

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Derbyshire
Annual Work Programme for 2007/08 (Year 1)

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Purpose of Report

To present Forum members with the first Annual Work Programme for the Derbyshire RoWIP.

Background

The Final RoWIP was adopted by Derbyshire County Council at the meeting of the full Council held on 7 November 2007.

The focus for the RoWIP will now move on to the delivery and the first action point to be identified has been the production of a more detailed Annual Work Programme.

The Work Programme for 2007/08

We have drawn up the Work Programme into a suggested format that mirrors as far as possible the Statement of Action tables.

Comments are welcome from the Local Access Forum as to the amount of detail included and the layout.

Recommendation

- i) That members of the Forum agree a format for the Annual Work Programme that can be used for future years.
- ii) That members accept this first Annual Work Programme.

RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR DERBYSHIRE

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2007/08 (YEAR 1)

The Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) for Derbyshire was published in November 2007 and marks a new way of planning and monitoring work on countryside access and public rights of way.

The Actions listed in this document reflect those listed in the RoWIP for Year 1. Whilst all the Actions relating to this year have been listed, it is recognised that there may not be the resources to tackle each one.

An annual report will be published at the end of the year and progress towards RoWIP targets will be monitored by the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum and the Peak District Local Access Forum.

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| Identified need in RoWIP | Proposed Action | Resources | Delivered by | Timescale in RoWIP with Quick wins () |
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| Aim 1: Ensure that the existing and future PRow network is open and available for use | | | | |
| Existing network management commitments | Continuing to manage and maintain the existing public rights of way (PRow) network | £182,400 general maintenance work, £12,000 allocated to SDCC to carry out agency agreement - both from PRow revenue budget. £20,000 to PDNPA from Countryside Capital Budget | DCC (PRow and Area teams), South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) and Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) | Ongoing |
| Aim 1a) i Reallocate staffing/ volunteer resource to access work | Report outcome in end of year monitoring report | Extra 1,350 person days £9,000 allocated to area teams | DCC (Countryside Service) | 2007-2012 () |
| Aim 1a) ii | Target 629 signposts to be installed | £30,000 allocated | DCC (PRow team) | By end 2009 |

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| Roadside signposting | during 2007/08 | in PRow revenue budget | | |
| Aim 1b) i Produce a prioritised list of paths in need of surface repair | Produce a prioritised list of paths in most need of surface repair/ improvement. To be available on request Produce a list of paths where surface improvements are being carried out during 2007/08. Reported to LAFs and in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff £185,000 LTP capital maintenance and RoWIP delivery | DCC (PRow team), PDNPA DCC (Access team to co-ordinate) | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 1c) i Resolving ploughing and cropping problems | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) and SDDC (agency) | From 2007 |
| Aim 1 c) ii Resolving obstructions | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) and SDDC (agency) | From 2007 |
| Aim 1c) iii Liaise with land managers | Issue press releases in autumn and spring to publicise ploughing and cropping campaign | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team and Press Office) | From 2007 |
| Aim 1d) i Annual Vegetation | Produce a list of paths where annual vegetation clearance is carried out and | £18,000 allocated for | DCC (PRow team) and SDDC (agency) | 2007/08 () |

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| clearance | publish on web site | surface vegetation clearance and £6,000 allocated to Field Path Maintenance scheme from PRow revenue budget | | |
| Aim 1d) ii Improvements in urban areas | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Link to 1b) i | DCC (PRow team) | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 1e) ii LTP2 funding | Report amount in end of year monitoring report | Target £423,000 LTP funds | DCC (Access team) | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 1e) iii Other External funding | Report amount in end of year monitoring report | | DCC (Access team and Funding Officer), Key stakeholders | 2007-2012 |

Aim 2: Provide an up to date and widely available Definitive Map and Statement

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| Aim 2a) i Digitise PRow network | Complete Bolsover and High Peak districts. Start on Amber Valley | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | 2007-09 |
| Aim 2 a) ii Survey paths affected by legal events | Complete Erewash and South Derbyshire districts. Start on North East Derbyshire | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | 2007-09 |
| Aim 2a) iii Maintain up to date digital working copy of Definitive Map | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | From 2007/08 |
| Aim 2b) i Deliver access to digital mapping | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | 2007-09 |
| Aim 2b) ii Improve availability and quality of information | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 2b) iii Create on line registers | On line register of Highways Act declarations to be produced this year | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | From 2007 |
| Aim 2c) iii Definitive Map anomalies | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow team) | 2007-2012 |

