheshire Riders being added • www.discoverthegritstonetrail.co.uk launched
Cheshire East News / other publications	ongoing	Communications teams	<p>Providing news material for Council newsletters and promoting work of PROW/CMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2009 – Middlewich FP14 improvements feature in Middlewich Guardian • May 2010 – Walks for All leaflet launch featured on CE website, CE News, CE internal staff newsletter and Congleton Chronicle, Housing Association newsletters, PCT staff newsletters, Disabled Holiday Information website, local third sector organisations, Ableworld etc. • May/June 2010 - Presentations on the potential of PROW for leisure, health and transport given to Local Area Partnerships and bulletin circulated to Members' • Autumn in Cheshire East' feature on home page of website listed Walks for All, Ranger events and cycling routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft ROWIP press release and consultation publicity • Bulletin sent to all Council Members regarding ROWIP • Walks for All information shared on Peak and Northern Footpaths Society website • Walk4Life website

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

Project	Completion date	Partners	Detail	Update Decmber 2010
Cuddington new footpath to link bowling green to FP21 Cuddington upgrade to surface and installation of new bridge	2011/12	Cuddington PC,	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.	<p>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.</p> <p>Council 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</p>	<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	<p>Merseyside & Cheshire Coastal Access Group meet quarterly. NW Coastal trail proposed route through Frodsham Marsh & Flintshire to Neston cycleway</p> <p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible source of funding to secure footbridge across Weaver navigation 2010/11
Weaver Way and associated projects	2010	Regeneration, British Waterways, Weaver Valley Regional Park partners	<p>Riversdale Bridge to be completed Autumn 2010. Additional footpath improvements along River Dane through Vickers parkway should be completed June 2010.</p> <p>Future improvements to tow path from Hartford Blue Bridge to Winsford are due to start in January 2011 (£250K CW&C capital funding)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riversdale Bridge completion Autumn 2010 Footpath improvements June 2010 Weaver parkway leaflet due in partnership with Weaver Valley New Weaver Way leaflet available from Jo Comerie at the Weaver Valley project team

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Bishop Bennet Way Road	2011	Road Safety Team	Wetreins Green stretch on the 2010/11 capital bid list, other improvements will be assessed. Road crossing surveyed for improvement possibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital programme 2010/11
Weaver Valley	On going	Weaver Valley Partnership Board	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completion December 2010
'Walks for All' Cheshire West and Chester	2010	Volunteer group	No steps no stile, walks for all booklet to be launched at the Cheshire Show stand 2010. Will be available on the web pages and will be uploaded to Discover Cheshire website. Copies sent out to members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Cheshire Show June 2010 Webpage in June 2010 Discover Cheshire upload scheduled for the beginning of December 2010
Accessibility	2010	ICT WEB	Entire Network Survey information has now been received, reports are being run and issues/anomalies will be assessed for future work programmes and priorities. Fault reporting system will come on line with the new mapping pages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information delivery July 2010 Web package development programme December. Feature to be available April 2011
Discover Cheshire	2010	Tourism	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 December 2010
Cheshire West and Chester publications & events	2010	Communications	New sister web site for Northwich and Rural North will be a magazine type community based website with blogs and updates etc. Contact magazine, Talking Together Magazine (public services magazine) Walks for All booklet was promoted in both.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch September 2010 New launch pages of the corporate website are being developed by the Marketing Team