

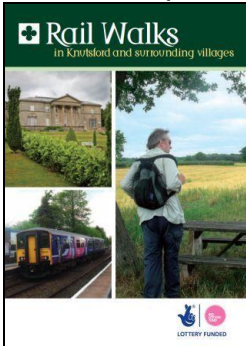
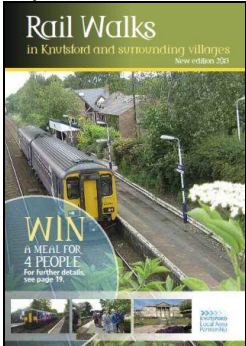






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H2 H3 S7 S8	T100	<p><b>Connect2 Crewe to Nantwich Greenway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development of a traffic-free cycle route between the two towns, funded by Sustrans' Connect2 project.</li> <li>Led by Cheshire East Highways with the support of a Stakeholder Group.</li> <li>Central link between the towns established as a public bridleway via a creation agreement with landowner.</li> <li>Official opening event held on first day of spring with 100 people attending and press publicity.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Signage on greenway                      Opening event attendees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project largely completed.</li> <li>Signage to be installed.</li> <li>Leaflet to be published.</li> <li>Ongoing publicity through user group organised events.</li> </ul>
H2, H3	X7	<p><b>Knutsford Rail Walks Leaflet Revision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision of leaflet with Local Area Partnership and Mid Cheshire Rail Users' Association.</li> <li>Includes improved maps and directions to assist walkers.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publishing and distribution 2013.</li> <li>Evaluation survey being undertaken online.</li> </ul>






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H2 H3	W54	<p><b>Goostrey Path North</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with Goostrey Footpath Group and Cheshire Farms Service to achieve long-held aspiration to create new public footpaths linking Goostrey village with the wider public rights of way network.</li> <li>Part-funded by Goostrey Footpath Group.</li> <li>The Footpath Group are publishing a leaflet incorporating the new route into circular walk and have an official launched planned.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="618 470 940 906" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="981 470 1281 906" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Mayor of Cheshire East opening the path and the new walks leaflet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project completed.</li> <li>Official opening planned May 2013 with leaflet publication.</li> </ul>
H2 H3	various	<p><b>Paths for Communities Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice and assistance to prospective applicants for Natural England's Paths for Communities fund.</li> <li>Successful applications need to establish new public rights of way.</li> <li>Dane Meadow project in Holmes Chapel, see above, awarded grant.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1500 1021 1646 1161" data-label="Image"> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7	T85	<p><b>Sandbach Footpath No. 33</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surfacing of an urban footpath to create a year-round walking route.</li> <li>• The route links housing with convenience store and forms a direct, off-road link towards the town centre for local residents.</li> <li>• Includes destination signage to encourage use.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <span>Before</span> <span>After</span> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	T25	<p><b>Dane Meadow Access Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice and assistance to Dane Meadow Programme Board in development of externally-funded project to improve access within Dane Meadow public open space in Holmes Chapel.</li> <li>• Portfolio Holder and Committee approval secured to create new public rights of way protecting public access for perpetuity.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <span>Grass surface path</span> <span>Path to have surface improvements.</span> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work ongoing.</li> </ul>

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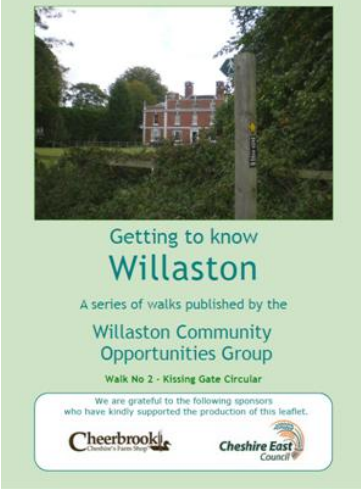

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H2 H3	X12 X15	<p><b>Long Distance Horse and Cycle Ride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiated by Laureen Roberts of North Cheshire Riders, this project sees the development of Cheshire East's first long distance horse ride.</li> <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> <li>2012-2013 saw the signage and publicity for the Heritage Loop route.</li> </ul>  	<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, although unsuccessful to date.</li> <li>Warning triangles for drivers installed at promoted route crossing points.</li> </ul>   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing, as opportunities arise.</li> </ul>







