

Countryside Access Team Plan 2009-2010 - overview

Key areas of work	Key actions
Maintaining the Rights of Way Network	800 improvements resolved implementing the least restrictive principle.
	Programme of works to implement improvements in Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth
	Proactive annual maintenance programme to agreed priorities.
	Implement Parish Access Project - 22 parishes or 293 km completed.
	Implement a programme of Capital improvements to the network - 5 schemes.
	Maintain improvements to the Offa's Dyke National Trail and the Jack Mytton Way
	Provide disabled access provision at Much Wenlock - subject to funding bid
	Implement improvements to Open Access Land in 2 new locations.
	Asset Management Plan finalised
Enforcement on the network	Successfully deal with 400 reported enforcement issues
	Support the Parish Access Project through enforcement action - 45 issues
	Instigate new ploughing and cropping campaign -200 incidences of crop obstructions – 50 volunteers supported
	Complete network surveys of Market Drayton and Whitchurch
Definitive Map	Provide consolidated Definitive Map at 1:10,000 scale
	Complete Parish Review for Oswestry Rural, Shrewsbury and Oswestry Urban
	Investigate 12 Formal Applications and determine 7 objected orders
	Investigate review issues arising from the PAP Project - 30 issues
	Identify Parish clusters to inform the review programme - progress 1 area
	40 Public Path Order applications dealt with
Community support	Support 50 existing active P3 Groups
	A further 8 new P3 groups developed
	5 P3 Groups linked into local schools
	Identify gaps in volunteer provision and develop a plan to encourage more P3 groups
	Continue to manage, support and develop the Shropshire Active Volunteering Partnership
	Roll out the Parish Warden scheme in non P3 parishes by June 2009
	Review and implement new volunteer guidelines for service
	Attend 20 Parish Council meetings to raise awareness of access
	Support the Local Access Forum
	Produce active volunteering signposting guide
	Promotion
Continue to support the 'Activity websites and Discover Shropshire portal	

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	Develop a new Easier Access Guide
Access Development and projects	Develop and secure funding for a pilot project based on Shrewsbury growth point for Open Space strategy/Green Infrastructure planning
	Continue to develop with Planning partners a revised and improved system of dealing with Planning application consultations/approved developments affected by Rights of Way.
	Develop 'Paths to Partnership' Project
	Highlight special Shropshire walks to walking groups in the West Midlands
	Carry out an audit of conservation sites in the county and with specific reference to the Longmynd and Stiperstones develop an action plan with all partners to manage points of access pressure
	Work with Natural England on Higher Level Stewardship Access scheme targeting to help overcome access gaps where needed
	Work with Transport Planning team to develop linkages into the LTP for Rights of Way road safety improvements based on promoted and popular routes and those routes within 2km of urban fringe
	Work with Transport Planning team to target improvements where significant road barriers exist on popular and promoted routes for walkers.
	Finalise Youth for Nature Project bid
	Explore possibility of youth placements with NVQ training opportunities within the Outdoor Recreation
	Finalise the Shropshire Way Project in the Shropshire
	Develop funding bid for the upgrade and development for the Shropshire Way in North Shropshire and Much Wenlock
	Contribute to the Offa's Dyke Country Project and develop bids to help implement the Offa's Dyke Interpretation Strategy
	Continue to develop UCR survey - subject to funding
	Identify new sites for Open Access Land designation
Physical Activity	Manage the outputs of the Shropshire Outdoors Project
	Increase physical activity by supporting Walking for Health schemes - recruit new Walking for Health co-ordinator for Shrewsbury and Oswestry
	Work to develop an integrated approach to the development of physical activity opportunities
	Work with Leisure services and the PCT to in the development of a PCT Active4Health physical activity referral scheme
	Manage the final year of the Walking for Life Project - Good Practice model/ toolkit produced and regional conference held by December 2009
Performance	Carry out and Autumn Survey for 2009/10 - 85% by March 2010
	Implement annual local communities' stakeholder survey