

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2011

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on maintenance work undertaken in the last financial year

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This report covers the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

3.0 FIGURES

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

	Issues Logged	Issues Resolved
Total	2792	3313

- 3.2 The figures represent a reduction in backlog over the year of 521 issues

- 3.3 The total number of outstanding items at 20th April 2011 is now 9008

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

4.0 BRIDGES

- 4.1 The provisional work programme for 2010/2011 was identified as follows:-

Askwith - 15.6/244 - Arthur Adamson Memorial Footbridge - 41882 45176
 Cowling - 05.14/1089 - Ridge Mill Footbridge - 39753 44386
 Easingwold - 10.40/255 - Lower East Peep O'Day Footbridge - 45330 47188
 Easingwold - 10.40/264 - Peep O'Day Footbridge - 45318 47203
 Easingwold - 10.40/3953 - Lower Peep O'Day Footbridge - 45319 47189
 Potto - 10.118/4189 - Potto Slack Footbridge - 44753 50535
 Sutton on the Forest -10.141/675 - Scrap Yard Goose Footbridge - 45903 46299
 Sheriff Hutton - 25.85/3761 - Lodge Field Footbridge - 46603 46503
 Welburn (KMS) - 25.105/1629 - Kirkdale Bridle Bridge - 46755 48593
 Thornthwaite with Padside - High Dam Weir Footbridge - 41789 45905
 Thornthwaite with Padside - 15.130/1053 Padside Green Footbridge - 41601 45975

4.2 Ridge Mill Footbridge was the first bridge on the list to be replaced and over the last 12 months the Asset Management Team has commissioned a design and build contract and the successful contractor was Lumsden and Carroll. Ridge Mill Footbridge has been successfully replaced in the last six to eight weeks and is now in the process of being inspected to remove the temporary closure order on the routes in the area to enable public access to return to the PRow network in the parish of Cowling

4.3 In June 2010, two of the kit bridges were used to replace the following footbridges on the Six Dales Trail: -

Askwith - 15.6/244 - Arthur Adamson Memorial Footbridge - 41882 45176
 Thornthwaite with Padside - 15.130/1053 Padside Green Footbridge - 41601 45975

4.4 In March 2011, four of the kit bridges were used to replace the following footbridges on the provisional list for 2010/2011: -

Easingwold - 10.40/255 - Lower East Peep O'Day Footbridge - 45330 47188
 Easingwold - 10.40/264 - Peep O'Day Footbridge - 45318 47203
 Easingwold - 10.40/3953 - Lower Peep O'Day Footbridge - 45319 47189
 Sutton on the Forest -10.141/675 - Scrap Yard Goose Footbridge - 45903 46299

4.5 Working in partnership with the Environment Agency and Asset Management Team the following footbridge has been replaced:

Great & Little Broughton - 10.56/7851 – Andy's Folly Footbridge - 45393 50795

4.6 In 2010/2011, eight bridges were replaced and the Countryside Rangers resolved a further 67 maintenance issues associated with bridges and watercourse with the PRow network.

4.7 The following table shows the provisional list for 2011/12:

NEW	Appleton Wiske 1 Footbridge	Appleton Wiske	438632 504492
NEW	Appleton Wiske 2 Footbridge	Appleton Wiske	438116 504293
15.006/0243	Lower Timble Gill Footbridge	Askwith	417957 452299
15.007/7569	Witch of the Wood Footbridge	Azerley	426804 473268
20.006/4864	Joey's Footbridge	Barton	424498 508694
10.013/6807	Birdforth Reservoir Footbridge	Birdforth	448306 474847
10.014/7029	Upper Carr Hill Bridle Bridge	Birkby	434113 502593
05.008/1506	Crickle Beck Footbridge	Broughton	391560 451903
35.016/1447	Low Primrose Dene Footbridge	Byram cum Sutton	448707 424928
15.022/0277	Thornton Becksides Footbridge	Clint cum Hamlets	426212 462419
20.016/1064	Upper Sun Beck Footbridge	Constable Burton	417511 490574
10.032/6453	Jamie Wood Footbridge (repair)	Crathorne	444818 506850
15.084/1862	Scarer's Footbridge	Dunsforths	445607 464077
NEW	Cowldyke Wath Bridle Crossing	Edstone	470064 482545
15.050/8920	Redding Hill Footbridge	Great Timble	418216 452230
15.050/5251	Thackrey Beck Footbridge	Great Timble	417462 454035
15.050/0307	Upper Timble Gill Footbridge	Great Timble	417873 452583