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H2 H3 S7	Various X7 X15 W75	<p><b>Accessibility Improvements to Public Rights of Way Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of stiles with more accessible gates;</li> <li>• Wilmslow Footpath No. 70 - improvements to walking route to schools;</li> <li>• Aston by Budworth Footpath No. 3 – surface improvements;</li> <li>• Adlington Footpath No. 52 – surface improvements and fencing;</li> <li>• Alderley Edge Footpath No. 7 – boardwalk construction and surfacing;</li> <li>• Disley Footpath No. 39 - surface improvements and fencing;</li> <li>• Disley Footpath No. 50 – drainage and surface improvements;</li> <li>• Lyme Handley Footpath No. 8 – revetment works and surfacing works;</li> <li>• Wilmslow Restricted Byway No. 12 – surface improvements;</li> <li>• Wilmslow Footpath No. 19 – boardwalk construction;</li> <li>• Wilmslow Footpath No. 43 – surface improvements;</li> <li>• Sutton Bridleway No. 28 - installation of a bridge over an incised stream where previously there was none; and,</li> <li>• Bollington Footpath Nos. 30 &amp; 31 - re-laying uneven paving stones and improvement of drainage on popular path along Kerridge Ridge.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Bollington Footpath Nos. 30 &amp; 31 before</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>After on the same path</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects completed.</li> </ul>


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H2 H3 S7 S8	T1, X10 T45  T2  W27	<p><b>Assistance to Local User Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice and assistance to local user groups in their planning of access improvements and external funding bids, including:</li> <li>• Disley Footpath Society towpath improvement project;</li> <li>• Bollington Town Council and Canal and Rivers Trust for towpath improvements and links to the towpath in the town;</li> <li>• Chelford Village Implementation Plan to improve access to village community hall and facilities including a new public right of way;</li> <li>• Sandbach Brook Wood path project;</li> <li>• South East Cheshire Cycling Action Group;</li> <li>• Henbury Parish Council permissive paths project; and,</li> <li>• Church Minshull Parish Council permissive path project.</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing, as arising.</li> </ul>
S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Local Sustainable Transport Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful result for Cheshire East's bid to this national government fund, focusing on smarter travel within Crewe.</li> <li>• ROWIP suggestions and active travel included.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery ongoing</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<b>Planning Applications, Pre-Applications and Local Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning applications are commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, putting forward ROWIP aspirations.</li> <li>Developer contributions secured through section 106 agreements and unilateral undertakings.</li> <li>Input from Public Rights of Way and Countryside into Local Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing, as arising.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	X15	<b>Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press releases achieved for various projects and events including National Walking Month and the launch of the new Bollin Valley Cycle Trail for National Bike Week and the opening of the Connect2 Crewe to Nantwich Greenway.</li> <li>Twitter and Facebook feeds for all news items and additions of routes to Discover Cheshire website.</li> <li>Re-design of waymarks to include text to indicate status of public right of way.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">     </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing to coincide with national and local events and projects.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<b>Mapping</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assistance with mapping provided to Cheshire East departments, including the Countryside Ranger Service for grant applications and management plans.</li> <li>Assistance with mapping for third sector groups producing walks leaflets.</li> <li>Mapping for London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay route, homecoming events and ancillary requirements.</li> <li>Plotting of all promoted routes onto CAMS GIS mapping database for ease of identification of issues and routes affected by planning applications and temporary closures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing, as requested.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<b>Local Access Forum</b> <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> <li>Recruitment advertising, selection and training for new Cheshire East Local Access Forum.</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S8	T82/95  T43 T83	<b>Local Transport Plan Cycling Schemes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycle route link from the new Alderley Edge bypass to Astra Zeneca employment site.</li> <li>Extension of Leighton Greenway in Crewe.</li> <li>Formalisation of cycle route between Solly Crescent and Newcastle Road, Congleton.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project completed.</li> <li>Project completed.</li> <li>Project completed.</li> <li>Promotion of active travel options in Crewe through Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Department for Communities Fund.</li> </ul>



