

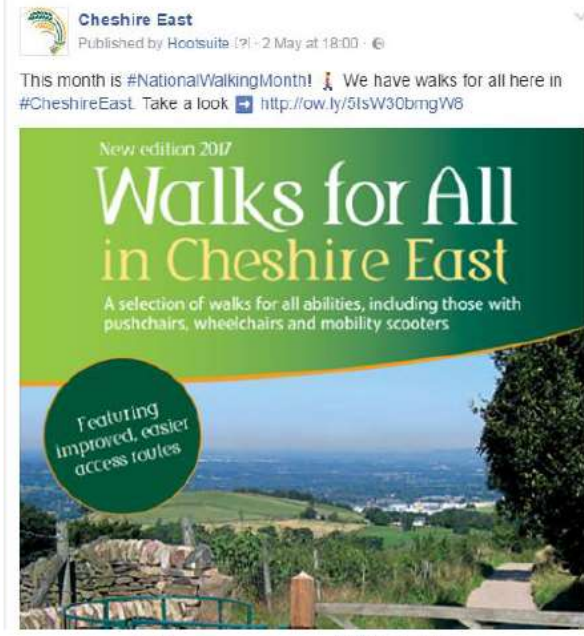


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Policy Ref.	ROWIP Ref.	Achievements 2017-2018	Ongoing targets 2018-2019
H2 H3 S7 S8	Various	<p>Planning Applications, Pre-Applications and Developer Contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning applications and pre-applications commented upon from the perspective of active travel and leisure walking, cycling and horseriding, putting forward ROWIP aspirations. Developer contributions sought and secured for off-site improvement through section 106 agreements and unilateral undertakings. Securing improvements to Public Rights of Way and other walking and cycling access routes, to be delivered by developers within sites. Congleton North Masterplanning: seeking to deliver the aspiration in the Masterplan for an 'East-West Greenway' through individual planning applications. Delivery of s106-funded improvement works in Wilmslow and Sandbach. Inclusion of local walks leaflets in developer's home information packs issued to new residents. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>Crewe Footpath No. 6 retained and enhanced through a development site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing, as arising. S106 funding to be used to improve routes in, Nantwich, Alsager, Wilmslow and Disley.
H2 H3 S7	T181	<p>Sandbach Footpath No. 46 and 51: this footpath forms a key link between a major development area and the railway station. In order to permit investment in the route to improve its accessibility and aesthetics, a legal order process was required to resolve an anomaly in the status of Public Footpath. This has been completed and improvement works to the path have been scoped and are due for delivery during 2018-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing.





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H2 H3 S7 S8	X15	<p>Publicity to promote walking, cycling and horse riding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articles submitted for Partnership Newsletters, other newsletters and social media feeds for all news items. Suggestions for walks, cycle rides and horse riding routes published on www.discovercheshire.co.uk. Suggestions for walks and rides shared with health and wellbeing teams, medical centres and Clinical Commissioning Groups for prescription to patients, as well as display banners screen slide shows and leaflets for patients to pick up. Local walks leaflets shared with housing developer to insert in new home owners' welcome packs so that residents receive information on where to walk near their new home. <div data-bbox="526 630 1243 1404"> <p>Facebook</p>  </div> <p>Example of a Facebook post during National Walking Month in May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing.



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H2 H3 S8	T194	<p>Sandbach Footpath No. 6: continued working to improve accessibility along the footpath to connect a primary school with an area agreed for parent parking following on from surfacing and lighting works the previous year. The path also forms a link between a new housing development site and the school and onwards to the town centre. Through the planning consent, the developer was conditioned to surface the path to create a year-round usable route.</p>   <p>The surfaced path and link path into school grounds, improved from a muddy track.</p>   <p>New gate accessible arrangement replaced restrictive narrow gate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project completed.


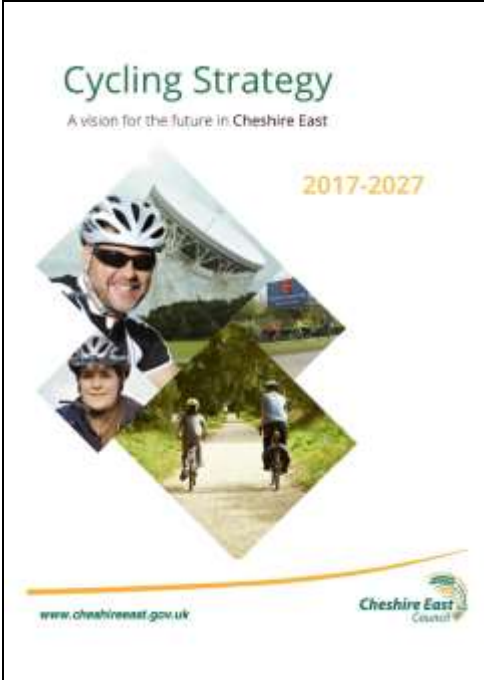
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H2 H3 S7 S8	T47 T73	<p>Trent and Mersey Canal Towpath, Elworth</p> <p>Using section 106 agreement funding secured from nearby housing developments, the Canal and River Trust were able to deliver improvements to the accessibility of the towpath in the Elworth area. New housing estates adjacent to the canal mean that new residents could use the towpath for both leisure walks and rides, and as a means to travel to places that they need to go. The improvements include laying a self-binding gravel surface to provide a route that is suitable for year-round use, and the removal of barriers which made access difficult or impossible for disabled people or those with buggies or bikes.</p> <div>  <p>Before</p>  <p>After</p>  <p>Improved route near new homes</p>  <p>Accessible towpath surface</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed.


