

Summary Document and Action Plan

Warwickshire County Council - Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (CAROWIP) 2006-2016

The Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan, or CAROWIP, was prepared over an 18 month period which included extensive consultation and research. It will guide the work of the County Council through the next ten years and enable us to manage the valuable assets of the rights of way and countryside access network in the most appropriate way.

The CAROWIP is divided into several defined sections. Key sections are

Themes : The full document summarises research and findings relating to each Theme and includes an Action Plan under each heading.

Policies: These will guide our work over the coming years. They are included in Appendix 1 of the full document. The Policies do not seek to set out the law, and may be reviewed as a consequence of significant changes in legislation.

The titles of the Policies are as follows

- CA1 Definitive Map review
- CA2 Landowner declarations
- CA3 Public Path Orders (PPOs) for footpaths and bridleways
- CA4 Development and public rights of way
- CA5 Enforcement and public rights of way
- CA6 Non-Definitive alternative routes (unofficial diversions)
- CA7 Path reports and inspections on public rights of way and UCRs
- CA8 Signing and waymarking of public rights of way and UCRs
- CA9 Gaps, gates and stiles on footpaths and bridleways
- CA10 Surfacing of public rights of way and UCRs
- CA11 Electric fences on footpaths and bridleways
- CA12 Roads and railways, and public rights of way and UCRs
- CA13 Volunteers working on public rights of way and UCRs
- CA14 Promoted routes and trails
- CA15 Permissive paths
- CA16 Antisocial behaviour and crime



To see the full CAROWIP

- download a copy **(102 pages)**
 - from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carowip
- view a copy
 - at the Countryside Recreation office (Unit 11 Montague Road, Warwick CV34 5LW)
 - at any Warwickshire library
 - at Warwickshire Country Parks visitor centres
- request a copy
 - by email us at paths@warwickshire.gov.uk
 - by phone on **01926 413427**

The first copy for each individual or organisation will be free, and a charge of £10 will be made for each extra copy.

The text of the Policies is contained in Appendix 1 to the Plan, and is available as a separate document (20 pages, available to download from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carowip or on request by telephone or email.)

Notes on the Action Plan

This Action Plan is a combination of Action Plans extracted from the Themes of the CAROWIP. It is intended as a summary of the actions we intend to take as part of the CAROWIP.

Resources - the additional staff or time symbol does not necessarily mean a whole person. A single additional person could take on multiple actions, or an existing part time member of staff could work some additional hours.

Additional funding - where there is overlap between actions, for example A1a and P4c, the identified additional funding should not necessarily be added together. The identified funds may meet both actions.

The above are both estimates based on 2005/06 budget and costs, and will need to be reviewed in line with inflation and changes to baseline budget.

Quick wins

We have identified some 'quick wins' in our Action Plans. These may either be one off projects which are already resourced, or actions which can be achieved within current staff numbers and budget. The quick wins are actions we aim to achieve in the first year.

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Action Plan: Accessibility

Key



existing staff



additional staff or time












partnerships















quick wins









Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders	
				1-2	3-4	5+		
A1 Physical improvements								
a	Continue to remove stiles and unnecessary structures from the rights of way network	A1e A2a S3a P4a P4c	Existing staff and additional staff	£30,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	Land managers Volunteers
b	Develop surfacing guidelines for improving multi user routes for older, mobility impaired and less able users	H2c P9a	Existing staff and additional staff	-		✓		CoAg Fieldfare Trust LAF Disability groups
c	Carry out an accessibility audit of our signs and waymarks	A3c	Existing staff and additional staff	£2,000	✓			Disability groups WCC (others)
d	Develop at least one wheelchair accessible circular route of at least 3 miles in the countryside, outside Country Parks	A2a H2b	Existing staff and additional staff	£20,000 each	✓Q	✓		CoAg Fieldfare Trust
e	Devise a system for monitoring and signing promoted routes which are stile free or fully accessible	A1a P3b	Existing staff, additional staff, and partnerships	-		✓	✓	Associated groups e.g. HOEW Assoc.
f	Work with Fieldfare Trust to receive accessibility accreditation for a number of routes within Warwickshire (3 by year 4 and 10 by year 10)	A2a	Existing staff, additional staff, and partnerships	-	✓	✓	✓	Fieldfare Trust
g	Whole network survey to identify areas and routes for improvements	H2d N4a R4b P10a	Existing staff and additional staff	£10,000		✓	✓	
h	Provide four new sensory trails	A2a	Existing staff and additional staff	£10,000 each	✓Q	✓	✓	Land managers



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i	Identify key routes for accessibility improvements	??		£1,000 pa	✓	✓		Disability groups, Other councils, WCC (others), Minority groups
A2 Promotion and publicity								
a	Publicise appropriate routes once improvements have been carried out	A1a A1d A1f A1h E1a H2b S6b S7a		£5,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	Land managers Fieldfare Trust Volunteers CoAg
b	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	H5a S3a		£5,000		✓		
A3 Encouraging participation								
a	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)
b	Promote use of Country Parks and greenways as safe gateways to the countryside	E1a S11b		-	✓ ^Q	✓	✓	
c	Research into the needs of disadvantaged users	A1c		£5,000		✓		Community, disability and minority groups WCC (others)
d	Special projects to encourage and inspire non-users from disadvantaged groups			£10,000			✓	Community, disability and minority groups WCC (others)





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A4 Further Research								
a	Undertake research into the needs of users with disabilities, which can inform future actions	??		£20,000	✓			Countryside Agency, Disability groups, WCC (others)
b	Undertake an assessment of current open space and green space provision within Warwickshire, so as to identify gaps in availability	S13a		£20,000	✓	✓		Countryside Agency, Other councils, Land managers









Action Plan: Education	Key	 existing staff	 additional staff or time	 partnerships	 quick wins
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E1 Countryside access magazine								
a	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		-	✓	✓	✓	
E2 Talks and public speaking								
a	Free talks will be given to any group willing to work to manage, promote or improve the path network	H1a H1c P8b		-	✓	✓	✓	
E3 Countryside Recreation website								
a	Develop website to educate and inform all countryside users	A3a E3c E5a E6a H1b		-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Maintain up to date web pages including network changes and closures	R4d S5c		-	✓	✓	✓	
c	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
d	Develop map based web pages with interactive path defect reporting, route selection, inventory etc.	P6a S5a		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
E4 Promote the responsible use of the countryside								
a	Develop inputs into the Country Parks Education Rangers programme to educate schoolchildren on active citizenship	S10a		-		✓		
b	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.	S10a H1h		£5,000		✓		FACE, Heritage & environmental professionals








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c	Develop and run map reading courses – one off sessions, adult education, etc.	E7a		-		✓		
d	Develop and run path surveying course for partners, user groups and other interested parties	E7a		-		✓		Heritage & environmental professionals
E5 Dog owners								
a	Arrange publicity campaign to highlight the importance of dog worming, effects of livestock worrying and impact on wildlife etc.	E3a E3c E5b S10b		£3,000 each time	✓		✓	Land managers User groups Parish Councils Other councils English Nature
b	Liaise with dog wardens to promote the responsible use of rights of way and the countryside by dog owners	E5a		-	✓			Other councils
E6 Open Access								
a	Promote understanding of Open Access rights, and areas involved through leaflets, website, talks, media, etc.	E3a E3c S5c S10b		£5,000	✓			CoAg
b	Ensure all affected areas are suitably signed	P3d		£1,000	✓			CoAg
E7 Training the workers								
a	Provide support and training for volunteers and other partners	E4c E4d H3d		-	✓	✓	✓	Land managers
b	Share training and best practice, and ensure that some within the team have the skills to train others	E7d		-	✓	✓	✓	





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c	Provide targeted information to other professions covering applicable rights of way law and practice	R5b R5c		£1,000		✓		
d	Provide training for the Countryside Access Team in understanding overlapping disciplines e.g. agriculture, planning, ecology etc.	E7b		-	✓	✓	✓	








Action Plan: Health, wellbeing and social benefits	Key	 existing staff	 additional staff or time	 partnerships	 quick wins










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					1-2	3-4	5+	
H1 Encouraging participation								
a	Encourage people to sign up to volunteering with existing practical groups	E2a		-	✓	✓	✓	Existing practical groups
b	WCC promotion of local walking and cycling clubs and cycle hire etc. through website, media, posters, etc.	E3a T1b S5c		£2,000		✓	✓	
c	Offer talks to Weightwatchers and Slimming World groups to promote walking	E2a		-		✓	✓	
d	Promote existing Health Walks Schemes and support the growth of the Scheme	H3b		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others), Health walk groups
e	Provide led walks and walks with a theme e.g. history	S4a S11a		-	✓	✓	✓	Heritage and environmental professionals, WCC (others)
f	Publicise the availability of information in order to increase the confidence of potential users	A3a S6b		-	✓	✓	✓	
g	Develop packages of walks for health professionals to recommend	H5b S7a		£10,000 each	✓ Q	✓	✓	CoAg PCTs WCC (others)
h	Provide information about the social and health benefits of walking, riding and cycling	S4a S7a S8c		-	✓	✓	✓	PCTs WCC (others)











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H2 Network accessibility								
a	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	✓	✓	✓	Land managers
b	Targeted publicity for appropriate routes once improved	A2a S5c		£5,000 pa		✓	✓	
c	Develop standard surfacing guidelines for improving multi user routes for older, mobility impaired and less able users	A1b P9a		-		✓		CoAg WCC (others)
d	Whole network survey to identify appropriate routes, and target improvements	A1g N4a P10a P10b R4b		£10,000		✓	✓	
H3 Support the development of a network of health walks across the county								
a	Work with existing “Walking the Way to Health” groups to establish and improve suitable routes	A1a H2a		£3,000 per group	✓	✓		
b	Promote existing “Walking the Way to Health” groups within existing partnerships and community groups	H1d		-		✓	✓	WCC (others)
c	Develop and promote healthy walking initiatives to those deriving most benefit	H1d H6b		£5,000 pa		✓		PCTs WCC (others)
d	Train more “Walking the Way to Health” leaders	E7a		£3,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
H4 Pilot projects targeting ‘hard to reach’ communities								
a	Work with the WCC Health & Environment Project Officer, PCTs and others to identify appropriate recipient groups and communities	H4b		-		✓	✓	PCTs WCC (others)




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b	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)
c	Develop and promote healthy walking initiatives to appropriate communities	H3c		£3,000 pa		✓	✓	PCTs CoAg WCC (others)
H5 Promotion and publicity								
a	Countryside for All - Build on success of existing walks pack and develop pack of longer routes	A2b S3a		£5,000		✓		
b	Develop range of trail leaflets from areas of population into adjacent countryside	H1g S6b S8e		£5,000 per area		✓	✓	
c	Promote use of Country Parks and greenways, for health benefits	H6a S8a		£10,000 each	✓ Q	✓	✓	PCTs CoAg
H6 Young people								
a	Promote health benefits to visitors and school and community groups in Country Parks	H5c		-		✓	✓	
b	Develop exercise pack with loan pedometers to encourage walking, through schools and community groups	H3c		£5,000		✓		

Action Plan: Path networks and connections	Key	 existing staff	 additional staff or time	 partnerships	 quick wins

	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key Partners
					1-2	3-4	5+	
N1 Permissive access								
a	Support applications for agri environment schemes which include constructive access elements	N2b		-	✓	✓	✓	
b	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
N2 Key links								
a	Identify and use key sections of roadside verge to create safe links for all NMUs	S1d		£10,000 per section	✓	✓	✓	User groups Highways Agency WCC (others) Parish Councils
b	Identify key roadside links and create 'behind the hedge access'	N1a S1d		£5,000 per link		✓	✓	User groups Land managers Highways Agency Parish Councils
c	Identify key equestrian and cycling links and desired links, and prioritise and secure them	N2d N2e R7a		£10,000 per link		✓	✓	User groups Parish Councils
d	Identify all cross county boundary routes and ensure consistency of route alignment and status	N2c		£3,000 pa		✓	✓	Adjoining councils
e	Identify network gaps left by quarries and wartime airfields and work to improve the connectivity	N2c R7a		£5,000 per gap		✓	✓	User groups

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					1-2	3-4	5+	
f	Undertake a programme of works to deal with the 6 large (over 8 metre span) missing bridges	P5a		£100,000 per bridge	✓	✓	✓	
N3 Path and road/railway interface								
a	Establish safer crossings of major roads, 'LTP heavy traffic routes' other roads and railway lines for all NMUs	N8e		£30,000 each	✓	✓	✓	Highways Agency Network Rail WCC (others)
b	To ensure that all classes of NMUs are catered for in the design of road crossing and road junctions	R5a		-	✓	✓	✓	Highways Agency WCC (others)
c	Identify where the use of surfaced roads forms a significant part of the path network	N2a N2b		-	✓ ^Q	✓	✓	User groups Parish Councils LAF
d	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		-		✓	✓	Highways Agency WCC (others)
N4 Network survey and information								
a	Carry out a full network survey	A1g H2d P10a R4b		£10,000		✓	✓	
b	Make rights of way mapping and other route information available online	E3a E3d S5c		-			✓	
N5 Utility paths								
a	Identify important utility paths especially in rural or smaller communities	P9c		-		✓		Parish Councils User groups Market Towns
b	Improve and promote the use of utility paths within and between communities in line with sustainable transport objectives	P3b P9b P9c R5a		£20,000 pa		✓	✓	WCC (others) Market Towns

	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key Partners
					1-2	3-4	5+	
c	Identify important routes in path network for access to schools	P9b P9d		-		✓		WCC (others)
d	Work in partnership with Safer Routes to School Officers to develop and secure improvements to the utility path network	P9b P9d		-		✓		WCC (others)
N6 Greenways and Quiet Lanes								
a	Develop 2 new greenways – Kenilworth Berkswell and Leamington to Rugby	S2g		£250,000	✓	✓		Sustrans Other councils
b	Identify other potential greenways	N2c		-		✓		Sustrans User groups
c	Assess potential for Quiet Lanes scheme in Warwickshire	N3d		-			✓	WCC (others)
N7 Public transport								
a	Improve public transport to WCC Country Parks and other walking/cycling gateway sites and 'start points'			£25,000 pa		✓	✓	WCC (others)
b	Promote recreational routes from major junctions with the public transport network			£5,000 pa		✓	✓	
N8 Developing the network								
a	Secure public access through Warwick Castle Park	N8b R2b		£15,000			✓	
b	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 P3a R5a R7a S3c		£15,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others) Market Towns Parish Councils
c	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		✓	✓	

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					1-2	3-4	5+	
d	Survey all WCC landholdings and review and develop the countryside access path network	R2e		£2,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
e	Identify and review all at-grade rail crossings on the network with a view to improvements	N3a N5b N5d		-	✓ ^Q			Network Rail
f	Assess provision of horse-riding routes in North Warwickshire and develop and progress a programme of enhancements			£5,000 per link	✓	✓		User groups, Other Councils, WCC (others), Local horseriders, Landowners

Action Plan: Paths on the ground

Key



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











partnerships














quick wins





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				1-2	3-4	5+		
P1 Ploughing and cropping								
a	Continue annual ploughing and cropping campaign	E3c		-	✓	✓	✓	NFU CLA
b	Continue to take legal action against persistent non compliance with legislation	P1a		-	✓	✓	✓	
c	Explore new ways of resolving ploughing and cropping issues through liaison with farming organisations and Defra	E3c		-		✓		NFU CLA Defra
P2 Vegetation clearance								
a	Identify field edge paths which require regular clearance	A1g H2d N4a P10a		-		✓		User groups Parish Councils
b	Develop a seasonal field edge path clearance programme	P1a		£30,000 pa		✓	✓	Land managers
c	Identify utility paths which require regular spraying or clearance programme	N5b N5d		-		✓		Other councils
d	Develop a utility path clearance and spraying programme	N5d		£30,000 pa		✓	✓	
e	Carry out a survey, and develop an overhead vegetation clearance programme, for all routes with equestrian rights	P4f		£20,000 pa	✓ Q	✓	✓	User groups CoAg









