


Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2006-2016



Statement of Intent April 2008 – March 2009 Year 3

Year 3 of the Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (CAROWIP) poses a particular challenge to WCC, as there are over fifty new actions to be started, in addition to the work already in progress.

Although it is accepted that not all actions can be taken forward, given existing commitments and resource/budget implications, there is still a considerable challenge in adapting the work of the Countryside Access Team to achieve as much as possible from the CAROWIP.








Annual reports were published for Years 1 and 2. Progress towards CAROWIP targets is monitored by the Warwickshire, Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum (the LAF), and this Statement of Intent has been through a consultation process with the LAF as well as being included in the internal service planning process.









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



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Section 1 : Actions intended for Year 3









Information & Publicity								
Miscellaneous								
E02a	Free talks will be given to any group willing to work to manage, promote or improve the path network	H1a H1c P8b		-	✓	✓	✓	
E05a	Arrange publicity campaign to highlight the importance of dog worming, effects of livestock worrying and impact on wildlife etc. Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E3a E3c E5b S10b		£3,000 each time	✓		✓	Land managers User groups Parish Councils Other councils English Nature
E05b	Liaise with dog wardens to promote the responsible use of rights of way and the countryside by dog owners Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E5a		-	✓			Other councils
P06a	Make reporting defects and other obstructions as easy as possible for path users	E3d		-	✓Q	✓	✓	LAF
Website and Internet								
E03a	Develop website to educate and inform all countryside users	A3a E3c E5a E6a H1b R4e		-	✓	✓	✓	
E03b	Maintain up to date web pages including network changes and closures	R4d S5c		-	✓	✓	✓	
H01f	Publicise the availability of information in order to increase the confidence of potential users	A3a S6b S7c		-	✓	✓	✓	











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S05c	Produce a range of downloadable leaflets and other information	A3a E1a E3b E6a H1b H2b N4b R4d S1a S9a T1a T2b T2f		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
T02b	Further develop use of the Warwickshire Web to provide information for visitors about the Warwickshire countryside	E3a E3b E3c E3d E6a S5c		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
Activity Based								
H01e	Provide led walks and walks with a theme e.g. history	S4a S11a		-	✓	✓	✓	Heritage and environmental professionals, WCC (others)
Media								
A02a	Publicise appropriate routes once improvements have been carried out	A1a A1d A1f A1h A1i E1a H2b S6b S7a		£5,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	Land managers Fieldfare Trust Volunteers CoAg
E06a	Promote understanding of Open Access rights, and areas involved through leaflets, website, talks, media, etc. Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E3a E3c S5c S10b		£5,000	✓			CoAg
Printed Material								
A02b	Countryside for All - Build on success of existing walks pack and develop pack of longer, more challenging routes and develop additional publicity material to promote them Chosen as a priority by the LAF	H5a S3a		£5,000		✓		
H05a	Countryside for All - Build on success of existing walks pack and develop pack of longer routes Chosen as a priority by the LAF	A2b S3a S7c		£5,000		✓		
E01a	To publish a countryside access magazine twice a year to inform users of the countryside, share best practice and promote rights and responsibilities	A3b P7b S5c		-	✓	✓	✓	










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S06d	Work with heritage and environmental professionals on promotional material which links together topics e.g. history, archaeology, wildlife	R4e S7c		£5,000 per publication	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others), Heritage and environmental professionals
On site practical works								
T02a	Develop series of gateway information boards in key tourism locations to promote local circular routes and other countryside attractions and businesses Chosen as a priority by the LAF	S6b		£5,000 per board		✓	✓	Other councils WCC (others) Local businesses Market Towns Tourism providers
Cycling								
S08a	Promote the opportunities for safe cycling in Country Parks and greenways and bridleways	H5c S11b		-	✓	✓	✓	
S08c	Promote family cycling on named trails Chosen as a priority by the LAF	H1h S8d		£3,000 per route		✓		
S11b	Develop the existing walks and events programme to include guided cycling events	A3b S8a		-		✓		
Health								
H01d	Promote existing Health Walks Schemes and support the growth of the Scheme	H3b		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others), Health walk groups
H02b	Targeted publicity for appropriate routes once improved	A2a S5c		£5,000 pa		✓	✓	
Parks								
A03b	Promote use of Country Parks and greenways as safe gateways to the countryside	E1a S11b		-	✓Q	✓	✓	
H05c	Promote use of Country Parks and greenways, for health benefits	H6a S7c S8a		£10,000 each	✓Q	✓	✓	PCTs CoAg