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| Aim 3: Provide a more connected, safe and accessible network suitable for all users | | | | |
| Aim 3a) i Prioritise bridleway claims | Report number of orders processed in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (Legal Services and PRow team) | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 3a) ii Network available to horse riders and cyclists | Identify and map the whole network to which horse riders and cyclists have access including permissive routes | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), User groups | 2007/08 () |
| Aim 3a) v Midshires Way | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | £27,000 allocated from LTP RoWIP delivery | DCC (Access and Area teams) | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 3b) i Local development frameworks | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), District and Borough Councils, PDNPA | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 3b) ii Additional routes/missing links | Upgrade footpath to bridleway at Codnor, upgrade railway bridge | £14,000 LTP RoWIP delivery | DCC (PRow and Access teams) | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 3b) iii Reduced fees to landowners | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (PRow and Access teams) | 2007-2012 () |
| Aim 3b) iv | Identify extent of concessionary routes | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), | 2007-2012 |

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| National Forest tender scheme | within National Forest tender scheme | | National Forest | |
| Aim 3c) i Easy access routes | Contact local access groups to identify existing easy access routes and future opportunities for new easy access routes | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), Local Access Groups, User Groups | 2007-2012 () |
| Aim 3c) ii Programme to improve accessibility | Identify which path improvement schemes in the list fulfil this aim. Report the length of paths accessible in the end of year monitoring report | Links to 5a) ii and 5b) | DCC (Access team to coordinate) | 2007-2011 () |
| Aim 3c) iii Gaps:gates:stiles policy | Purchase of gates for use on local PRow network. Report number of stiles replaced by gates in end of year monitoring report | £15,000 allocated from LTP RoWIP delivery and £17,600 from PRow revenue budget | DCC (PRow and Area teams), PDNPA, Landowners | From 2007/08 |
| Aim 3c) v Accessibility policy | Develop a policy on how DCC will work to make the PRow network and countryside sites more accessible to users | Existing staff | DCC (Access and Area teams), LAFs, Local Access Groups | 2007/08 |
| Aim 3d) iii Safe routes to schools and local amenities | Identify which path improvement schemes in the list fulfil this aim. Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Links to Aim 1b) i | DCC (Access team to coordinate) | 2007-2011 |

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| Aim 3d) iv Use of existing highway verges | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report. No targets set for this year | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), PDNPA | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 3d) v New routes inside field boundaries | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report. No targets set for this year | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), PDNPA | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 3e) i West Derbyshire and High Peak Greenway Strategy | Draft West Derbyshire and High Peak Greenway strategy out to consultation October 2007 to January 2008. Produce Final Strategy by end of March 2008 | Existing staff | DCC (Access team) | 2007/08 () |
| Aim 3e) iii Develop Greenway network | Target of 30km of new routes on strategic cycle network to be developed during year | £87,000 from LTP Strategic Cycle Network and £10,000 from Countryside capital budget | DCC (Access team), PDNPA | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 3e) iv Monitoring use of Greenways | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (Access team), Sustrans | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 3f) ii Sustainable vehicular | Implement a pilot scheme in the Peak District for identifying sustainable and | Existing staff | DCC (Countryside Service), PDNPA, | 2007-2009 |

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| use of BOATs | unsustainable vehicular use of BOATs and other unsealed highways with proven rights for motorised users | | Peak District LAF | |
| Aim 3f) iv Code of Conduct for vehicle users | Launch a Code of Conduct for vehicle users and raise awareness with land managers and user groups | Existing staff | DCC (Countryside Service), PDNPA, Vehicle User Groups | 2007/08 |
| Aim 3f) v Enforce illegal use of network | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (Area teams), PDNPA | From 2007/08 |
| Aim 3f) vi Traffic Regulation Orders | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (Network Management and PRow teams), PDNPA | From 2007/08 |
| Aim 4: Improve the promotion, understanding and use of the network | | | | |
| Aim 4a) i Appropriate signage | Set parameters on appropriate signage for different locations – urban, urban fringe, rural, open country. Consult LAFs | Existing staff | DCC (PRow and Access teams), PDNPA, LAFs | 2007/08 |
| Aim 4a) ii | Report outcomes in end of year | From £10,000 | DCC (PRow and | 2007-2012 |

