







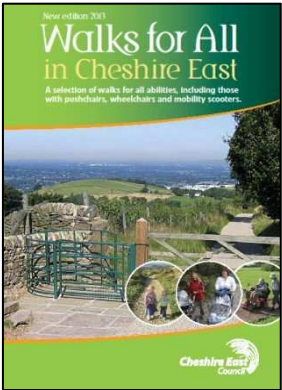
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H2 H3 H7 H8	T9       T25	<p><b>Paths for Communities Fund projects</b></p> <p>The Carrs bridleway in Wilmslow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ completion of signage to clarify usage, destinations and distances on routes in the area.</li> <li>○ river bank stabilisation works completed to help protect new bridleway from erosion.</li> </ul> <p>Dane Meadow new footpaths and bridleway in Holmes Chapel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ completion of improvement works on public footpath which provides access to the Dane Meadow and Cranage village.</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;"> <p>Before</p> <p>After</p> </div>	<p>Projects completed. Additional signage to be installed.</p>
H2 H3 S7	T117	<p><b>Middlewood Way Station access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessibility improvements for pedestrian access to Middlewood Station to encourage use of public transport option.</li> <li>• Including path surfacing works, lighting and ramp to avoid steps.</li> <li>• Project scoping and design undertaken.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project delivery.</li> </ul>

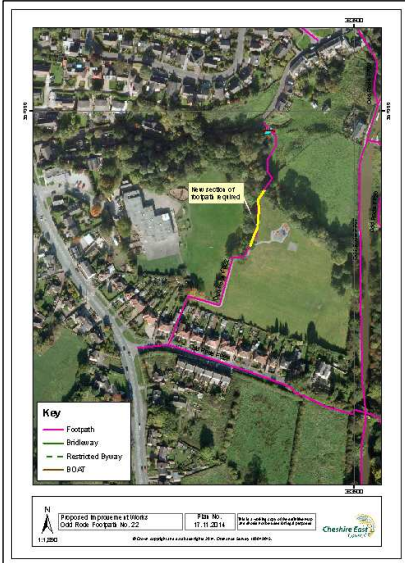
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H2 H3	X6	<b>Public Health Transformation Fund</b> Bid submitted for development of local promoted walk in area of Crewe where activity levels are lowest. Bid includes proposals for access improvements and promotion via led walks and training of volunteer walks leaders to maintain local ongoing interest. Partnerships with South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group and GP practices, Local Area Partnership and AgeUK Cheshire, to encourage walkers who will benefit most.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of project.</li> </ul>
H2 H3 S7 S8	W65 W91 T25  W84	<b>Assistance to Local User Groups / Parish &amp; Town Councils</b> <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:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Goostrey Footpaths Group proposal for dedication of new PROW.</li> <li>○ Bollington Initiative Trust proposal for dedication of new PROW.</li> <li>○ Cranage and Holmes Chapel Parish Councils assessed demand for proposed off-road bridleway between communities.</li> <li>○ Canal and River Trust delivered access improvements between towpath and PROW on canal bridge at Church Minshull, in partnership with Parish Council.</li> </ul> </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>• Ongoing, as arising.</li> </ul>

