

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on maintenance work undertaken in the 2011/12 financial year.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This report covers the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012.

3.0 FIGURES

- 3.1 The Following table shows the number of issues handled:

	Issues Logged	Issues Resolved
Total	3386	3509

- 3.2 The figures represent a reduction in backlog over the year of 123 issues.

- 3.3 The total number of outstanding items at 9th May 2012 is 8876.

- 3.4 Work within particular workstreams has continued and is detailed below:

4.0 BRIDGES

- 4.1 The following six bridges were installed:

NEW	Appleton Wiske Footbridge	Appleton Wiske	438632 504492
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10.76/7960	Kepwick Old Beck Bridle Bridge	Kepwick	445628 491111
25.85/3761	Lodge Field Footbridge	Sheriff Hutton	466034 465030
10.70/631	Red Boscar Footbridge	Husthwaite	450989 472698
10.137/7827	Sowerby Park Footbridge	Sowerby	444545 478778

4.2 Subject to confirmation of bridges funding from Highways and Transportation, the following bridges are scheduled for progression this year:

05.8/1506	Crickle Beck Footbridge	Broughton	391560
			451903
10.13/6807	Birdforth Reservoir Footbridge	Birdforth	448306
			474847
25.49/4101	Cocker Turfs Footbridge	Hovingham	467654
			477361
05.25/3290	Hellifield Beck Footbridge	Hellifield	385276
			456349
NEW	High Dam Weir Footbridge	Thornthwaite with Padside	417895
			459056
15.6/243	Lower Timble Gill Footbridge	Askwith	417957
			452299
15.89/3593	Masham Footbridge	Masham	422709
			481773
10.75/7899	Meynell East Footbridge	Ingleby Greenhow	456704
			506093
15.130/1045	Padside Green East Footbridge	Thornthwaite with Padside	416215
			459798
10.118/4189	Potto Slack Footbridge	Potto	447533
			505348
15.50/8920	Redding Hill Footbridge	Great Timble	418216
			452230
15.84/1862	Scarer's Footbridge	Dunsforths	445607
			464077
15.122/8967	Stockeld Beck Footbridge	Spofforth with Stockeld	437997
			450520
15.9/253	Strikes Wood Footbridge	Bewerley	415313
			464295
15.50/5251	Thackrey Beck Footbridge	Great Timble	417462
			454035
15.22/277	Thornton Beckside Footbridge	Clint cum Hamlets	426212
			462419
25.50/791	Upper Rush Footbridge	Howsham	473723
			461283
20.16/1064	Upper Sun Beck Footbridge	Constable Burton	417511
			490574
15.50/307	Upper Timble Gill Footbridge	Great Timble	417873
			452583
157/7569	Witch of the Wood Footbridge	Azerley	426804
			473268

5.0 PLOUGHING AND CROPPING

5.1 The process of bi annual surveys continues into its fifth year with the spring survey currently underway. Volunteers continue to

undertake the initial survey with follow up by Rangers where failures are identified.

- 5.2 The following table summarises the position we had in Autumn 2011:

District	Craven	Harrogate	Hambleton	Selby	Richmond	Ryedale	Scarborough	TOTAL
Routes Surveyed	3	33	54	34	19	27	1	171(105)
First Survey	1	18	18	12	6	9	1	65(43)
Second Survey	2	9	18	11	2	7	0	49(32)
Third+ Survey	0	6	18	11	11	11	0	57(30)

- 5.3 The total in brackets represents the routes found to be satisfactory, 105 in total with 66 found to be unsatisfactory.
- 5.4 Of the 66 fails all were contacted again and most restored satisfactorily, with 3 requiring further action.
- 5.5 The following table shows the position at the commencement of the spring 2012 survey.

District	Craven	Harrogate	Hambleton	Selby	Richmond	Ryedale	Scarborough	TOTAL
Routes Surveyed	2	34	57	41	22	36	2	194
First Survey	0	1	8	6	4	3	0	22
Second Survey	0	18	14	14	6	12	1	65
Third+ Survey	2	15	35	21	12	21	1	107

- 5.6 Fewer incidents are being reported of Ploughing and Cropping hence the first time survey figure is decreasing.
- 5.7 There are a greater number being surveyed for the third time however it should be noted that up to 20 routes will be dropped from the system should this inspection show a positive result.

6.0 PROJECTS

- 6.1 A number of significant projects were also completed during the year.

- 6.2 Following successful landowner negotiations, the Settle Riverside cycleway was extended to link the riverside area with a substantial housing development, again the majority of the required funding (in the region of £150000) was secured from external sources.
- 6.3 In pursuance of meeting our statutory duty to signpost all routes from the roadside, a project was completed to install over 300 signposts.

7.0 ANALYSIS

- 7.1 The following table shows the top ten most common issues logged and resolved within the year

Issues Logged 2011/12			Issues Resolved 2011/12		
Issue Type	No.	% of total logged	Issue Type	No.	% of total resolved
Vegetation	608	18	Vegetation	627	18
Waymarking	476	14	Waymarking	462	13
Gate	384	11	Gate	393	11
Signposting	340	10	Stile	336	10
Stile	258	8	Ploughing_Cropping	312	9
Ploughing_Cropping	217	6	Signposting	261	7
Sign roadside	179	5	Sign roadside	235	7
Cross path	171	5	Obstacles	172	5
Terrain	148	4	Cross path	151	4
Obstacles	125	4	Terrain	127	4

- 7.2 Vegetation and waymarking issues are the most commonly reported and resolved issues. The most common reported and resolved issue types closely reflect each other.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 This work contributes to the enjoyment of our network and the improvement is highlighted in the following powerpoint presentation.
- 8.2 It is recommended that members receive this report for information.

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