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Campaigns								
P01a	Continue annual ploughing and cropping campaign	E3c		-	✓	✓	✓	NFU CLA
P01b	Continue to take legal action against persistent non compliance with legislation Chosen as a priority by the LAF	P1a		-	✓	✓	✓	
S04a	Develop and organise an annual walking festival, building on the success of the 2005 event	H1e H1h T1a		£20,000	✓Q	✓	✓	Sponsors WCC (others), Volunteers
T01a	Publicise the annual walking festival throughout the UK	S4a S5c		£20,000	✓Q	✓	✓	Sponsors
Targeted Improvements								
Safety								
N02a	Identify and use key sections of roadside verge to create safe links for all NMUs Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N8f S1d		£10,000 per section	✓	✓	✓	User groups Highways Agency WCC (others) Parish Councils
N03a	Establish safer crossings of major roads, 'LTP heavy traffic routes' other roads and railway lines for all NMUs	N8e N8f		£30,000 each	✓	✓	✓	Highways Agency Network Rail WCC (others)
N03b	To ensure that all classes of NMUs are catered for in the design of road crossing and road junctions	N8f R5a		-	✓	✓	✓	Highways Agency WCC (others)
Proactive working								
N05c	Identify important routes in path network for access to schools	P9b P9d		-		✓		WCC (others)
N05d	Work in partnership with Safer Routes to School Officers to develop and secure improvements to the utility path network	P9b P9d		-		✓		WCC (others)










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N08d	Survey all WCC landholdings and review and develop the countryside access path network	R2e		£2,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
R05a	Seek additional routes and improvements to existing paths commensurate with increase in population or vehicle movements on large development sites	N3b N5b N8b P4c R5d		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
R05d	Seek developer contributions associated with all large developments	H5b R5a		-	✓	✓	✓	
S03a	Work with others to identify and improve a number of suitable waterside routes, and promote them as easy access walks Chosen as a priority by the LAF	A1a A2b H2a H5a P4c		£25,000		✓	✓	British Waterways Environment Agency
Accessibility								
A01d	Develop at least one wheelchair accessible circular route of at least 3 miles in the countryside, outside Country Parks	A1iA2a H2b		£20,000 each	✓Q	✓		CoAg Fieldfare Trust
A01f	Work with Fieldfare Trust to receive accessibility accreditation for a number of routes within Warwickshire (3 by year 4 and 10 by year 10)	A1i A2a		-	✓	✓	✓	Fieldfare Trust
A01h	Provide four new sensory trails	A2a		£10,000 each	✓Q	✓	✓	Land managers Disability groups
A01i	Identify key routes for accessibility improvements	A2a		£1,000 pa	✓	✓		Disability groups, Other councils, WCC (others), Minority groups
Equestrian								
N02c	Identify key equestrian and cycling links and desired links, and prioritise and secure them Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N2d N2e N8f R7a		£10,000 per link		✓	✓	User groups Parish Councils










