

APPENDIX 1

SECTION 3: NATIONAL TARGET 2: "PROPERLY MAINTAINED"

Component Task		Source			Achievements April 2009 to March 2010	Targets 2010/11
No	Measure of Success					
3.1	All footpaths, bridleways and byways correctly signposted where they leave a metalled road.	C/side Act 68 NERC Act 06			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 323 signs erected across the borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of additional signs and replacement signs following loss and damage to ensure the requirements of Countryside act 1968 s 27 are fulfilled.
3.2	All PROW clear of obstructions, misleading notices, other hindrances or impediments to use.	HA 80 s130			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement actions saw 2 notices served for cropping and 17 for general obstruction. Additionally a number of "seven day" warnings were issued in relation to cropping offences. Officers have also been involved in ensuring the removal obstructions etc. in many other cases for which the service of notice did not become necessary (43 "informal" written warnings). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reprint of amended protocols on enforcement (approved by ROW Committee June 2009) and promotion/distribution to landowners. Carry out necessary enforcement work in line with adopted protocols to ensure that the duty set out in Highways act 1980 is fulfilled.
3.3	Bridges, stiles, gates etc are in place where required; all are safe and convenient to use.	HA 80 s41 and s146			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In East Cheshire 253 stiles, 69 gates and 35 bridges have been installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation and promotion to landowners of the new policy in relation to boundary structures (approved by ROW Committee March 2010). Renew and repair structures to ensure that they adequately allow the public to access all public paths in the county. Assist owners and occupiers to repair and replace stiles and gates on public rights of way.

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3.4	Surface of every PROW is in proper repair, reasonably safe and suitable for the expected use.	HA 80 s41			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A routine maintenance programme is in operation and 360 paths across the borough were subject to routine strimming/ tractor flailing at least once during the growing season with many cut more frequently. <p>Special surfacing projects facilitated with additional funding from other departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gawsworth BY24, 280m: General surface repairs Macclesfield FP26, 92m: Tarmac Macclesfield FP71, 48m: Tarmac Macclesfield FP75, 53m: Tarmac Macclesfield FP78, 32m: Tarmac Henbury FP7, 672m: Gritstone Holmes Chapel RB4, 140m: Emergency surface repairs Middlewich FP14, 131m: Gritstone Edleston BR1, 52m: Extensive restoration works including drainage & the construction of a causeway over extremely wet area Chorlton FP7: Boardwalk installed over flooded area Chorlton FP12: Boardwalk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The routine maintenance programme will be extended as new paths requiring routine maintenance are encountered (e.g. paths created through ROWIP). Officers will continue to work with colleagues in other departments and other partners in order to facilitate additional funding for special projects in relation to rights of way wherever possible.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> installed over pond Bickerton FP28 (Witches Staircase): Large scale steps, revetment & surfacing works 	
3.5	All PROW inspected regularly by or on behalf of the authority.	HA 80 s58			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The path inspection regime has ceased since the loss of the two Assistant Rights of Way Officer posts in the team in 2007, who acted as path inspectors. It has not been possible to continue the survey in such a systematic and meticulous fashion as previously. Bridges continue to be surveyed, but paths in general do not. This could result in a lack of a legal defence to claim(s) for personal injury. All maintenance officers hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant representative of the walking and equestrian user groups to agree priorities for work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maintenance officers will continue to hold bi-annual meetings with the relevant representatives of the walking, equestrian and other user groups to agree work priorities and to discuss the results of the survey work carried out by these groups.
3.6	The authority is able to protect and assert the public's rights and meet other statutory duties (e.g. to ensure compliance with the Rights of Way Act 1990).	HA 80 s130			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cropping obstructions were responded to within 4 weeks of reporting. A new 'response time' standard for dealing with different sorts of complaints in relation to PROW issues was approved by Committee 1st March 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to adhere to the response times set out in the new standard.
3.7	Waymarks or signposts	C/side			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waymarking is undertaken by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waymarking and signposting will be

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	are provided at necessary locations and are adequate to assist users. Waymarking scheme/initiative in place.	Act 1968 s27			staff and contractors as appropriate. Additionally waymarkers are provided to partners such as Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society and the Ramblers' Association to enable them to replace missing and damaged waymarkers.	undertaken as appropriate.