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| New signs with destination/distance | monitoring report | allocated for improved signage LTP RoWIP delivery | Area teams), PDNPA, SDDC, Local Councils | |
| Aim 4a) iii Additional signage | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | From £10,000 allocated for improved signage LTP RoWIP delivery | DCC (PRoW and Area teams), PDNPA | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 4a) v Signs to advise users | Devise series of signs to inform users about who is entitled to use each category of right of way and include information in publications that the Countryside Service is involved in | From £10,000 allocated for improved signage LTP RoWIP delivery | DCC (Access and PRoW teams), PDNPA, LAFs | From 2007/08 |
| Aim 4c) ii Promote countryside and moorland codes | Ensure relevant information is included in any publication that the Countryside Service is involved in | Existing staff | DCC (Countryside Service), PDNPA, Moors for the Future | 2007/08 |
| Aim 4d) i DCC promoted routes and trails | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff | DCC (Area teams), Local Councils, Volunteers | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 4d) iii | Circulate copies of revised leaflet to | Existing staff | DCC (Access team) | 2007/08 |

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| Cycle Derbyshire Leaflet | outlets around county and adjacent areas | | | |
| Aim 4e) ii Promote more sustainable use of the access network | Ensure relevant information is included in any publication that the Countryside Service is involved in and influence partners to do the same | Existing staff | DCC (Countryside Service), PDNPA, Public Transport providers | 2007-2012 |
| Aim 4e) iii Produce a new publication focusing on horse riding | Work up details for new publication focusing on the opportunities for horse riding in the County, providing specific information targeted at horse riders | £5,000 LTP RoWIP delivery | DCC (Access team), Horse riding user groups | 2008/09 |
| Aim 5: Encourage greater community involvement in managing local rights of way | | | | |
| Aim 5a) i Working with local councils | Area Ranger staff to work with Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire in Derbyshire Dales and High Peak districts and with Groundwork Creswell and Bolsover Countryside Partnership (BCP) in NE Derbyshire and Bolsover districts to | £10,000 SLA with Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire. £10,000 SLA with Groundwork | DCC (Area, Access and PRow teams), Groundwork organisations, BCP, Local Councils and Volunteers | 2007/08 () |

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| | develop an approach for involving Parish and Town Councils in managing local rights of way | Creswell. Funded from Countryside Capital budget | | |
| Aim 5a) ii Implement work with local councils | Implement projects through schemes reported in Aim 5a) i above and directly through Countryside Service Area teams Continue with existing Minor Maintenance Agreements with Parish and Town Councils | £35,000 LTP RoWIP delivery £25,000 allocated through PRow revenue budget | DCC (Area and PRow teams), Groundwork organisations, BCP, Local Councils and Volunteers | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 5a) iii Parish path surveys | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff and volunteers | DCC (Area teams), Local Councils, PDNPA, Volunteers | 2007-2011 |
| Aim 5 a) iv Signpost checks | Report outcomes in end of year monitoring report | Existing staff and volunteers | DCC, Local Councils, PDNPA, Volunteers | From 2007 |
| Aim 5b) Work with user groups and other volunteer | Work with BTCV to implement access improvements in South Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales as part of a project | £5,000 Three Valleys Project £10,000 SLA with | DCC (Countryside Service), BTCV, Three Valleys | 2007-2012 |

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| groups | supported by Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF). Work being carried out with volunteers through Three Valleys Project in NE Derbyshire and with Bolsover Countryside Partnership in Bolsover as part of Service Level Agreements (SLA) | Bolsover Countryside Partnership. All funded through Countryside Capital budget | Project, BCP, PDNPA, User Groups | |