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N08f	Assess provision of horse-riding routes in North Warwickshire and develop and progress a programme of enhancements Chosen as a priority by the LAF	H2c N2 N3 N8b P2e R2e R2f R6a R7a		£5,000 per link	✓	✓		User groups, Other Councils, WCC (others), Local horseriders, Landowners
P02e	Carry out a survey, and develop an overhead vegetation clearance programme, for all routes with equestrian rights	N8f P4f		£20,000 pa	✓Q	✓	✓	User groups CoAg
P04f	Survey all routes with equestrian rights and develop a programme for improving gates and gate latches	P2e		£20,000 pa	✓Q	✓		User groups CoAg
Health								
H03a	Work with existing "Walking the Way to Health" groups to establish and improve suitable routes	A1a H2a		£3,000 per group	✓	✓		
Parks								
N06a	Develop 2 new greenways – Kenilworth Berkswell and Leamington to Rugby	S2g		£250,000 (shared N6a & S2g)	✓	✓		Sustrans Other councils
S02g	Develop the two proposed greenways (Leamington-Rugby and Kenilworth-Berkswell)	N6a		£250,000 (shared N6a & S2g)	✓	✓		Sustrans Other councils
Signing and Waymarking								
P03b	Develop a trial of improved roadside signage including fingerposts with destinations and route times, stile free routes, etc and monitor public response	A1e N5b P3c P3e		£10,000	✓			
P03e	Undertake a comprehensive review of signs and waymarking on public rights of way	A1c A1e P3b P3c		£2,000	✓Q			Disability groups, WCC (others), Parish Councils, P3 groups, LAF, CALG, User groups





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Volunteers and Community Working								
E07a	Provide support and training for volunteers and other partners	E4c E4d H3d		-	✓	✓	✓	Land managers
P07a	Continue with the existing P3 Scheme and encourage other parishes to join the Scheme	P8a P8b		-	✓	✓	✓	
P08a	Support voluntary groups which undertake practical, promotional and research work on the path network	P7a		-	✓	✓	✓	
P03c	Encourage P3 groups and other partner groups to sign paths with fingerposts displaying destinations and route times	P3b P3e		£300 per path	✓Q	✓	✓	P3 groups
H01a	Encourage people to sign up to volunteering with existing practical groups Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E2a		-	✓	✓	✓	Existing practical groups
P08b	Encourage other voluntary and community groups to undertake practical works on the path network Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E2a P7a		-	✓	✓	✓	
Practical Works								
Gap-Gate-Stile								
A01a	Continue to remove stiles and unnecessary structures from the rights of way network	A1e A2a S3a P4a P4c		£30,000 pa (shared A1a & H2a)	✓	✓	✓	Land managers Volunteers
H02a	Continue to remove stiles and unnecessary structures from the rights of way network to allow access for more people	A1a P4a P4c S7a		£30,000 pa (shared A1a & H2a)	✓	✓	✓	Land managers
P04a	Follow the policy on 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles on footpaths and bridleways' when replacing or repairing existing boundary crossings	A1a H2a		-	✓	✓	✓	
P04b	Follow the policy on 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles on footpaths and bridleways' for boundary crossings when authorising new structures			-	✓	✓	✓	

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P04e	Seek landowners' consent for installation of dog-gates alongside stiles especially surrounding centres of population (NB only if unable to install gate or gap instead)	P3a		£2,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
Maintenance								
N02f	Undertake a programme of works to deal with the 6 large (over 8 metre span) missing bridges	N8f P5a		£100,000 per bridge (shared P5a & N2f)	✓	✓	✓	
P02a	Identify field edge paths which require regular clearance Chosen as a priority by the LAF	A1g H2d N4a P10a		-		✓		User groups Parish Councils
P02b	Develop a seasonal field edge path clearance programme	P1a		£30,000 pa		✓	✓	Land managers
P02c	Identify utility paths which require regular spraying or clearance programme	N5b N5d		-		✓		Other councils
P02d	Develop a utility path clearance and spraying programme	N5d		£30,000 pa		✓	✓	
P05a	Undertake a programme of works to deal with the 6 large (over 8 metre span) missing bridges	N2f		£100,000 per bridge (shared P5a & N2f)	✓	✓	✓	
P05b	Continue the programme of bridge repair	P5c		£75,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
Improvements								
P09d	Develop programme of surface improvements for access to school routes	N5c N5d		£15,000 pa		✓		WCC (others)