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H2 H3	N/a	<p>Mapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance with mapping provided to Cheshire East departments, including the Countryside Ranger Service for grant applications and management plans. Assessment of the Ordnance Survey's new Greenspace dataset for the purposes of planning and management of environmental, transport and health related strategies and projects. <p>Preservation of historical records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project to conserve historical records which led up to the Definitive Map and Statement, the legal record of Public Rights of Way. Cheshire Archives have restored and encapsulated 147 Draft Maps to protect them for the future. The Draft Maps are also being digital scanned to create accessible records which can be used from Officers' desks. Copies of the Draft Maps mean that the original documents can be stored securely and handled only when necessary. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>Photo of a Draft Map (left) and a Provisional Map sheet (right)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing. Ongoing.

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H2 H3 S8	X14	<p>Local Transport Plan active travel schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions to active travel cycling schemes including work towards the completion of the A538 Altrincham Road cycletrack between Wilmslow and Manchester Airport and related funding bids. Implementation of Council's Cycling Strategy and input into refresh of Local Transport Plan. Continuation of monitoring at 10 sites around the borough to gather data on cycling usage. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>Local Transport Plan refresh consultation and adopted Cycling Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing.

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H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	<p><u>Cheshire East Countryside Access Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat duties for Forum, a statutory body, whose members are volunteers, which advises the Council on matters relating to countryside access. The Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided input into scheme design for Poynton Relief Road, Middlewich Eastern Bypass, Leighton West Spine Road, A500, M6 J19 and HS2. ○ Monitored the Rights of Way Improvement Plan delivery and Public Rights of Way team resources. ○ Progressed priority areas of work through working groups on safety on rural lanes, publicity of the Forum, waterways and accessibility of the countryside. ○ Secured review of Wheelock Rail Trail crossing of A534 Wheelock Bypass for safety of non-motorised users crossing road. ○ Responded to Active Cheshire's consultation on its Physical Activity Blueprint. ○ Was represented at the Cheshire Road Safety Conference and met with Officers of Cheshire Police. The Forum's '<u>Driving Safely on Rural Roads</u>' leaflet was used in the Constabulary's <i>Think!</i> road safety campaign on social media. ○ Decided to change the name of the Forum from 'Local Access Forum' to 'Countryside Access Forum' as it was often considered that the word 'access' related solely to disability access. ○ Continues to generate publicity on a number of topics through letters, the Connected Communities newsletters, local newspapers and partners, focussing on the work of the Forum under its other priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing.

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H3 S7 S8	Various	Road and rail infrastructure schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influencing road and rail infrastructure schemes through design development, the planning system and Side Road Orders to achieve best possible outcomes for non-motorised users, and ensuring delivery of infrastructure on the ground as well as legal records. A556, Leighton West Spine Road, SEMMMS A6-Manchester Airport Relief Road, Congleton Link Road, A500, M6 J19, Crewe Green Roundabout, Sydney Road Bridge, M6 missing Restricted Byway Bridge, Middlewich Eastern Bypass and Poynton Relief Road 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. Response to consultation and negotiation with HS2 scheme designers for improved accommodation of Public Rights of Way and rural lanes, to protect and enhance leisure and active travel routes affected by HS2 proposals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing.
H2 H3 S7 S8	Various	Assistance to Local User Groups / Parish & Town Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice and assistance to local user groups and Parish & Town Councils in their planning of access improvements and external funding bids, including: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing, as arising.
H2 H3 S7 S8	n/a	Rights of Way Consultative Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twice yearly meetings between PROW team and user group representatives. Ongoing management of register of volunteers and issuance of Letters of Authority for volunteers assisting with way marking and minor vegetation cutting. Updates provided on long term closures of Public Rights of Way due to legal or resource issues. Monitoring of Rights of Way team resources. Providing information on the route and impact of HS2, together with the mitigation for and additional Public Rights of Way. Update on Network Rail's position on Public Rights of Way level crossings. Discussion on the trialled use of agents by applications for Public Path Orders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing.