

Countryside Access Delivery Plan 2022-2023



This plan will be amended and revised as projects and resources change.



This delivery plan sets out the activities we will be delivering to achieve better outcomes for Monmouthshire's residents and visitors and is provided to monitor the improvements set out in the [Monmouthshire Countryside Access Improvement Plan](#).

It is monitored by the [Monmouthshire Local Access Forum](#) and we welcome suggestions for projects and comments on the contents.

What do we want to achieve?

The purpose of the CAIP is to increase the usage and enjoyment of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and open green space in Monmouthshire. The network of paths should be a gateway for visitors and residents to explore Monmouthshire's heritage, wildlife, and landscapes. The plan supports improvements which contribute to active travel and reducing traffic, rural businesses and the economy, education, community involvement, health, and well-being and most importantly the quality of life of the people in Monmouthshire.

The CAIP has 6 themes. These themes have emerged from assessments and public consultations which took place to inform the CAIP. The first three themes are our top priorities. Each has a main objective and set of actions and benefits which are detailed in the CAIP's statement of action.

<p>1. Well maintained Network</p> <p>To Target improvements on rights of way to ensure greatest public benefit</p>	<p>2. Active Healthy Lifestyles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the accessibility of the network and make it easier for people to incorporate walking, riding, and cycling into their everyday lives. • To promote and support the use of the network for purposeful journeys. 	<p>3. Knowing What's Out There</p> <p>To achieve an up-to-date and accessible Definitive Map and Statement and to promote Countryside Sites and the PROW network</p> <p>Tackling inequalities</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WM1 Better network/sites for leisure and daily use • WM2 Compliance • WM3 Promote responsible use • WM4 Evolution of the network - increase accessibility of the PROW network • WM5 Improve Green Infrastructure • WM6 Safe travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHL 1 Increase health and well-being benefits • AHL2 Active Travel • AHL3 Modal shift to walking and cycling • AHL4 Tackling deprivation and disadvantage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KWOT1 Maintain and make more accessible records • KWOT2 Provide advice on PROW network and countryside sites • KWOT3. Negotiate improvements • KWOT4. More accessible information/increasing knowledge and confidence • KWOT5. Promotion of Wales Coast Path, NT & promoted routes • KWOT 6 Sustainable Tourism • KWOT 7 Disability promotion improvements
<p>4. Community Involvement</p> <p>To support and enable volunteer groups to be actively involved with countryside projects, contributing to wellbeing, and creating sustainable resilient communities.</p>	<p>5. A prosperous Wales</p> <p>To maximise the economic benefits of countryside access</p>	<p>6. Future Focused</p> <p>Working for a resilient and future focused service in partnership with others, to provide wider benefits to residents and visitors in Monmouthshire.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CI 1 Volunteer Involvement • CL2 Assisting volunteers • CL3 New volunteer programmes to improve health and well-being, improve environment, biodiversity and get young people volunteering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PW1 Maximise economic benefits - improve product and grow new markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FF1 increased awareness of ROWIP • FF2 Links to other strategies and plans, to deliver objectives in plan, Partnership working • FF4 Environmental Impact & Mitigation measures • FF5 Resourcing • FF6 Improved customer service • FF7 Legislative changes & operational management

1. Well Maintained Public Rights of Way Network and Countryside Sites:

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OBJECTIVES: - WM1 Better network/sites for leisure and daily use, Compliance, Promote Responsible use, Increase accessibility of network

Projects	CAIP reference	Who	When	Resources	What have we done? (see also Monlife newsletters) Q1 1 st April –June 30 th Q2 1 st July to 30 September 2022 Q3 1 st October – 31 December 2022 Q4 January 2023 -31 st March 2023
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A. Community Links Project 1. Provide materials for local community volunteer groups to improve prowl and green spaces, particularly signage/clearance and help to promote access opportunities 2. To develop and provide guidance to Community Councils re opportunities to assist with row maintenance 3. To develop training materials such as videos	WM1, 1.3, 1.6, 1.7 Wm2 2.0 WM3 3.1, 3.4 7.2, 12.0, 14.2, 14.3, 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 26.1	Community Links Officer/ CAMO Officers/ Enforcement Officer	Ongoing from September 2022	2022/23 £16,000 2023-25 £15,000 AIP Grant	Q1 interviews for officer. WG Access Improvement Grant applied for. Q2 Project proposed to WG and put before Monmouthshire LAF July 2022. Grant confirmed end July 2022. Officer started 1 st August. Volunteer group meeting held October. Q3 Materials ordered for volunteer groups to install next year. Draft Community/Town Council leaflet prepared. Videos covering several topics being prepared. 2 new community groups receiving training.

<p>to assist landowners and community volunteer groups understand responsibilities and enable them to be actively engaged with maintenance and promotion of their network</p> <p>4. To review pathcare and health routes, consider priority areas for new circular routes and development of promotional material</p> <p>5. To produce videos of at least 2 routes or countryside sites a year to show what users can expect from surfacing, gradients etc.</p>					
<p>B. Increase accessibility of prowl network and reduce no of stile issues</p>	<p>Wm4, 4.0 and 4.1</p>	<p>Enforcement Officer/CAMO Officer/ landowners</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>WG Access Improvement Grant bid made for 2022-24 £20,000</p>	<p>Q1 Bid made for funding to purchase metal kissing gates to replace broken stiles where landowner is co-operative. Grant funding provisionally in place for 2023-24</p> <p>Working in partnership with Bridges Centre we widened chicane in Llanfoist so Llanfoist entrance to allow for rickshaw</p>

					<p>bikes to use it. Similar works planned for Caldicot.</p> <p>Q2 Discussions and funding identified through active travel for improvements on active travel routes. Resources being sought to identify works.</p> <p>Q3 Bridge inspection regime changed to identify bridge improvements to make them more accessible.</p>
<p>c. Bridge Repairs and replacements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of 5 bridges per year, including installation under WG AIP Grant. • (see also maintenance of ODPNT) • Ongoing repairs and replacements by Countryside Access Team throughout year. 	Wm1	Countryside Access	Ongoing	<p>WG Access Improvement Grant £20,000 in 2022/23 £30,000 in 2023-25</p> <p>MCC Capital</p>	<p>Q1 permissions for 7 bridges to be installed finalised waiting for ground conditions/crops to be ok before installing.</p> <p>Authorisations being sought for removal of Trothy Bridge on ODPNT.</p> <p>Q2 7 Bridges installed</p>
<p>d. Flood repairs Projects identified in flooding spring 2020.</p>	WM1 1.4, 1.8	Welsh Government, Highways & Countryside Access			<p>Q1 Bid made to WG for £170,000 worth of repairs outstanding from 2020 flood</p> <p>Q2 No confirmation of budget received</p>
<p>Drybridge Park, Monmouth. Footpath surfacing 100m, signage and bridge improvements. Making route more accessible to all, throughout year.</p>	WM1	Countryside Access Management Officer	Q3 October 2022	WG Access Improvement Grant	<p>Q1 Waiting for FRAPP approval before commencing works on site.</p> <p>Q3 November -FRAPP approvals and procurement through, works to take place when contractor able to undertake works</p>

Rogiet Country Park - 430m surfacing, removal 1 kissing gate and installation 1 K Barrier.	Wm1 1.3,1.4, 1.6 1.7, 1.12 AHL1 7.0, 7.1 CL1 18.1, CL3 20.0	Countryside Access Management Officer	Q3 February 2023	WG Access Improvement Grant £30,000	Q1 WG Access Grant Bid made Q2 July 28 th project sheet submitted to WG. Q3 Procurement processes being undertaken to source contractor To be completed weather permitting by February 2023.
Dixton Church Wye Valley Walk Replace and upgrade 2x bridges north of Dixton Church and resurface 70m path by church to school	Wm1	Countryside Access Field Officer	Q3 September 2022	WG Access Improvement Grant £19,450	Q1 Confirmation FRAPP not now required Q2 Bridges installed PROJECT COMPLETED
Shirenewton Safe Routes To school	Wm1.7, 1.8, wm6.1, AHL 7.7, 7.8, 8.0 8.3,	PROW Field officer	November 2022	WG AIG £9128	Q1 end July grant award received; procurement process started.
Maintain Offa's Dyke Path National Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General maintenance Signage 	WM1 1.10	Countryside Access, NRW, WG	Ongoing, but Q4 March 2022 for grant	£5,024 75% grant funded by WG administered NRW	Q1 27 July grant awarded. First cutting contract underway Q2 National liaison Group attended. Second cutting contract underway. Gate repairs and general maintenance ongoing
Maintain Wales Coast Path Work programmed: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> general maintenance and clearance 	WM1 1.10, WM3 4.6	Countryside Access, NRW, WG, landowners, Cadw	Ongoing, but q4 to complete grant	Wales Coast Path Grant £11,965 75% grant aided. Balance made up by MCC	General maintenance ongoing all year. Q1 Regional meeting. Grant bid made. First Minister visited Chepstow. Fingerpost received and Interpretation panel installed. Q2 New Interpretation panel installed at Chepstow. Information and art for sound box designed. Special fingerpost received. Q3 Art work completed and installation of final 10 th birthday furniture completed