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Orders								
Proactive change								
R06a	Seek agreements which add routes constructively to the path network	N2b N2c N2e N8a N8b N8f N8c N8d		£1,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
R07a	We will use schemes under the 'New Paths for Old' umbrella to improve and develop the rights of way network for the public by combining public path orders and other legal agreements	N2c N2e N8b N8f R2c R2d S1d		-	✓	✓	✓	
R02e	Promote creation orders to create links between existing paths or to improve strategic recreational routes over WCC land	N2b N2c N8d N8f		£1,000 per route	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
R02f	Promote creation orders to create links between existing paths or to improve strategic recreational routes over land in non-WCC ownership Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N2b N2c N8a N8f S3c T2d		£1,000 per route		✓	✓	
Existing Working Arrangements								
R01a	Progress the review in accordance with the Policy covering the Definitive Map Review at the current rate			-	✓	✓	✓	
R02a	Offer reduced fee PPOs on paths newly recorded or upgraded by DMMOs for applications made within 3 months of confirmation			-	✓	✓	✓	
R02b	Pursue PPOs where they can be made in lieu of DMMOs	N8a R1a		-	✓	✓	✓	
R02c	Offer reduced fees to landowners who are willing to create additional paths or links as part of a "New Paths for Old" package	N2b N2c R7a		-	✓	✓	✓	
R02d	Give priority to all PPO applications which remove or improve crossings of railway lines or heavily trafficked roads or which remove the need for excessive road walking	N8e R7a		-	✓	✓	✓	
R06b	Seek agreements in lieu of DMMO's	R1a		-	✓	✓	✓	







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Promoted Routes								
Existing working arrangements								
S02b	Support and assist the development of Sustrans routes	N6a N6b		-	✓	✓	✓	Sustrans
S02d	Support and assist the development of the North Arden Trail (this project has recently been awarded £422,500 by Heritage Lottery Fund)			-	✓	✓		WCC (others) Other councils
T01b	Support A Coventry Way Association in supporting their annual event, and offer similar support for other key events.	H1b		-	✓	✓	✓	User groups
Existing routes								
S03b	Relaunch the existing Avon Valley Way between Stratford upon Avon and Marlcliff			£5,000	✓			Other councils
'The List' of recognised routes								
S01a	Maintain a list of Recognised Promoted Routes ('the List')	S5c		-	✓ Q	✓	✓	LAF
S01b	Ensure that routes on the List are periodically inspected			-	✓	✓	✓	User groups
S01c	Continue seeking improved infrastructure on routes on the List	A1a N3a P4c		£10,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	P3 partners User groups
S01d	Identify key road links on the List and seek to create alternative routes	N2a N2b N3c N3d R2e R2f R6a R7a		£5,000 per link		✓	✓	User groups
S02a	Develop a procedure for adding routes to the List	S1a		-	✓ Q			LAF User groups

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New routes								
S02e	Support and assist the development of a strategic equestrian route through the County Chosen as a priority by the LAF			£15,000	✓	✓	✓	User groups
S07a	Develop a series of stile free circular routes with information explaining the health benefits, timed circuits, etc from centres of populations Chosen as a priority by the LAF	A2a H1g H1h H2a P4c		£10,000 per series	✓Q	✓		CoAg PCTs
T02e	Develop a "Two Castles Walk" between Warwick and Kenilworth Castles Chosen as a priority by the LAF	P4c		£10,000		✓		User groups
Internal Processes								
Inspections								
R04b	Establish IT framework to allow full network survey, including inventory information, and input data into GIS	A1g H2d N4a P4d P10a P10b		£5,000	✓	✓		
P05c	Develop an inspection programme for all known bridges on the public path network Chosen as a priority by the LAF	P5b		-	✓			
Communications								
E07b	Share training and best practice, and ensure that some within the team have the skills to train others	E7d		-	✓	✓	✓	
E07d	Provide training for the Countryside Access Team in understanding overlapping disciplines e.g. agriculture, planning, ecology etc.	E7b		-	✓	✓	✓	
R05b	Work with district and borough planners to ensure applications affecting existing rights of way are advertised and treated as a material planning consideration Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E7c		-	✓	✓	✓	Other councils WCC (others)
Documentation								
P11a	Develop written working practices to formalise internal procedures	A1g H2d N4a P10b R4b		-	✓			Note: will continue in yrs 3-5+