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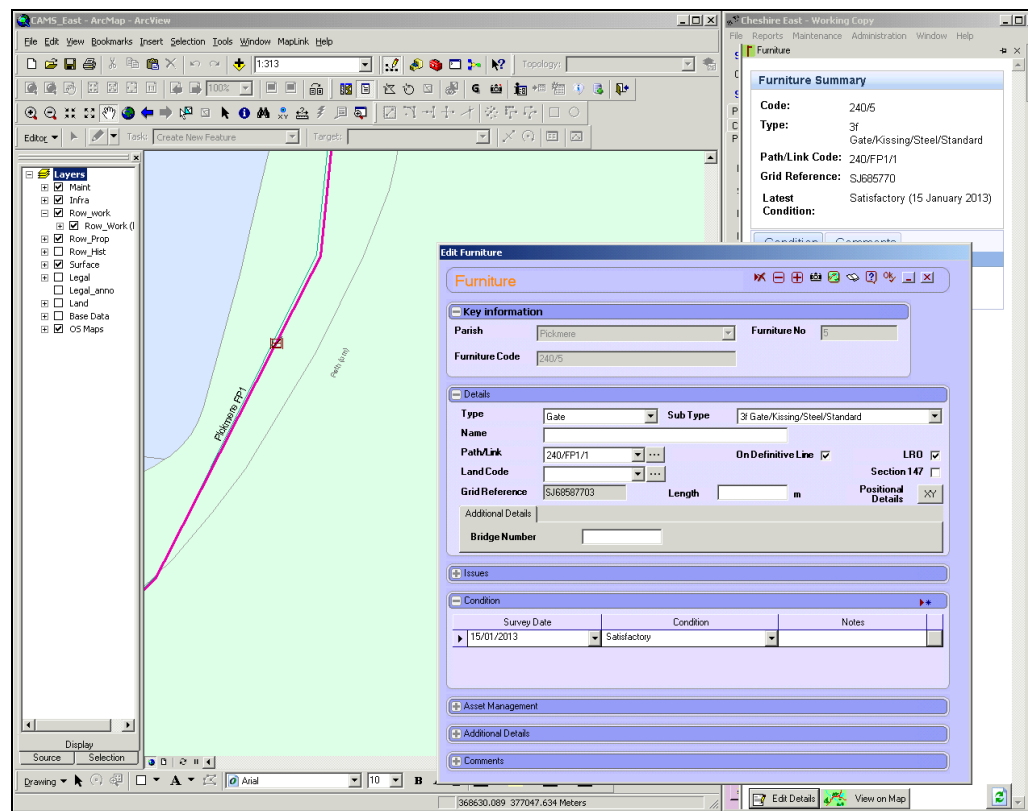
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S7 S8	Various	<p><b>A556, SEMMMS and Crewe Green Link Road Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input of ROWIP aspirations and comments on designs given from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding.</li> </ul>  <p>SEMMS artist's impression</p>  <p>A556 Consultation</p>  <p>SEMMS proposal plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>

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H2, H3	X15	<p><b>Discover Cheshire Website</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>New walking, cycling and horse riding routes added including the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Getting to Know Willaston series, the Bollin Valley Way, the Bollin Valley Cycle Trail and 3 walks from the It's All About Alsager Series and 2 walks from the Hassall Green Explorer leaflet .</li> </ul>  <p>Screen image from <a href="http://www.discovercheshire.co.uk">www.discovercheshire.co.uk</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued adding of new walking, cycling and horse riding routes.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Rights of Way Consultative Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation of reports and meetings.</li> <li>Management of register of volunteers and issuance of Letters of Authority.</li> <li>Launch of pilot volunteer network survey to gather path furniture and surface information in 5 parishes and input that data into CAMS GIS mapping database for use by officers initially, and, in the long term, by the public via Interactive Mapping on the Council's website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> <li>Review of network survey pilot to be undertaken.</li> </ul>



Screen image of CAMS GIS mapping database