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P3 Signing and waymarking								
a	Inspect all routes surrounding centres of population and improve waymarking to reduce trespass and encourage use	N8b P4e		-		✓		
b	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		£10,000	✓			
c	Encourage P3 groups and other partner groups to sign paths with fingerposts displaying destinations and route times	P3b		£300 per path	✓ Q	✓	✓	P3 groups
d	Inspect and sign, where appropriate, all Open Access Land	E6b		£1,000	✓			CoAg
e	Undertake a comprehensive review of signs and waymarking on public rights of way			£2,000	✓ Q			Disability groups, WCC (others), Parish Councils, P3 groups, LAF, CALG, User groups
P4 Stiles, gates, barriers, and boundary crossings								
a	Follow the policy on 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles on footpaths and bridleways' when replacing or repairing existing boundary crossings	A1a H2a		-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Follow the policy on 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles on footpaths and bridleways' for boundary crossings when authorising new structures			-	✓	✓	✓	
c	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	A1a H3a R5a S3a S7a		£10,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	Land managers Volunteers










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					1-2	3-4	5+	
d	Develop system of recording and authorising structures on path network	R4b		-	✓			
e	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	✓	✓	✓	
f	Survey all routes with equestrian rights and develop a programme for improving gates and gate latches	P2e		£20,000 pa	✓ Q	✓		User groups CoAg
g	Develop a strategy to exclude illegal motorised users from public footpaths and bridleways			-		✓		Police User groups WCC (others)
h	Review Policy CA11 Electric Fences and seek feedback from the farming and equestrian communities					✓		
P5 Bridges								
a	Undertake a programme of works to deal with the 6 large (over 8 metre span) missing bridges	N2f		£100,000 per bridge	✓	✓	✓	
b	Continue the programme of bridge repair	P5c		£75,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
c	Develop an inspection programme for all known bridges on the public path network	P5b		-	✓			
P6 Obstructions and defects								
a	Make reporting defects and other obstructions as easy as possible for path users	E3d		-	✓ Q	✓	✓	LAF







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P7 Parish Paths Partnership scheme								
a	Continue with the existing P3 Scheme and encourage other parishes to join the Scheme	P8a P8b		-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Regularly publish details of grants and other funding opportunities for P3 groups	E1a		-	✓	✓	✓	
P8 Volunteer groups								
a	Support voluntary groups which undertake practical, promotional and research work on the path network	P7a		-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Encourage other voluntary and community groups to undertake practical works on the path network	E2a P7a		-	✓	✓	✓	
P9 Surfacing								
a	Develop surfacing guidelines in conjunction with the main user groups for rural routes	A1b H2c		-		✓		User Groups
b	Develop and undertake a programme of surface improvements for heavily used rural routes	N5b		£50,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
c	Develop programme of surface improvements for inter town/village and other utility paths	N5a N5b		£20,000 pa		✓	✓	WCC (others)
d	Develop programme of surface improvements for access to school routes	N5c N5d		£15,000 pa		✓		WCC (others)
P10 Network survey								
a	Complete full network survey	A1g H2d N4a P10b R4b		£10,000		✓	✓	





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					1-2	3-4	5+	
b	Enter all data collected onto GIS	P10a R4b		-		✓	✓	
P11 Working Practices								
a	Develop written working practices to formalise internal procedures			£10,000	✓			











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				1-2	3-4	5+		
R1 The review of the Definitive Map and Statement								
a	Progress the review in accordance with the Operational Principle covering the Definitive Map Review at the current rate			-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Increase pace of the review in order to meet the 2026 deadline			£5,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
c	Take UCRs out of sequence and process DMMOs to remove uncertainty over status			£5,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
R2 Public Path Orders								
a	Offer reduced fee PPOs on paths newly recorded or upgraded by DMMOs for applications made within 3 months of confirmation			-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Pursue PPOs where they can be made in lieu of DMMOs	N8a R1a		-	✓	✓	✓	
c	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		-	✓	✓	✓	
d	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		-	✓	✓	✓	
e	Promote creation orders to create links between existing paths or to improve strategic recreational routes over WCC land	N2b N2c N8d		£1,000 per route	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)