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R08a	Develop written working practices to formalise internal procedures`			-	✓			Note: will continue in yrs 3-5+
P04g	Develop a strategy to exclude illegal motorised users from public footpaths and bridleways Chosen as a priority by the LAF			-		✓		Police User groups WCC (others)
Miscellaneous								
R04a	Continue and complete the digitised data checking process towards a digital record	R4c		-	✓	✓		
N01a	Support applications for agri environment schemes which include constructive access elements	N2b		-	✓	✓	✓	








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Section 2 : Actions already completed











Information & Publicity								
S07d	Produce a directory of healthy activities in the Warwickshire countryside	H3c		£5,000 per edition		✓	✓	WCC (others)
Targeted Improvements								
N08e	Identify and review all at-grade rail crossings on the network with a view to improvements	N3a N5b N5d		-	✓ ^Q			Network Rail
P03d	Inspect and sign, where appropriate, all Open Access Land	E6b		£1,000	✓			CoAg
Signing and Waymarking								
A01c	Carry out an accessibility audit of our signs and waymarks	A3c P3e		£2,000	✓			Disability groups WCC (others)
Promoted Routes								
S02c	Support and assist the development of the Battlefields Trail			-	✓	✓		Other councils Battlefields Trust WCC (others), Heritage professionals
Internal Processes								
S08b	Investigate the opportunities to establish corporate purchase schemes for bicycles to promote cycling	S8d		-		✓		WCC (others)










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Section 3 : Actions not intended to be started











Information & Publicity								
	Miscellaneous							
H01b	WCC promotion of local walking and cycling clubs and cycle hire etc. through website, media, posters, etc.	E3a T1b S5c		£2,000		✓	✓	
R05c	Publicise issues surrounding agricultural permitted development and public rights of way	E7c		£5,000		✓	✓	
	Website and Internet							
E03c	Campaigning based web pages on specific issues, 2 per year, e.g. dog fouling, ploughing and cropping, litter, car parking, Countryside Code, etc.	E3a E5a E6a R3a S10b		-	✓Q	✓	✓	Land managers Other councils English Nature
E03d	Develop map based web pages with interactive path defect reporting, route selection, inventory etc.	P6a S5a		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
	Activity Based							
E04c	Develop and run map reading courses – one off sessions, adult education, etc.	E7a		-		✓		
E04d	Develop and run path surveying course for partners, user groups and other interested parties	E7a		-		✓		Heritage & environmental professionals
S05b	Establish online ordering of countryside publications			-	✓			WCC (others)
	Media							