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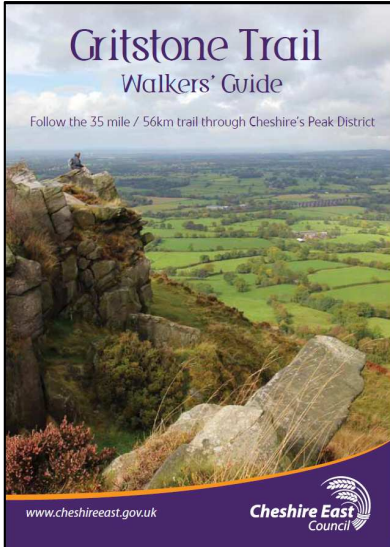
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H2 H3 S7	T69	<b>Congleton Footpath No. 23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congleton Partnership submitted successful bid to Cheshire East Partnerships for funding.</li> <li>Route is Congleton Footpath No. 23, forming continuation of Dane Walkway and Dane Valley Way.</li> <li>Scheme to be delivered by Cheshire East Highways.</li> <li>To improve accessibility as far as practical and to improve aesthetics of route to encourage use.</li> </ul>	 Project delivery.
S7 S8	n/a	<b>Local Sustainable Transport Fund</b> <p>Continued delivery of active travel infrastructure and promotional schemes focusing on smarter travel within Crewe, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>destination signposting.</li> <li>creation of off-road cycle tracks.</li> <li>cycle parking and toucan crossings.</li> <li>development of Smarter Travel map in printed and online formats.</li> </ul>	 Project completed.
H2, H3	X7	<b>More Walks for All Leaflet development</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In partnership with Cheshire East Local Access Forum.</li> <li>Development of leaflet suggesting 9 easy access walks in the borough to supplement existing popular Walks for All leaflet.</li> <li>Most routes accessible by public transport.</li> <li>Volunteers suggested suitable routes, undertook initial site surveys, took photos and wrote up information for leaflet.</li> <li>Agreement from landowner partners obtained, content drafted and leaflet design and print commissioned.</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish leaflet.</li> <li>Publicity.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7 S8	Various  W90  X10	<p><b>Planning Applications, Pre-Applications and Local Plan</b></p> <p>Planning applications and pre-applications commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, putting forward ROWIP aspirations.</p> <p>Developer contributions secured through section 106 agreements and unilateral undertakings.</p> <p>Input from Public Rights of Way and Countryside into emerging Cheshire East Local Plan.</p> <p>Odd Rode Footpath No. 22 section 106: project to improve footpath access between houses, medical centre and playing field, being scheduled for Easter 2015, in partnership with Scholar Green School and Odd Rode Parish Council.</p> <p>Towpath improvements in Elworth, Sandbach: preparation for delivery of surfacing project to create circular walk and ride options for residents of new housing development, in partnership with Canal and River Trust.</p>	Ongoing, as arising.
		 <p>Odd Rode Footpath No. 22</p>	
H2 H3 S8	T37	<p><b>Crewe Footpath Cycle Track Order</b></p> <p>Development of ROWIP suggestion from Local Area Partnership and Sustrans.</p> <p>Proposal to convert status of footpaths Nos. 3 (part) and 36 to cycle track on route used by both pedestrians and cyclists.</p> <p>Route runs from residential areas of Crewe and village beyond towards town centre.</p> <p>Project in partnership with Cheshire East Highways.</p> <p>Legal Order made and advertised: objections received.</p>	Referral of Order and objections to Department for Transport for determination.





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H2 H3 S7 S8	X15	<p><b>Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nantwich Riverside Loop: revision and reprint of promoted walk leaflet.</li> <li>Gritstone Trail: revision and reprint of promoted walk leaflet.</li> </ul> <p>Articles submitted for partnership newsletters, including NFU. Newsletters and social media feeds made for all news items.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>Revised leaflet front covers: Nantwich Riverside Loop and Gritstone Trail</p>	Work ongoing to coincide with national and local events and projects.
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Mapping</b></p> <p>Assistance with mapping provided to Cheshire East departments, including the Countryside Ranger Service for grant applications and management plans. Assistance with mapping for third sector groups producing walks leaflets. Compliance with INSPIRE EU Directive ensured.</p>	Ongoing, as requested.

