

## Section 2.7: Public Rights of Way Team - Service Plan

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### 2.7.1 Purpose of the Team

- To assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of public rights of way (HA1980 S130).
- To keep the Definitive Map and Statement (the legal record of public rights of way) under continuous review (W&CA1981 S53).
- To prepare and publish a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) to include:
  - an assessment of the extent to which local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public; the opportunities provided by local rights of way for exercise and other forms of open-air recreation; and the accessibility of local rights of way to blind or partially sighted persons and others with mobility problems;
  - a statement of the action that the County Council proposes to take for the management of local rights of way, and for securing an improved network of local rights of way (CROW2000 S60).
- To establish a Local Access Forum (CROW2000 S94).
- To have regard for the needs of people with mobility problems when erecting or improving gates and stiles on public footpaths and bridleways (CROW2000 S69).

### 2.7.2 Links into Strategies, Policies and Priorities

Public rights of way contribute to all four of the Government's Local Transport Plan shared priorities:

- Reducing Congestion
- Improving Road Safety
- Delivering Accessibility

- Better Air Quality

Rights of way also help to deliver the following national priorities:

- Healthy living and quality of life initiatives
- Strengthening the economy and improving job opportunities
- Increasing attainment and inclusion in education
- Tackling climate change
- Addressing social exclusion

In regard to community priorities outlined in the Devon Local Area Agreement rights of way directly contribute to six of the seven key priorities:

- A World Class Environment
- Strong and Inclusive Communities
- A Growing Economy
- Inspiring Young People
- Health & Wellbeing
- A Safer Devon

Public rights of way also contribute directly and indirectly to the following County Council Strategic Plan priorities:-

- Support local business and tourism
- Improve knowledge, skills and productivity
- Promote green travel, improve roads and reduce congestion
- Provide responsive services that support people and families in need

**Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2005** has been drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. It sets out how the County Council will maintain and improve access to Devon's countryside for all users.

**Devon Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2006-11** has been drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Transport Act 2000. It includes a programme of local transport plan schemes and 22 targets for the period 2006 to 2011. The RoWIP forms a strand of the LTP, contributes to the delivery of the LTP's 7 objectives and will contribute to LTP3.

**Strategic Plan 2009-13 Investing in our Devon** core principles underpin everything we do:

- **Care** To deliver high quality services that care for the residents and environment of Devon
- **Community** Work with local people to help build strong and prosperous communities and ensure a sustainable future for all
- **Enterprise** To promote enterprise and help develop a competitive economy as the key to a better quality of life for all
- **Value** To be a businesslike Council that is lean and focused, providing good value for money

**Structure Plan 2001-16** The Devon Structure Plan sets out the strategic planning framework for the development and use of land within Devon. It includes a hierarchy of modes for transport in terms of the most sustainable and environmentally friendly: the top two are walking and cycling. It also includes a policy for the improvement of walking and cycling and proposals for the maintenance and extension of long-distance walking, horse-riding and cycling routes. The RoWIP will contribute significantly to delivery of the Structure Plan.

**Be active be healthy** A Department of Health plan for getting the nation moving which identifies linkages with transport and the environment. More walking and cycling and fewer car journeys reduces congestion and CO2 emissions. Continuing to support Walking the Way to Health schemes and improving access to the countryside will contribute to delivery of this plan.

From the above it is clear that public rights of way have significant potential to help successfully deliver numerous national and local priorities. Accordingly they are afforded a high priority within the Council.

### **2.7.3 Customer Service & Engagement with Communities**

- **Parish Paths Partnership** has regular contact with Parish Councils and Community Groups and organises workshops and drop-in sessions to liaise with parish council volunteers.
- **Definitive Map Team** consults with landowners, user groups and Parish Councils when researching Definitive Map Modifications.
- **Devon Countryside Access Forum (DCAF)** is a statutory forum established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 with a specific remit to advise on “the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area”. The forum, funded and supported by Devon County Council, meets formally four times a year with further working group meetings as required. The DCAF includes landowners and users from a broad range of backgrounds.
- **Joint User Group** meets annually to share information and discuss topical access issues with representatives of all the main user groups.
- **Ruby Riders’** meets four times a year to discuss equestrian issues with horse-riders from the Ruby Country Project area.

### **2.7.4 Partnership Working**

- **National Park Authorities** Dartmoor and Exmoor National Park Authority liaison meetings are held twice a year to discuss public rights of way and access matters and share information.
- **Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs)** Liaison meetings are held with AONB teams to discuss access matters and share information.

### **2.7.5 Efficient Working**

- **Routine Maintenance Systems (RMS) / National Street Gazetteer (NSG)** There is a need to ensure that an up-to-date copy of the PROW network is available in the NSG to enable RMS to be implemented for ordering works on PROWs.

## 2.7.6 Review of Performance in 2009/10

### Review of last year's Service Plan Targets

Action No.	Action	Target Date	Lead	Comments	Status
2009/10 RW A1	Increase Public Rights of Way (PROW) that are 'easy to use' to 96%	Mar 10	Mike Jenkins	95% achieved	Yellow
2009/10 RW A2	Undertake inspections on 50% of network and continue maintenance to established standards	Mar 10	PROW Wardens	95% achieved	Yellow
2009/10 RW A3	Divert public rights of way to improve ease of use and/or in response to landowner applications and/or RoWIP schemes	Mar 10	Wardens & HQ Team	Process 45 paths diverted	Green
2009/10 RW A4	Complete Phase 1 of Thorndon Cross to Venndown Gates bridleway creation	Apr 09		Completed	Green
2009/10 RW A5	Hold consultation event for Phase 2 of public bridleway from Venndown Gates to Halwill Junction	Aug 09	RoWIP Officer	Consultation event postponed until Aug 10	Yellow
2009/10 RW A6	Prepare major structure replacement programme and liaise with EDG on scheme implementation -	Mar 10	Mike Jenkins / EDG	Delays with certain schemes due to adverse weather	
	· Bovey Tracey Bridleway 33 - masonry arch repair				Yellow
	· Colyton Footpath 8 - new bridge				Green
	· Harberton Footpath 6 - new bridge				Green
	· Throwleigh Bridleway 1 - new bridge (DNP funded)				Red
	· Lynton and Lynmouth Br 5 - new vehc bridge				Green
	· Bishops Nympton Fp 11 / George Nympton Fp 1				Yellow
	· Talaton Fp 9 - new bridge & Fp 4 contribution				Green
	· Ermington Cole Lane UCR				Green
	· Luppitt Fp 38 / Combe Raleigh Fp 10				Yellow
· Maer Lane Exmouth	Red				
2009/10 RW A7	Black Torrington Bridleway 9: arrange improvement works (Whiteleigh Meadow)	Oct 09	Development Officer	Work substantially complete	Yellow
2009/10 RW A8	Improve access to Thorndon Cross by creation of public bridleway in West Bowerland Plantation	Mar 10	RoWIP Officer	Negotiations and works complete	Green

2009/10 RW A9	Create bridleway from Halwill to Cookworthy Forest	Mar 10	RoWIP Officer	Negotiations substantially complete	
2009/10 RW A10	Undertake various RoWIP improvement schemes including:	Mar 10	RoWIP Officer		
	· STRIDE South Molton (Strengthening Trails and Routes in Devon)				
	· Berry Pomeroy True Street				
	· Collaton to Butts Park				
	· Landscope School path				
	· South Pool Link Path				
	· St Ann's Chapel to Ringmore				
	· Halberton				
2009/10 RW A11	Implement local community improvements through Parish Plans and RoWIP suggestions	Mar 10	RoWIP Officer		
2009/10 RW A12	Continue to improve routes for people with mobility problems by improving the accessibility of at least one route in each Warden area	Ongoing	PROW Wardens	Works complete for minimum of one route in each Warden area	
2009/10 RW A13	Undertake targeted improvements to unsurfaced Unclassified County Roads to widen opportunities for users	Mar 10	Wardens and Eqn Devon Officer	Routes reopened for walkers and horseriders	
2009/10 RW A14	Conclude Permissive Path Agreement with the Maristow Estate and other landowners in the Plym Valley to re-instate permissive paths	Aug 09	RoWIP Officer	Negotiation and works partially complete	
2009/10 RW A15	Undertake targeted improvements to the regional route network	Ongoing	Wardens	Regional routes maintained and improved to a high standard	
2009/10 RW A16	Liaise with Road Safety Team regarding improvements for walkers and horseriders within the Rural Road Safety Project	Ongoing	RoWIP Officer	Ongoing	
2009/10 RW A17	Appoint Equestrian Devon Officer	Jun 09	Development Officer	Secondment made	
2009/10 RW A18	Progress Equestrian Devon project to establish safe off-road routes	Mar 10	RoWIP Officer	Routes identified and works programmed 2010/11	

2009/10 RW A19	Publish strategy for development of recreational trail network (bridleway strategy)	Aug 09	RoWIP Officer	Strategy drafted, publication deferred pending cycling strategy	
2009/10 RW A20	Assess implications of the Marine Bill coastal access provisions for improvements to SWCP	Mar 10	Mike Jenkins	Possible improvements identified	
2009/10 RW A21	Complete the Definitive Map Review in 10 parishes	Mar 10	DMR team	10 parish reviews submitted to Committee	
2009/10 RW A22	Prepare reports and facilitate the Public Rights of Way Committee	Ongoing	DMR Team	3 meetings held	
2009/10 RW A23	Publish revised leaflet on the rights and responsibilities of users and landowners	Mar 10	Development Officer	Leaflet drafted	
2009/10 RW A25	Review and update PROW web pages	Jan 10	Development Officer	Partially completed, further work required	
2009/10 RW A26	Digitise Section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 register (statutory duty)	Mar 10	Technical Assistant	Completed and on-line	
2009/10 RW A27	Publish and distribute guidance on the creation and improvement of public rights of way in consultation with DCAF and partners to provide information and support local project teams (e.g. parish councils)	Nov 09	RoWIP & DCAF Officers	Completed	
2009/10 RW A28	Promote the benefits of the path network for health and wellbeing	Mar 10	Development Officer	Liaison continuing and grants made to PCTs	
2009/10 RW A29	Review existing Customer Service Manager (CSM) categories (done by us but awaiting implementation by CSC)	Jul 09	Mike Jenkins	Review completed, awaiting to be implemented	
2009/10 RW A30	Support, train and allocate grants to Parish Paths Partnership (P3) parishes and review funding arrangements	Mar 10	P3 Officers	3 winter workshops, 5 drop-in sessions, ongoing training, 2 newsletters and stake holder meetings held	
2009/10 RW A31	Review PROW works contract in preparation for 2010/12 contract	Mar 10	Mike Jenkins	New contract prepared and implemented	

2009/10 RW A32	Finalise guidance for dealing with PROWs affected by development and publish on web	Oct 09	RoWIP & DCAF Officers	Guidance drafted	
2009/10 RW A33	Continue support for the Devon Countryside Access Forum	Ongoing	PROW Manager & Development Officer	4 meetings attended and on-going support	
2009/10 RW A34	Review National Park agency arrangements	Jan 10	PROW Manager	Funding arrangements reviewed	
2009/10 RW A35	Support partnership with Road Safety Team for Country Mile Project	Ongoing	Development Officer	Ongoing	
2009/10 RW A36	Review remaining major structural work schemes to ensure currency of priority list.	Mar 10	PROW Manager	Priority list of significant structural schemes updated	
2009/10 RW A37	Monitor cycleway schemes with a view to multi-use provision and links to the existing network	Ongoing	RoWIP Officer	Multi-use policies to be reviewed 2010/11	
2009/10 RW A38	Monitor enforcement action and continue liaison with Rural Payments Agency for Cross Compliance	Ongoing	PROW Manager & Development Officer	RPA database acquired	
2009/10 RW A39	Oversee introduction of Routine Management System (RMS) for PROW works	Sep 09	Mike Jenkins	Awaiting NSG to be updated	
2009/10 RW A40	Address issues from 2008 Staff Survey		Mike Jenkins	Ongoing	
2009/10 RW A41	Contribute to the overarching actions in the Highway Management Group Action Plan		Mike Jenkins	Ongoing	

	Not achieved
	Partially achieved
	Achieved

## Review of Key Performance Data

Former BVPI178 / Ease of use of public rights of way maintained at 95%.  
Definitive Map Review was completed in a further 10 parishes.

## Review of Customer Satisfaction

### NHT Network Public Satisfaction Survey

The PROW Service results are given below (see WCBI 16 to 21). The PROW Service was ranked in the top three out of 24 authorities for four of the Indicators. Specific actions are included in this Service Plan to improve ease of use for those with a disability and to improve provision of bridleways. These are the two areas where the survey has identified that there is significant scope to improve (see WCBI 17 and 20 below). However, 95

percent of the PROW network is regarded as being 'easy to use' so WCBI 20 is questionable.

Indicator Reference	Benchmarking Indicator	Score (out of 100)	Ranking (of 76)	Scope to Improve	CC rank (of 24)	Year on Year
<b>03. Walking and Cycling BI</b>						
WCBI 01	The provision of pavements where these are needed	65.12	60	+11.88	15	
WCBI 02	The condition of pavements	58.15	9	+7.50	3	
WCBI 03	The cleanliness of pavements	57.71	4	+2.46	2	
WCBI 04	Direction signposts for pedestrians	63.96	2	+1.72	1	
WCBI 05	Provision of safe crossing points	61.87	13	+5.67	1	
WCBI 06	Drop kerb crossing points	63.14	29	+7.08	6	
WCBI 07	Pavements being kept clear of obstructions	48.56	13	+16.08	2	
WCBI 08	The provision of cycle routes where these are needed	53.78	19	+22.70	2	
WCBI 09	Condition of cycle routes	61.90	6	+4.66	1	
WCBI 10	Cycle crossing facilities at road junctions and traffic signals	51.72	24	+9.86	4	
WCBI 11	Cycle parking	44.44	22	+11.01	6	
WCBI 12	Direction signing for cycle routes	55.97	6	+7.41	1	
WCBI 13	Cycle route information e.g. maps	49.72	12	+6.80	1	
WCBI 14	Cycle training (e.g. at schools)	48.54	34	+12.96	14	
WCBI 15	Cycle facilities at place of work (e.g. racks, showers etc)	50.63	23	+6.91	6	
WCBI 16	Provision of footpaths for walking or running	67.40	7	+2.60	3	
WCBI 17	Provision of bridleways for horse riding and/or cycling	60.05	19	+6.78	7	
WCBI 18	Signposting of Rights of Way	60.71	3	+0.68	2	
WCBI 19	Condition of Rights of Way	58.93	3	+1.48	1	
WCBI 20	Ease of use by those with disabilities e.g. people in wheelchairs	42.17	50	+10.68	8	
WCBI 21	Information about Rights of Way routes	48.57	2	+1.50	1	

## Devon Voice

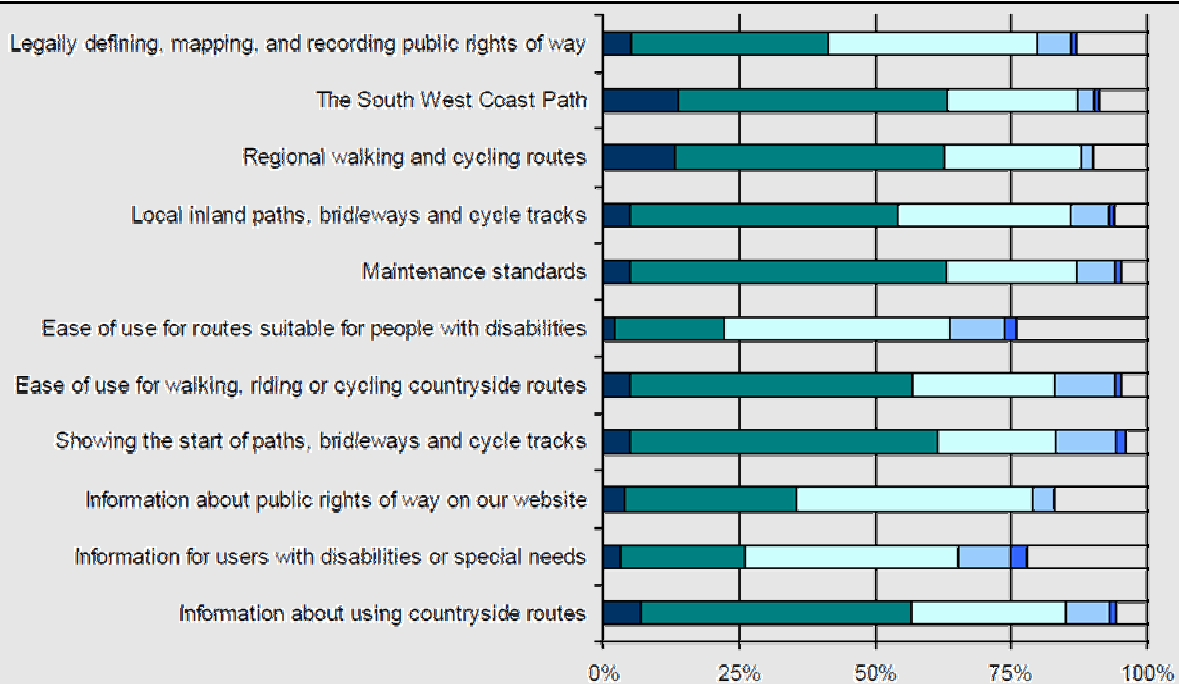
The results are used to inform future actions regarding satisfaction with information. The results normally highlight a desire for improving signing and waymarking by adding destination information (see extract in boxes below):

### Public Rights of Way

*Devon County Council manages over 5,600 kilometres (3,500 miles) of recreational paths giving access to the countryside on foot, by horse, horse-and-carriage, cycle, and other off-road users. Devon Voice monitors how satisfied participants were with the public rights of way network in Devon and what their main priorities were.*

*How satisfied or dissatisfied respondents were for each of the following aspects of the public rights of way network:*

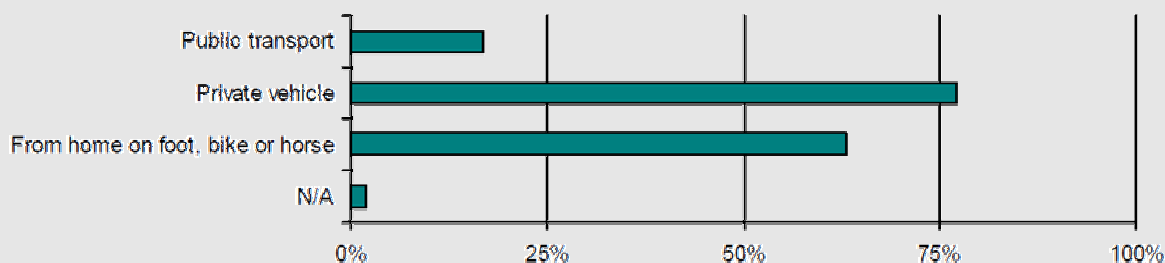
*The South West Coast Path (64%), Maintenance standards (63%), Regional walking and cycling routes (62%), and Signing at roadsides (62%) came close together for percentage of people who were very satisfied or satisfied. The lowest score was for ease of use for routes suitable for people with disabilities or special needs (22%), although 24% of people said this was not applicable.*



Respondents ranked the following aspects of public rights of way in the following order of importance:

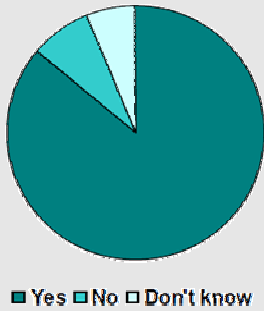
- Signing at roadsides showing the start of paths, bridleways and cycle tracks
- Ease of use for walking, riding or cycling countryside routes
- Maintenance standards e.g. stiles, gates, bridges
- The South West Coast Path
- Ease of use for routes suitable for people with disabilities or special needs
- Regional walking and cycling routes
- Information for users with disabilities or special needs
- Information about using countryside paths, bridleways and cycle tracks
- Local inland paths, bridleways and cycle tracks
- Legally defining, mapping, and recording the countryside route network
- Information about public rights of way on our website

How did respondents normally reach the local countryside?



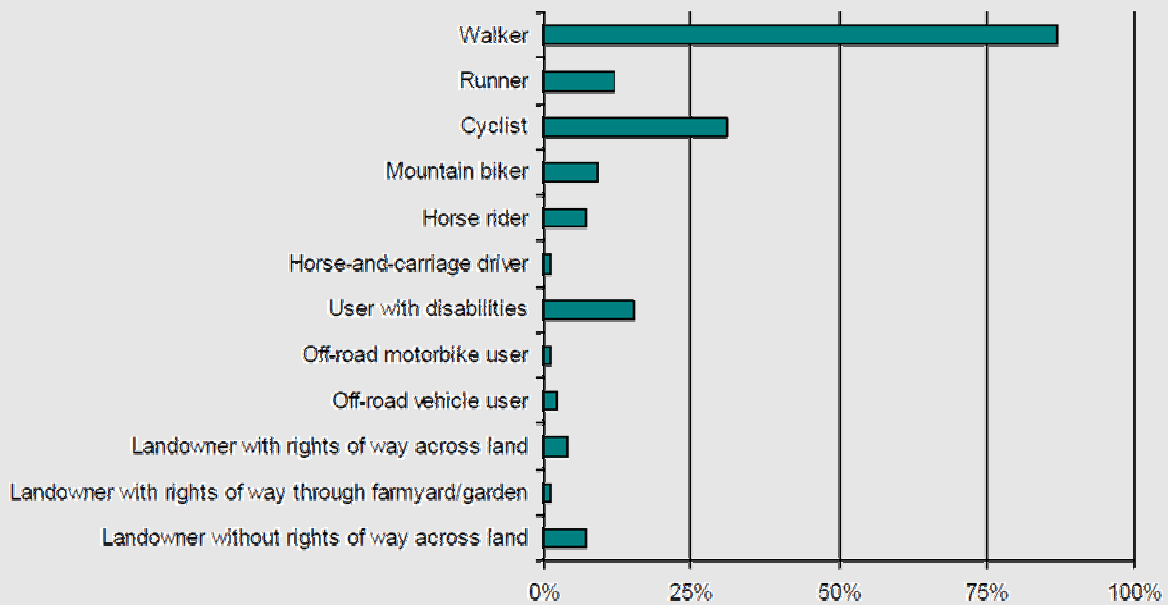
77% of respondents said they accessed the countryside by private vehicle, also 63% said they travelled from home on foot, bike or horse.

*Did respondents think that the Council should promote walking, riding and cycling to help local tourist interests?*



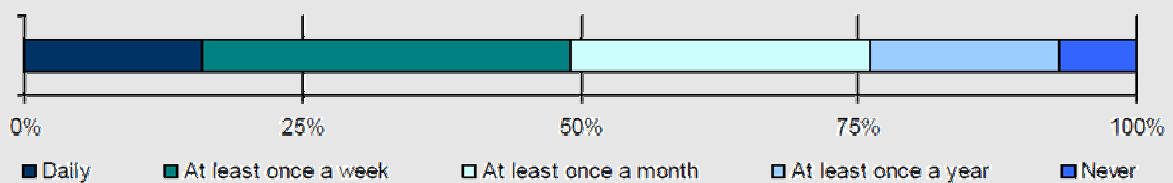
*86% of respondents thought Devon County Council should promote walking, riding and cycling to help local tourism.*

*Percentage of respondents the following applied to:*



*Walking was most popular with 87% of respondents saying they walked in the countryside.*

*Respondents indicated how often they used public rights of way routes:*



*49% of respondents said they used public rights of way daily or at least once a week.*

## Results from Staff Survey

100% response from PROW Team to Staff Survey and all appraisals completed.

## Review of Implementation of Corporate Policies

Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA) A member of the PROW Team is an EINA facilitator who encourages our adherence to relevant legislation and corporate policies.

## Achievements & Successes in 2009/10

- Ease of Use maintained at 95%.
- 14 routes added to the Definitive Map and Statement through the Review process.
- 57 Public Path Orders confirmed.
- RoWIP schemes delivered (including the creation of a new public bridleway in the West Bowerland Plantation, Road Safety improvements in Halwell and Moreleigh, supported the Ruby Country Partnership Ltd bid for £103k of LAG funding for 'Ride the Ruby Country' project, implementation of the Equestrian Devon project with three project areas identified (South Hams, East Devon and the Ruby Country) and concluded permissive path agreement for new path linking Collaton and Butts Park, Newton and Noss).
- Three P3 Christmas Workshops and 5 well-attended drop in sessions organised and delivered.
- Works near completion at Whiteleigh Meadow.
- 8 major bridge schemes completed.
- P3 grant system reviewed.
- Grant aid awarded for Walking for Health Schemes.
- 10 Steps Guide published in partnership with South Hams District Council and the Dartmoor National Park Authority.
- S31(6) register published on the web.
- Contributed to Cycling Policy Group.
- Marine and Coastal Access Act 2010 consultations responded to and attended the Parliamentary Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee to provide evidence for this.
- Successfully contributed to the National Transport Awards panel.
- Contributed to the Regional Route Network Strategy.
- RPA landowner data obtained.

## Areas Requiring Improvement

- PROW webpages - These need to be refined to ensure quality information is provided.

### 2.7.7 Challenges for 2010/11

#### Operational Challenges

- Service Review.

- Responsibility for Maintenance Category 12 roads transferred to PROW Wardens;
- Ease of Use - addressing the last 5% (including diversions and missing bridges);
- Resolving legal challenges: ad hoc attendance for High Court action or Public Inquiries;
- Servicing Public Rights of Way Committee;
- Equestrian Devon Project;
- Implementation of RoWIP Schemes including the Pegasus Way;
- Climate change / flooding / erosion / cliff falls / movement of river banks;
- Stop Line Way;
- Green Infrastructure Strategy;
- National Trail Review; and
- Bio security.

#### Additional Duties & Responsibilities

- Marine and Coastal Access Act 2010;
- Equality Bill; and
- Disability Discrimination Act Guidance.

#### Other risks to the service


- Central Government budget cuts; and
- Implications of Local Government Review.

### **2.7.8 Resources**

#### Available funding:

- PROW Revenue
  - £357,500 PROW HQ
  - £190,900 Area North
  - £219,600 Area East
  - £120,500 Area South
  
- LTP Capital £150,000 under three headings:
  - Strategic long distance routes
  - Safety improvements
  - Widen opportunities for use
  
- PSA2 and Investing in Devon

## 2.7.9 Service Priorities for 2010/11

ENVIRONMENT ECONOMY & CULTURE DIRECTORATE		
Service Area:		Public Rights of Way
Officer Responsible For Services:		Mike Jenkins
SERVICE PRIORITIES 2010/2011		
RW P1	Provide an effective and efficient public rights of way service, that aims to maintain and improve the right of way network for all users	
RW P2	Provide good quality information about the rights of way network	
RW P3	Meet the needs of customers by continuing to engage with communities, providing good customer care and achieving high levels of customer satisfaction	
RW P4	Work effectively with partners	
RW P5	Monitor performance and secure continuous improvement of the public rights of way service	
RW P6	Support Staff	

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Action No.	Action (Specific actions required to deliver Group Priorities)	Strategic Priority	HM P Priority	Target Date	Lead	Target / Success Indicator	Funding Sources
<b>Maintenance and Enforcement</b>							
2010/11 RW A1	Increase Public Rights of Way (PROW) that are 'easy to use' to 96%	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	PROW Manager	96% achieved	Revenue/LP SA2
2010/11 RW A2	Undertake inspections on 50% of the PROW network and continue maintenance to established standards	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	PROW Wardens	50% of PROW network inspected	Revenue
2010/11 RW A3	Undertake 9 major bridge replacement schemes.	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	PROW Manager	Schemes completed and routes open to public	LPSA2/LTP
2010/11 RW A4	Undertake targeted improvements to unsurfaced Unclassified County Roads to widen opportunities for users	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	Wardens / PROW HQ	Routes reopened for walkers, cyclists and horse riders	LPSA2
2010/11 RW A5	Undertake targeted improvements in the Regional Route Network (RRN) in response to priorities identified by RRN Management Groups	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	RoWIP Officer / Wardens / Countryside	RRN sections improved according to priorities	LPSA2
2010/11 RW A6	Implement new PROW works contract in preparation for 2010 / 12 contract	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	PROW Manager	New contract implemented for 2010 / 12	Revenue
2010/11 RW A7	Oversee introduction of Routine Management System (RMS) for PROW works	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		September 2010	PROW Manager	System implemented	Revenue
2010/11 RW A8	Support, Train and allocate grants to Parish Paths Partnership (P3) parishes	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	P3 Officers	3 winter workshops, ongoing training, 2 newsletters and stakeholder meetings undertaken	Revenue
<b>Definitive Map and Statement</b>							
2010/11 RW A9	Complete the Definitive Map Review in 10 parishes	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	DMR Team	10 parish reviews submitted to the PROW Committee	Revenue
2010/11 RW A10	Review existing Permissive Path Agreements to check for currency and	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	RoWIP Officer	Permissive Path Agreements reviewed and renegotiated where	Revenue

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	renegotiate stalled agreements					necessary	
<b>Public Path Orders</b>							
2010/11 RW A11	Divert PROWs to improve 'ease of use' and / or in response to landowner applications and / or Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) schemes	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	Wardens / PROW HQ	Process 35 Public Path Diversion Orders	Revenue
<b>Promotion and Communication</b>							
2010/11 RW A12	Complete review and update of PROW webpages	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		September 2010	Development Officer / Countryside	Webpages reviewed and updated	Revenue
2010/11 RW A13	Promote the benefits of the path network for health and wellbeing	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		March 2011	Development Officer	Liaison with Primary Care Trust, Natural England and District Councils continued	Revenue
2010/11 RW A14	Publish guidance booklet for PROW users and landowners for distribution at the Devon County Show and local agricultural shows	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		May 2010	Development Officer / Countryside	Guidance published	Revenue
2010/11 RW A15	Finalise guidance for dealing with PROWs affected by development and publish on the RW website	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		August 2010	RoWIP Officer	Guidance published on RW website	Revenue
2010/11 RW A16	Attend Devon County Show and local agricultural shows to promote the PROW network	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		Ongoing	PROW HQ / Wardens	Shows attended	Revenue
2010/11 RW A17	Publish DCC version of existing '10 Steps to improving public rights of way and countryside access' guidance	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		August 2010	RoWIP Officer	Guidance published	Revenue
<b>Rights of Way Improvement</b>							
2010/11 RW A18	Progress Equestrian Devon Project in the three target areas of Ruby	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate		March 2011	RoWIP Officer	New bridleway circuits established and promoted	liD

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	Country, East Devon and South Hams.	priorities					
2010/11 RW A19	Conclude Permissive Path Agreement with the Maristow Estate and other landowners in the Plym Valley to re-instate permissive paths	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		August 2010	RoWIP Officer	Negotiation and works completed	LTP
2010/11 RW A20	Undertake 10 RoWIP local improvement schemes.	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	RoWIP Officer	Works completed	LTP/LPSA2
2010/11 RW A21	Continue to improve routes for people with mobility problems by improving the accessibility of at least one route in each Warden area (for example, replacing stiles with gaps or gates with landowner agreement)	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		March 2011	Wardens	Works completed for at least one path in each Warden area	Revenue/ LPSA2
2010/11 RW A22	Continue attendance at the Diversity Action Plan SW meetings (Natural England)	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		Ongoing	RoWIP Officer	Diversity Action Plan SW developed and implemented	Staff time
2010/11 RW A23	Publicise 'Accessible Trails' booklet at local shows and in the local press	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		July 2010	Countryside Planning Officer / PROW	Awareness raised of 'Accessible Trails' booklet and requests for booklet increased.	Staff time
2010/11 RW A24	Continue attendance on the South West Mobility Project Steering Group managed by Living Options Devon	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		Ongoing	RoWIP Officer	Successful roll-out of tramper buggies and wheely boats at key sites across Devon with infrastructure improvements where required	Staff time / LTP
<b>Strategy, Policy and Monitoring</b>							
2010/11 RW A25	Prepare RoWIP Update for inclusion in Local Transport Plan 3 consultations	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		June 2010	Development Officer / RoWIP Officer	Update prepared and included in LTP3 consultations	Revenue
2010/11 RW A26	Complete PROW Service Equality Impact and Needs Assessment (EINA)	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy		April 2010	PROW Manager	EINA completed and actions implemented	Revenue

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Action No.	Action (Specific actions required to deliver Group Priorities)	Strategic Priority	HM P Priority	Target Date	Lead	Target / Success Indicator	Funding Sources
	and implement actions	and Corporate priorities					
2010/11 RW A27	Continue support for the Devon Countryside Access Forum (DCAF)	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		March 2011	PROW Manager / Development Officer	4 meetings attended and ongoing support provided	Revenue
2010/11 RW A28	Contribute to the development and delivery of cycleway and RRN strategies and policies	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		Ongoing	PROW HQ and Wardens	Strategies and policies monitored and contributed to	Revenue
2010/11 RW A29	Hold stakeholder working group meetings to develop multi-use policies	LTP, Structure Plan and Corporate priorities		September 2010	Development Officer	Multi use policy established	Revenue
2010/11 RW A30	Contribute to the preparation of Green Infrastructure Strategies and LDFs	LTP, Structure Plan, Be Active Be Healthy and Corporate priorities		Ongoing	Development & RoWIP Officers / Wardens	Contribute to access elements	Staff time
<b>Highway Management Business Plan</b>							
2010/11 RW A31	Contribute to the overarching actions in the Highway Management Group Action Plan	HM Business Priority		Ongoing	PROW Manager	Issues addressed	Revenue
2010/11 RW A32	Address issues from the 2009 Staff Survey	HM Business Priority		Ongoing	PROW Manager	Actions identified	Revenue