

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

THURSDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2010

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide an update on maintenance work undertaken in the first part of this financial year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 This report covers the period 1 April 2010 to 8 November 2010.

3.0 FIGURES

3.1 The Following table shows the number of issues handled:

	Issues Logged	Issues Resolved
Total	1770	1634

3.2 Whilst the figures represent an increase in backlog, recent trends show that in the months of May, June, July & August the number of new reports traditionally exceeds the number resolved and this trend is usually reversed between September and April.

3.3 The figures for 1st September to date show that 522 issues were logged and 577 resolved, reflecting what is expected to be the trend for the remainder of the financial year.

3.4 Work within particular workstreams has continued and details are set out below.

4.0 PLOUGHING AND CROPPING

4.1 During the Spring 2010 survey, 123 routes were inspected and 93 of these passed the inspection. Of the remainder landowners were asked to complete the necessary reinstatements and a re-inspection resulted in 10 notices being served. None of these notices had to be acted upon.

4.2 The autumn survey has just commenced and a total of 135 routes are being surveyed. We will once again follow up any route not reinstated.

- 4.3 Following concern at previous meetings, this year's reminder letter highlighted to landowners that routes must be reinstated to the full legal width. Any routes not complying will be followed up with landowners.

5.0 SEASONAL UNDERGROWTH

- 5.1 This year's seasonal undergrowth cutting programme was completed between May and October, in total 275km of route was cut, with each route receiving 2 cuts through the season. The Yorkshire Wolds Way National Trail, which is funded by Natural England, received 3 cuts.

6.0 BRIDGES

- 6.1 This year has seen the completion of bridges at the following locations:

Askwith – SE188517
Thornthwaite - SE160297

These helped to facilitate the completion of the 6 Dales Trail which is covered on a separate agenda item.

Work is continuing on the replacement of Ridge Mill Bridge in Cowling and it is anticipated that this major structure will be completed by the end of the financial year.

The Countryside Rangers have carried out 10 significant repair schemes across the network.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 This work contributes to the enjoyment of our network and the improvement is highlighted in Appendix 1, which shows some examples of the work completed
- 7.2 It is recommended that members receive this report for information.

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THE YEAR SO FAR IN PHOTOS



Parish: Sicklinghall

Grid Ref: SE357472

This Bridleway on the Ebor Way was in a very poor state of repair: the ditch had diverted down the path, & suckering blackthorn was forcing users onto the barbed wire fence. The surface is now regenerating well.



Parish: Richmond

Grid Ref: NZ12760162

Public Bridleway obstructed by stiles opened up by Rangers working in partnership with the landowner – part of Wainwright's Coast to Coast route



Parish: North Stainley
Grid Ref: SE292755
Access to a Scheduled Ancient Monument restored



Parish: Welbury
Grid Ref: NZ389024
Refurbishment of Bridleway in partnership with Landowners, the surface has now regenerated well.



Parish: Darley
Grid Ref: SE205595
Refurbishment of part of the Nidderdale Way including upgrading of stiles to
Pedestrian gate



Parish: Thornthwaite
Grid Ref: SE160297
Replacement bridge on the 6 Dales Trail



Parish: east Witton
Grid Ref: SE143869
Reinstatement of eroded riverbank route on the 6 Dales Trail