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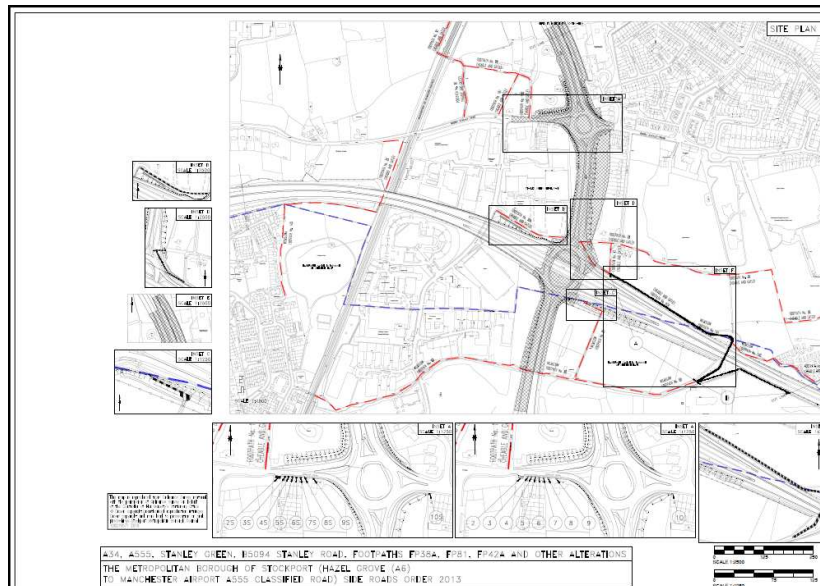
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H2 H3 S7	T118	<p><b>High Legh route to school</b></p> <p>Contribution to project led by Parish Plan team. Creation of a path away from roads, through an area of greenspace. To act as a safer route to encourage walking to village school.</p> <div data-bbox="477 373 1055 815" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Before</p> <div data-bbox="1070 373 1641 815" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>After</p>	Project completed.
H2 H3 S8	X14	<p><b>Local Transport Plan Cycling Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contributions to LTP active travel cycling schemes.</li> <li>Cycling Seminars held to improve communication between Council and local cycling user groups.</li> <li>Cycling Champion appointed.</li> <li>Development of Cycling Strategy initiated.</li> <li>Revision of <a href="#">cycling webpages</a> undertaken.</li> </ul> <div data-bbox="1142 917 1671 1233" data-label="Image"> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work ongoing.</li> </ul>

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><b>Cheshire East Local Access Forum</b></p>  <p>Secretariat duties for Forum, a voluntary body which advises the Council on matters relating to countryside access.  Priority areas of work progressed in safety on rural lanes, publicity of the Forum and accessibility of the countryside.  Frequent newspaper publicity secured and national LAF newsletter article published.  Forum negotiated changes to A556 new road scheme designs.  Forum responded to numerous consultations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canal and River Trust sharing towpaths.</li> <li>○ Cheshire East Local Plan.</li> <li>○ Cheshire East Parks Strategy.</li> <li>○ Department for Transport Cycling Delivery Plan.</li> <li>○ Natural England Dog Walking Advice.</li> </ul> <p>Rural Road safety meeting held with Parish and Town Councils.</p>  <p>Rural road safety meeting discussion</p>	Work ongoing.

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S7 S8	Various	<p><b>A556, SEMMMS, Congleton Link Road, Poynton Relief Road and Crewe Green Link Road Schemes</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Influencing road scheme designs and Side Road Orders to achieve best possible outcomes for non-motorised users.</p> <p>Extinguishment Order made for section of Footpath affected Crewe Green Link Road (Order not to be confirmed due to change to road scheme).</p>	Work ongoing.



A556 Start of works leaflet (left) and SEMMMS Side Road Order plan (right)



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H2, H3	X15	<p><b>Discover Cheshire Website</b>  <a href="http://www.discovercheshire.co.uk">www.discovercheshire.co.uk</a>.  Website promoting walking, cycling and horse riding routes.  Also highlights nearby visitor economy facilities in the countryside, such as refreshment stops and accommodation.  Partners include Visitor Economy team, Marketing Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Mersey Forest.  Redeveloped website now mobile compatible and combined with other websites to act as the 'one-stop shop' for visitors to Cheshire.  Amends and updates to walking, cycling and horse riding routes made, as arising.</p>  <p>Screen image from website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing as arising.</li> </ul>

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