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S10b	Develop an annual media campaign to publicise the Countryside Code and use of the Warwickshire countryside	E3c E5a E6a		£3,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
	Printed Material							
A03a	Provide a range of publicity material in appropriate formats to increase the confidence and awareness of non-users, in consultation with target audience	E3a H1f S5c		£5,000 pa		✓	✓	Community, disability and minority groups WCC (others)
E04a	Develop inputs into the Country Parks Education Rangers programme to educate schoolchildren on active citizenship	S10a		-		✓		
E04b	Produce an activity pack for schools and young people, including map reading, basic farming, local history, hedge aging, rights of way, landscape interpretation, value of exercise etc. Chosen as a priority by the LAF	S10a H1h		£5,000		✓		FACE, Heritage & environmental professionals
E07c	Provide targeted information to other professions covering applicable rights of way law and practice	R5b R5c		£1,000		✓		
H05b	Develop range of trail leaflets from areas of population into adjacent countryside	H1g S6b S7c S8e		£5,000 per area		✓	✓	
S10a	Provide a schools activity pack to cover responsible use of the countryside and the Countryside Code	E4a E4b		£5,000		✓		WCC (others) CoAg
	On site practical works							
S06b	Develop a network of, predominantly village based, information boards (or similar) throughout the County to publicise local access networks and responsible use of the countryside including; dogs, Open Access Land, Countryside Code, local attractions, heritage, wildlife, refreshments, etc.	A2a H1f T2a		£5,000 per board		✓	✓	Other councils P3 partners Market Towns Heritage and environmental professionals
S11a	Develop, with farmers, a series of farm walks to promote an understanding of rural issues	H1e		£3,000 per walk		✓	✓	Land managers NFU CLA Rural Hub











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	Cycling							
S07b	Organise an annual healthy cycling promotion campaign and associated events	H1h		£5,000		✓	✓	WCC (others) User groups
S08d	Promote a cycling culture by encouraging families and young children to go cycling	S8b S8c		£3,000 pa	✓	✓		
S08e	Promote cycle routes from residential areas to the wider countryside access network and specific sites and provide cycle storage Chosen as a priority by the LAF	H5b		£10,000 per route		✓	✓	
	Health							
H01c	Offer talks to Weightwatchers and Slimming World groups to promote walking	E2a		-		✓	✓	
H01g	Develop packages of walks for health professionals to recommend	H5b S7a		£10,000 each	✓Q	✓	✓	CoAg PCTs WCC (others)
H01h	Provide information about the social and health benefits of walking, riding and cycling	S4a S7a S7c S8c		-	✓	✓	✓	PCTs WCC (others)
H06a	Promote health benefits to visitors and school and community groups in Country Parks	H5c		-		✓	✓	
S07c	Assess existing and future promotional material to ensure that opportunities are taken to promote the health benefits of countryside activities	H1f H1h H5 S6c S6d		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others), PCTs
	Tourism							
S12a	Develop a marketing plan for access to the Warwickshire countryside, including the effective distribution of the leaflets for the County's promoted routes and other information leaflets	T4a		-		✓		WCC (others)
T04a	Develop a marketing plan for the Warwickshire countryside with key partners	S12a T3a		-		✓		WCC (others) Tourism providers













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Targeted Improvements								
	Safety							
N03c	Identify where the use of surfaced roads forms a significant part of the path network	N2a N2b N8f		-	✓Q	✓	✓	User groups Parish Councils LAF
N02b	Identify key roadside links and create 'behind the hedge access'	N1a N8f S1d		£5,000 per link		✓	✓	User groups Land managers Highways Agency Parish Councils
N03d	To work with others to improve the safety of NMUs where the use of surfaced roads forms a significant part of the path network	N6c N8f		-		✓	✓	Highways Agency WCC (others)
	Proactive working							
P04c	Develop a proactive programme of removing unnecessary structures and improving existing structures especially close to centres of population, tourist areas and easy access trails following the policy on 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles on footpaths and bridleways'	A1a H3a R5a S3a S7a		£10,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	Land managers Volunteers
P09b	Develop and undertake a programme of surface improvements for heavily used rural routes Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N5b		£50,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
N05b	Improve and promote the use of utility paths within and between communities in line with sustainable transport objectives Chosen as a priority by the LAF	P3b P9b P9c R5a		£20,000 pa		✓	✓	WCC (others) Market Towns
P03a	Inspect all routes surrounding centres of population and improve waymarking to reduce trespass and encourage use Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N8b P4e		-		✓		
S03d	To support other organisations in securing access to woodland" Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N8b		£5,000 per route created	✓	✓	✓	Forestry Commission, Woodland Trust, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Landowners
N05a	Identify important utility paths especially in rural or smaller communities	P9c		-		✓		Parish Councils User groups Market Towns




