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Policy	ROWIP Ref.	Achievements 2011-2012	Ongoing targets 2012-2013
H2 H3 S7 S8	T84	<p><b>Stapeley Footpath No. 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A safe links to school project funded through the Local Transport Plan's cycling projects with match funding from Sustrans.</li> <li>• The path runs through a park area in a housing estate and connects to the local primary school, shops and other facilities.</li> <li>• Previously muddy and rough surfaced, the path is now wider and tarmaced for all-year use.</li> <li>• Cycle shelters were installed at the school and publicity raised to encourage their use.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>Before</span> <span>After</span> </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> <li>• Linking paths may be improved through landowner and developer contributions, if available.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S8	T82/95 T99  T43	<p><b>LTP Cycling Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Cycle Network routes 55 &amp; 73 signage in Congleton.</li> <li>• Cycle route link from the new Alderley Edge bypass to Astra Zeneca employment site.</li> <li>• Leighton Greenway in Crewe.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> <li>• Completion of works.</li> <li>• Promotion of active travel options in Crewe through Local Sustainable Transport Fund (if bid is successful).</li> </ul>



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H2 H3 S7	T24	<p><b>Pickmere Footpath No. 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A safe links to school project in partnership with Pickmere Parish Plan and part funded by Cheshire West and Chester Council.</li> <li>• The path runs from Pickmere village to the local primary school in Wincham and avoids a busy road.</li> <li>• Previously un-surfaced, the path now has a compacted stone surface for all-year use.</li> </ul> <div>   </div> <p>Before                      After</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> </ul>
H2 H3	W73	<p><b>Wilmslow Footpath Nos. 89 and 134</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A path linking housing with the countryside and also used by an annual sponsored run.</li> <li>• A compacted stone surface and steps were installed to resolve the muddy surface and slope problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> </ul>


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H2 H3 S7	W69	<b>Wistaston Joey-the Swan access</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inaccessible restriction to park land along the Wistaston Brook.</li> <li>Access was improved through liaison between the Connect2 Crewe to Nantwich Greenway Stakeholder Group and Parks team.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project completed.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	T100	<b>Connect2 Crewe to Nantwich Greenway</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of a traffic-free cycle route between the two towns, funded by Sustrans and developer contributions.</li> <li>Led by our Highways Department and monitored by a Stakeholder Group, the project has already delivered cycle routes within Crewe and Nantwich towns.</li> <li>The remaining link will be established as a public bridleway for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders to use.</li> <li>Planning, Commons Land and Village Green applications submitted.</li> <li>Preparation of a creation agreement for a new public bridleway section to link the Crewe and Nantwich sections of the route.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signing of creation agreement.</li> <li>Construction works.</li> <li>Promotion of route with third sector groups organising events.</li> </ul>
H2 H3	C2	<b>Congleton Bridleway No. 34</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolved drainage issues on public bridleway which leads from Buglawton estate onto the Macclesfield Canal towpath.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project completed.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7	W74	<b>Alderley Edge Bypass</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A stone surfaced path was installed to connect the rural footpath network and pedestrian overbridge with the roadside cycle track, as suggested by consultees.</li> <li>Delivered by Highways project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project completed.</li> </ul>


