

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 ()
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	