15.055/0316	Shaw Beck Footbridge	Hartwith cum Winsley	422375 464506
05.025/3290	Hellifield Beck Footbridge	Hellifield	385276 456349
25.049/4101	Cocker Turfs Footbridge	Hovingham	467654 477361
25.050/0791	Upper Rush Footbridge	Howsham	473723 461283
10.070/0631	Red Boscar Footbridge	Husthwaite	450989 472698
10.075/7899	Meynell East Footbridge (repair)	Ingleby Greenhow	456704 506093
10.076/7960	Kepwick Old Beck Bridle Bridge	Kepwick	445628 491111
10.086/7808	Blackhill Beck Footbridge	Knayton	444138 487614
20.44/6625	Thorndale Footbridge	Melsonby	421172 507982
15.102/939	Hollin Head Footbridge	North Stainley with Sleningford	427057 473216
25.073/4352	Blansby Park Footbridge	Pickering	482403 486135
10.118/4189	Potto Slack Footbridge	Potto	447533 505348
15.112/3339	Rustic Footbridge (repair)	Ripon	430470 470698
25.085/3761	Lodge Field Footbridge	Sheriff Hutton	466034 465030
10.137/7827	Sowerby Park Footbridge	Sowerby	444545 478778
15.122/8967	Stockeld Beck Footbridge	Spofforth with Stockeld	437997 450520
NEW	High Dam Weir Footbridge	Thornthwaite with Padside	417895 459056
15.130/1045	Padside Green East Footbridge	Thornthwaite with Padside	416215 459798
NEW	Padside Green West Footbridge	Thornthwaite with Padside	415930 459770
25.105/1629	Kirkdale Bridle Bridge	Welburn	467552 485936

4.8 Using the information in CAMS, 1,960 bridges have been identified as being in the PRow network and 241 un-bridged watercourses have been recorded.

4.9 At the end of the 2010/2011 financial year, 298 unresolved issues are recorded in CAMS. The annual target for 2011/2012 is to replace or install at least 6

5.0 PLOUGHING AND CROPPING

5.1 The process of bi annual surveys continues into its fourth year with the survey due to take place in early May. Volunteers continue to undertake the initial survey with follow up by Rangers where failures are identified

5.2 Summary from the Autumn survey carried out between 25 October and 8 November 2010. The following table summarises the position we had in Autumn 2010:

District	Craven	Harrogate	Hambleton	Selby	Richmond	Ryedale	Scarborough	TOTAL
Routes Surveyed	4	31	45	31	10	17	3	141
First Survey	1	2	7	5	1	2	0	18
Second Survey	3	12	16	17	2	6	3	59
Third+ Survey	0	17	22	9	7	9	0	64

- 5.3 The trend is that the number of surveys is decreasing season on season. Comparing this Spring's list to the previous survey of November 2010 there is a reduction of 28
- 5.4 The Autumn survey was completed by mid November. The survey results were 79 passes and 62 fails
- 5.5 Those landowners who failed to comply were reminded by letter or notice, all complied without the need for enforcement
- 5.6 The Spring survey includes 113 routes and will be undertaken between the 8th & 21st May 2011.
- 5.7 The following table summarises the position for the Spring Survey:

District	Craven	Harrogate	Hambleton	Selby	Richmond	Ryedale	Scarborough	TOTAL
Routes Surveyed	4	21	33	23	12	17	3	113
First Survey	0	6	7	1	2	6	0	22
Second Survey	1	2	7	5	2	2	0	19
Third+ Survey	3	13	18	17	8	10	3	72

- 5.8 Together with the bi – annual surveys the landowners involved are all sent a reminder letter detailing their responsibilities in early Autumn and early Spring to ensure they are all aware of what is expected. The threat of being reported to the Rural Payments Agency is also made clear in correspondence to all those who re-offend.
- 5.9 A fluctuation in the figures surveyed can be affected by factors other than compliance over three surveys. Where the arable cycle has changed to pasture, were the route(s) have been diverted or the path has been taken out of the cultivated cycle by other means. Also where routes are reported as being compliant prior to a survey being undertaken.
- 5.10 The improvement in the rights of way network as a result of this procedure is significant and the positive results have been noted by user groups and the public

6.0 ANALYSIS

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

Issues Logged 2010/11			Issues Resolved 2010/11		
Issue Type	No.	% of total logged	Issue Type	No.	% of total resolved
Vegetation	476	17.05	Vegetation	587	17.72
Signposting	371	13.29	Signposting	448	16.05
Gate	345	12.36	Waymarking	424	15.19
Waymarking	295	10.57	Gate	339	12.14
Stile	265	9.49	Stile	306	10.96
Ploughing & Cropping	224	8.02	Ploughing & Cropping	268	9.60
Cross Path	172	6.16	Cross Path	244	8.74
Surfacing	120	4.30	Surfacing	173	6.20
Obstacles	103	3.69	Obstacles	102	3.65

6.2 Vegetation and signposting issues are the most commonly reported and resolved issues. The most common reported and resolved issue types closely reflect each other.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS

7.1 This work contributes to the enjoyment of our network and the improvement is highlighted in the following powerpoint presentation.

7.2 It is recommended that members receive this report for information.

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