	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
f	Promote creation orders to create links between existing paths or to improve strategic recreational routes over land in non-WCC ownership	N2b N2c N8a S3c T2d		£1,000 per route		✓	✓	
R3 Section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 declarations								
a	Encourage landowners to lodge declarations with WCC through a publicity campaign	E3c		£5,000		✓		NFU CLA
R4 The installation of the rights of way database and associated GIS								
a	Continue and complete the digitised data checking process towards a digital record	R4c		-	✓	✓		
b	Establish IT framework to allow full network survey, including inventory information, and input data into GIS	A1g H2d N4a P4d P10a P10b		£5,000	✓	✓		
c	Publish updated Definitive Map and Statement	P4a P4d		£10,000			✓	
d	Make the Definitive Map and Statement information available online	E3b R4c S5c		-			✓	WCC (others)
e	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
R5 Development								
a	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)
b	Work with district and borough planners to ensure applications affecting existing rights of way are advertised and treated as a material planning consideration	E7c		-	✓	✓	✓	Other councils WCC (others)

	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
c	Publicise issues surrounding agricultural permitted development and public rights of way	E7c		£5,000		✓	✓	
d	Seek developer contributions associated with all large developments	H5b R5a		-	✓	✓	✓	
R6 Dedication agreements								
a	Seek agreements which add routes constructively to the path network	N2b N2c N2e N8a N8b N8c N8d		£1,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
b	Seek agreements in lieu of DMMO's	R1a		-	✓	✓	✓	
R7 New Paths for Old								
a	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 R2c R2d S1d		-	✓	✓	✓	
R8 Working Practices								
a	Develop written working practices to formalise internal procedures			-	✓			





Action Plan: Strategic developments and promotion	Key	 existing staff	 additional staff or time	 partnerships	 quick wins

Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders	
				1-2	3-4	5+		
S1 Existing promoted routes								
a	Maintain a list of Recognised Promoted Routes ('the List')	S5c		-		✓	✓	LAF
b	Ensure that routes on the List are periodically inspected			-	✓	✓	✓	User groups
c	Continue seeking improved infrastructure on routes on the List	A1a N3a P4c		£10,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	P3 partners User groups
d	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
S2 Proposed promoted routes								
a	Develop a procedure for adding routes to the List	S1a		-				LAF User groups
b	Support and assist the development of Sustrans routes	N6a N6b		-	✓	✓	✓	Sustrans
c	Support and assist the development of the Battlefields Trail			-	✓	✓		Other councils Battlefields Trust WCC (others), Heritage professionals
d	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


	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
e	Support and assist the development of a strategic equestrian route through the County			£15,000	✓	✓	✓	User groups
f	Develop a strategic equestrian route through the County			£35,000			✓	User groups
g	Develop the two proposed greenways (Leamington-Rugby and Kenilworth-Berkswell)	N6a		£250,000	✓	✓		Sustrans Other councils
S3 Waterside and woodland access								
a	Work with others to identify and improve a number of suitable waterside routes, and promote them as easy access walks	A1a A2b H2a H5a P4c		£25,000		✓	✓	British Waterways Environment Agency
b	Relaunch the existing Avon Valley Way between Stratford upon Avon and Marlcliff			£5,000	✓			Other councils
c	Develop and extend the Avon Valley Way between Stratford upon Avon and Warwick for bankside walking and cycling	N8b R2f T2d		£50,000			✓	Environment Agency
d	To support other organisations in securing access to woodland”			£5,000 per route created	✓	✓	✓	Forestry Commission, Woodland Trust, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Landowners
S4 Walking festival								
a	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
S5 Countryside Recreation website								
a	Develop an interactive route-planning facility online and available in libraries	E3d		£10,000			✓	WCC (others)




	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
b	Establish online ordering of countryside publications			-	✓			WCC (others)
c	Produce a range of downloadable leaflets and other information	A3a E1a E3b E6a H1b H2b N4b R4d S1a S9a T1a T2b T2f		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)

S6 Countryside information






a	Develop an information point in the south of the County, including car parking and toilets	T2c		£100,000			✓	WCC (others) Other councils
b	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
c	Develop a range of circular trails from villages and small towns with leaflets publicising local attractions, farm shops, refreshments, public transport, garden centres etc.	H5b		£10,000 per village		✓	✓	Other councils P3 partners Local attractions WCC (others) Market Towns
d	Work with heritage and environmental professionals on promotional material which links together topics e.g. history, archaeology, wildlife			£5,000 per publication	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others), Heritage and environmental professionals