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N08b	Continue to identify areas of poor access to the countryside and seek to improve it. Prioritise tourist areas and areas close to centres of population	N8a N8f P3a R5a R7a S3c S3d		£15,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others) Market Towns Parish Councils
N07b	Promote recreational routes from major junctions with the public transport network			£5,000 pa		✓	✓	
N08c	Review and develop links from WCC Country Parks and other recreational sites to adjacent countryside and rights of way	N2b N2c		£5,000 per link		✓	✓	
	Accessibility							
A04a	Undertake research into the needs of users with disabilities, which can inform future actions	A3c		£20,000	✓			CoAg, Disability groups, WCC (others)
A01b	Develop surfacing guidelines for improving multi user routes for older, mobility impaired and less able users	A1i H2c P9a		-		✓		CoAg Fieldfare Trust LAF Disability groups
A03c	Research into the needs of disadvantaged users	A1c A1i A4a		£5,000		✓		Community, disability and minority groups WCC (others)
H02c	Develop standard surfacing guidelines for improving multi user routes for older, mobility impaired and less able users	A1b P9a		-		✓		CoAg WCC (others)
	Access Land							
E06b	Ensure all affected areas (Access Land) are suitably signed	P3d		£1,000	✓			CoAg
	Health							
H03b	Promote existing "Walking the Way to Health" groups within existing partnerships and community groups	H1d		-		✓	✓	WCC (others)
H03c	Develop and promote healthy walking initiatives to those deriving most benefit	H1d H6b S7d		£5,000 pa		✓		PCTs WCC (others)

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H04a	Work with the WCC Health & Environment Project Officer, PCTs and others to identify appropriate recipient groups and communities	H4b		-		✓	✓	PCTs WCC (others)
H04c	Develop and promote healthy walking initiatives to appropriate communities	H3c		£3,000 pa		✓	✓	PCTs CoAg WCC (others)
H06b	Develop exercise pack with loan pedometers to encourage walking, through schools and community groups	H3c		£5,000		✓		
H03d	Train more “Walking the Way to Health” leaders	E7a		£3,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
	Parks							
A04b	Undertake an assessment of current open space and green space provision within Warwickshire, so as to identify gaps in availability	S13a T2c		£20,000 (shared A4b & S13a)	✓	✓		Countryside Agency, Other councils, Land managers
N06b	Identify other potential greenways	N2c		-		✓		Sustrans User groups
N07a	Improve public transport to WCC Country Parks and other walking/cycling gateway sites and ‘start points’			£25,000 pa		✓	✓	WCC (others)
S13a	Undertake an assessment of current open space and green space provision within Warwickshire, so as to identify gaps in availability	A4b T2c		£20,000 (shared A4b & S13a)	✓	✓		Countryside Agency, Other councils, Land managers
Practical Works								
	Improvements							
P09a	Develop surfacing guidelines in conjunction with the main user groups for rural routes	A1b H2c		-		✓		User Groups
P09c	Develop programme of surface improvements for inter town/village and other utility paths Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N5a N5b		£20,000 pa		✓	✓	WCC (others)

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Orders								
	Proactive change							
N02d	Identify all cross county boundary routes and ensure consistency of route alignment and status Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N2c N8f		£3,000 pa		✓	✓	Adjoining councils
N02e	Identify network gaps left by quarries and wartime airfields and work to improve the connectivity	N2c N8f R7a		£5,000 per gap		✓	✓	User groups
R03a	Encourage landowners to lodge declarations with WCC through a publicity campaign	E3c		£5,000		✓		NFU CLA
Working Arrangements								
R01b	Increase pace of the review in order to meet the 2026 deadline Chosen as a priority by the LAF			£5,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
R01c	Take UCRs out of sequence and process DMMOs to remove uncertainty over status Chosen as a priority by the LAF			£5,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
Promoted Routes								
Existing routes								
T02f	Provide up-to-date information about the Centenary Way	E3a S5c		£15,000		✓		User groups
Miscellaneous								
A01e	Devise a system for monitoring and signing promoted routes which are stile free or fully accessible	A1a P3b P3e		-		✓	✓	Associated groups e.g. HOEW Assoc.