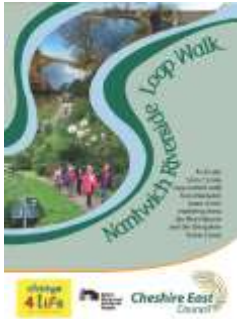
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H2 H3 S7 S8	T56	<p><b>Poynton Footpath No. 30 and Adlington No. 76</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A safe links to school project funded by Sustrans and delivered by Economic Development in partnership with Poynton High School and Poynton Village Improvement Scheme.</li> <li>Routes have been widened, surfaced and drainage issues resolved.</li> <li>Destination signage and interpretation boards to encourage active travel have been installed.</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>Project completed.</li> </ul>
H3	W15 W16 W18 W20 W22 H16 H17	<p><b>Road Safety Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultees have raised a number of locations of road safety concern, including those on promoted routes.</li> <li>Road Safety Officers in Highways consulted to assess risk and possible mitigation measures.</li> <li>Requests to adjacent landowners for permissive paths so as to remove road walking or improve crossing locations have been made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3	X15	<p><b>Long Distance Horse and Cycle Ride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiated by Laureen Roberts of North Cheshire Riders, this project sees the development of Cheshire East's first long distance horse ride.</li> <li>Designed to offer a long distance ride bringing benefits to the local economy.</li> <li>The route, also being promoted to cyclists, consists of 2 loops: the Cheshire Cheese Loop and the Heritage Loop.</li> <li>Funded through a grants from the British Equestrian Federation , the British Horse Society, Hoof! Cheshire and contributions from local riding groups.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch event for Cheshire Cheese Loop.</li> <li>Ongoing work for Heritage Loop.</li> </ul>
H2 H3	W75	<p><b>Poynton Footpath No. 7 – Princes Incline</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A popular wooded and relatively long route leading from Poynton village centre towards the Middlewood Way and Macclesfield Canal towpath.</li> <li>The only stile on the route was replaced by a medium mobility kissing gate in agreement with the landowner.</li> <li>A further section of the surface of the route was improved to resolve drainage issues and a muddy surface.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing access improvements as agreement and funding permit.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3	W67 X14	<p><b>Nantwich Riverside Loop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A promoted, circular walking route linking the riverside and canal and encouraging people to explore that little bit further.</li> <li>• Delivered with partners including Nantwich Riverside Stakeholders, British Waterways and multiple local organisations.</li> <li>• Part funded by WREN grant.</li> <li>• The project improved the route, installed signage and also improved disabled access to the lakeside path.</li> <li>• A launch event was held in May 2011 with associated publicity and an evaluation has been conducted on the value of the route and leaflet.</li> <li>• A revised leaflet was published in the summer of 2011.</li> <li>• Additional signage as suggested was installed to draw attention to the Loop from the northern riverside area.</li> <li>• Planting of saplings to strengthen the towpath hedge completed the project.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Launch Event</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Reprinted leaflet</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3	H20	<p><b>Ollerton Bridleway No. 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A long route in a popular livery stable area, suffering from poor surface conditions in winter rendering it unusable.</li> <li>• Surface improvements made to create a year-round route.</li> <li>• 75% funded by contributions from local riders and riders' groups.</li> </ul> <div>   </div> <p>Before                      After</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> <li>• Connecting highways to be improved if possible.</li> <li>• This bridleway forms part of a long distance horse and cycle ride developed.</li> </ul>
	X15	<p><b>Discover Cheshire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website promoting routes, sites and visitor economy facilities in the countryside.</li> <li>• Partners include Visitor Economy, CWAC, Mersey Forest.</li> <li>• Many new walking and horse riding routes added including Knutsford Rail Walks and Wistaston Community Opportunities Group's walk.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued adding of new walking, cycling and horse riding routes.</li> </ul>





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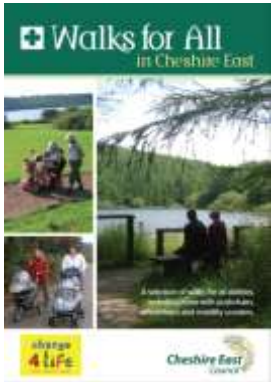
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H2 H3	X7 X15 W75	<p><b>Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various stiles across Cheshire East have been replaced with gates with landowners' permission.</li> <li>This has included some promoted routes which has some routes stile-free, for example Chelford village walk and Ashley Rail Trail.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="497 555 900 860" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="490 860 598 893" data-label="Caption"> <p>Before</p> </div> <div data-bbox="943 555 1346 860" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="929 860 1010 893" data-label="Caption"> <p>After</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing improvements where suggested and landowners permission granted.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Planning Applications, Pre-Applications and Local Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning applications are commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding.</li> <li>Aspirations for active travel and leisure routes are compiled for large developments at the pre-application stage and thereafter.</li> <li>Developer contributions through S106 agreements and unilateral undertakings are sought and delivered.</li> <li>Input from Public Rights of Way and Countryside perspective into Local Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing, as arising.</li> </ul>



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	X15	<p><b>Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press releases achieved for various projects and events including National Walking Month and National Bike Week.</li> <li>Feature article appeared in Cheshire East News on the Nantwich Riverside Loop.</li> <li>Astbury Mere Walk4Life route ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> most visited route on national website.</li> </ul> <div>   </div> <p>Open Air Map Reading Event      Walk4Life waymark</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing to coincide with national and local events and projects.</li> </ul>
S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Local Sustainable Transport Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A bid has been prepared by Highways to this national government fund, focusing on smarter travel within Crewe.</li> <li>ROWIP suggestions and active travel included in bid.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting bid results.</li> </ul>
S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>A556 and SEMMMS road schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input of aspirations and comments on designs given from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3	X15	<b>Walks for All Leaflet</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A popular leaflet describing accessible walks across Cheshire East.</li> <li>Revised and republished in the summer of 2011.</li> </ul>  <p>Revised leaflet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.Project completed.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<b>Mapping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance with mapping provided to Cheshire East departments, for example for countryside grant applications, and third sector groups producing walks leaflets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing, as requested.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<b>Rights of Way Consultative Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of reports and meetings.</li> <li>Establishment of register of volunteers and issuance of Letters of Authority.</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>Cheshire Local Access Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretariat duties for Forum, a voluntary body which advises the Council on matters relating to countryside access.</li> </ul>   <p>CLAF Members on site visit to footbridge over Alderley Edge bypass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>