S7 Health


a	Develop a series of stile free circular routes with information explaining the health benefits, timed circuits, etc from centres of populations	A2a H1g H1h H2a P4c		£10,000 per series	✓ Q	✓		CoAg PCTs
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	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
b	Organise an annual healthy cycling promotion campaign and associated events	H1h		£5,000		✓	✓	WCC (others) User groups
c	Assess existing and future promotional material to ensure that opportunities are taken to promote the health benefits of countryside activities			-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others), PCTs
d	Produce a directory of healthy activities in the Warwickshire countryside			£5,000 per edition		✓	✓	WCC (others)


S8 Cycling






a	Promote the opportunities for safe cycling in Country Parks and greenways and bridleways	H5c S11b		-	✓	✓	✓	
b	Investigate the opportunities to establish corporate purchase schemes for bicycles to promote cycling	S8d		-		✓		WCC (others)
c	Promote family cycling on named trails	H1h S8d		£3,000 per route		✓		
d	Promote a cycling culture by encouraging families and young children to go cycling	S8b S8c		£3,000 pa	✓	✓		
e	Promote cycle routes from residential areas to the wider countryside access network and specific sites and provide cycle storage	H5b		£10,000 per route		✓	✓	





S9 Horseriding
















a	Develop and promote circular rides throughout the County	S5c T3b		£10,000 per route	✓	✓		User groups
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S10 Countryside Code

a	Provide a schools activity pack to cover responsible use of the countryside and the Countryside Code	E4a E4b		£5,000		✓		WCC (others) CoAg
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	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
b	Develop an annual media campaign to publicise the Countryside Code and use of the Warwickshire countryside	E3c E5a E6a		£3,000 pa	✓	✓	✓	
S11 Guided events								
a	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
b	Develop the existing walks and events programme to include guided cycling events	A3b S8a		-		✓		
S12 Marketing plan								
a	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)
S13 Open space and green space								
a	Undertake an assessment of current open space and green space provision within Warwickshire, so as to identify gaps in availability	A4b		£20,000	✓	✓		Countryside Agency, Other councils, Land managers

Action Plan: Tourism and leisure	Key	 existing staff	 additional staff or time	 partnerships	 quick wins
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	Action	Link to other actions	Resources	Additional funding	Timescale (years)			Key partners & stakeholders
					1-2	3-4	5+	
T1 Events								
a	Publicise the annual walking festival throughout the UK	S4a S5c	 	£20,000		✓	✓	Sponsors
b	Support A Coventry Way Association in supporting their annual event, and offer similar support for other key events.	H1b	 	-	✓	✓	✓	User groups
T2 Information points and key sites/routes								
a	Develop series of gateway information boards in key tourism locations to promote local circular routes and other countryside attractions and businesses	S6b	 	£5,000 per board		✓	✓	Other councils WCC (others) Local businesses Market Towns Tourism providers
b	Further develop use of the Warwickshire Web to provide information for visitors about the Warwickshire countryside	E3a E3b E3c E3d E6a S5c		-	✓	✓	✓	WCC (others)
c	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	S6a		£300,000 per site			✓	WCC (others)
d	Extend the Avon Valley Way between Stratford and Warwick and publicise it	R2f S3c	 	£50,000			✓	Environment Agency
e	Develop a “Two Castles Walk” between Warwick and Kenilworth Castles	P4c	 	£10,000		✓		User groups
f	Provide up-to-date information about the Centenary Way	E3a S5c	 	£15,000		✓		User groups
	Action	Link to	Resources	Additional	Timescale (years)			Key partners &

		other actions		funding	1-2	3-4	5+	stakeholders
T3 Holiday accommodation								
a	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
b	Investigate ways of encouraging equestrian tourism	S9a		-			✓	User groups Tourism providers TROT Rural Hub
T4 Profile of the Warwickshire countryside								
a	Develop a marketing plan for the Warwickshire countryside with key partners	S12a T3a		-		✓		WCC (others) Tourism providers