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Internal Processes								
	Inspections							
A01g	Whole network survey to identify areas and routes for improvements	A1i H2d N4a R4b P10a		£10,000 (shared)		✓	✓	
H02d	Whole network survey to identify appropriate routes, and target improvements	A1g N4a N8f P10a P10b R4b		£10,000 (shared)		✓	✓	
N04a	Carry out a full network survey	A1g H2d P10a R4b		£10,000 (shared)		✓	✓	
P10a	Complete full network survey	A1g H2d N4a P10b R4b		£10,000 (shared)		✓	✓	
P10b	Enter all data collected onto GIS	P10a R4b		-		✓	✓	
	Communications							
P01c	Explore new ways of resolving ploughing and cropping issues through liaison with farming organisations and Defra Chosen as a priority by the LAF	E3c		-		✓		NFU CLA Defra
R04e	Establish links between, and share the rights of way dataset with, other environmental datasets e.g. habitat, species, archaeology					✓	✓	WCC (others), Heritage and environment professionals
	Documentation							
P04d	Develop system of recording and authorising structures on path network	R4b		-	✓			
N01b	Identify and establish a register of existing permissive routes, and, in consultation with landowners, supply details of significant routes to OS for inclusion on OS maps			-		✓	✓	Parish Councils User groups
P04h	Review Policy CA11 Electric Fences and seek feedback from the farming and equestrian communities					✓		

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Year 5+ Actions – not to be started yet								
A03d	Special projects to encourage and inspire non-users from disadvantaged groups			£10,000			✓	Community, disability and minority groups WCC (others)
H04b	By using school buses and/or transport brokerage service and other means, to chaperone identified groups on series of introductory countryside experiences and led walks	H4a		£10,000			✓	Identified groups WCC (others)
N04b	Make rights of way mapping and other route information available online	E3a E3d S5c		-			✓	
N06c	Assess potential for Quiet Lanes scheme in Warwickshire	N3d		-			✓	WCC (others)
N08a	Secure public access through Warwick Castle Park	N8b R2b		£15,000			✓	
R04c	Publish updated Definitive Map and Statement	P4a P4d		£10,000			✓	
R04d	Make the Definitive Map and Statement information available online	E3b R4c S5c		-			✓	WCC (others)
S02f	Develop a strategic equestrian route through the County			£35,000			✓	User groups
S03c	Develop and extend the Avon Valley Way between Stratford upon Avon and Warwick for bankside walking and cycling Chosen as a priority by the LAF	N8b R2f T2d		£50,000			✓	Environment Agency
T02d	Extend the Avon Valley Way between Stratford and Warwick and publicise it	R2f S3c		£50,000			✓	Environment Agency
S05a	Develop an interactive route-planning facility online and available in libraries	E3d		£10,000			✓	WCC (others)
S06a	Develop an information point in the south of the County, including car parking and toilets	T2c		£100,000			✓	WCC (others) Other councils

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T02c	Identify, develop and promote flagship countryside sites N.B. none of the WCC countryside sites in the south of the County have visitor centres or information points	A4b S6a S13a		£300,000 per site			✓	WCC (others)
T03a	Work with tourism and accommodation providers to distribute circular trail information and other promotional material to visitors to the County	S12a T4a		-			✓	WCC (others) Tourism providers
T03b	Investigate ways of encouraging equestrian tourism	S9a		-			✓	User groups Tourism providers TROT Rural Hub