					November. Expect sound box and event in February 2023 to complete project.
Gwent Green Grid Partnership Gwent Green Corridors Identifying missing links to access network regionally and locally, developing ranger training programme and implement delivery of projects in region.	Wm6 6.1 Wm3 4.2 Wm5 5.0, 5.1 Wm4 4.0 AHL1 7.0 AHL17.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.6 Wm6 6.1, 7.7, 7.9	Torfaen CBC Lead, MCC GI & Countryside Access, Newport CC, Blaenau Gwent CBC, Caerphilly CBC, NRW, Aneurin Bevan Health Board, local Access Forums & other partners	19 May 2021 to 2023	Tbc	Trainee Ranger working with Field Wardens. Drafting LAF requirements, checking works completed and identifying projects for 2022-23 improvements. Regional Meeting held to consider brief for consultants producing access plan and brief now out to tender. Also started to consider where the 5 LA's could collaboratively work together. Improvements at Wentwood and near Usk Valley Walk being costed. Trainee Ranger attending college two days a week. Access Furniture Guide to be updated and used across Gwent Authorities. Consultant employed to do Gwent Access Study.
Severnside Footpath – measures to prevent or reduce anti-social behaviour and supporting responsible safe use by tenants and public	Wm3 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 5.2	Countryside Access MANAGER Enforcement Officer & Definitive Map Officer	ongoing	Existing resources	Ongoing case: - Closure notices replaced. Misleading notice on site resulted in complaints. Occupier notified. New Councillors trained, but evidential report in September 2022 moved to January, due to Queens funeral and cancellation of meetings.
Green Infrastructure Improvements Wye Valley AONB	WM4 4.3, 4.4 Wm6 6.2, 6.3	Highways, Police, NRW, Countryside Access, GI,	ongoing	Seeking funding and to identify costs	Seeking new AONB Officer. New project identified called AONB Recreational Access Strategy. Strategy in draft

Nature based & wider landscape initiatives to address long-term highway issues, flooding and secure multi- purpose access routes within Wye Valley.	AHL 9.6 Pw1 21.6 FF4 24.4	Landowners, User Groups Wye Valley AONB			
Wye Valley AONB Access Improvements <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wye Valley Walk bank/erosion project in Wyesham Monmouth 2. Works to improve path at Piercefield in conjunction with Woodland Trust, MCC and landowner. 	Wm1 1.11	Wye Valley AONB Countryside Access, , cAPITA	ONGOING		Wye Valley AONB funding improvement works on permissive path. Three year agreement obtained for access on foot across site where safer access already exists. Improved path when complete to be dedicated as new Definitive route.
Maintaining PROW network	WM1 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.7	Countryside Access, landowners, community councils	Ongoing	Capital £	<p>Q1 Apprentice ranger working part time with field wardens via GGGP funding for this year. Boardwalk at Mathern installed. Resolved issues: 1088 (63.69%) stiles, 665 (74.80%) gates, 285 (63.49%) surfaces, 2767 (78.74%) clearance, 557 (64%) bridges, 1806(49.6%) signage, 730 (95.5%) cropping, 859 (39%) obstacles, 1441 (53%) other.</p> <p>Backlog of issues reported via email and phone have been cleared and in system. Q2 Catching up with grant programmes. No of reported issues continues to rise.</p>

					53.65% of enforcement and 65.44% of maintenance issues resolved.
Maintain countryside sites Specific site projects planned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Pond dipping at Castle Meadows • Warrenslade woodland management • Clydach Ironworks maintaining structure 	WM1 1.12	Countryside Access, Friends of Groups, Volunteers,	ongoing	MCC revenue £20,000 WG AIP £5,000 for pond Section 106 Clydach Ironworks enhancement scheme £116,620	Q1 Hogweed sprayed in Country Park sites. Fishing Agreement and Cattle grazing/Hay Agreement in place for 2022/23. Ongoing clearance on all sites. Bid made for improvements to fishing/blackrock car park in 2023/24 AIP grant. Bid also made for AIP grant to provide hard standing and 25m access path for pond dipping improvements at Castle Meadows. This is expected to be completed in q3. Well being officer shown sites and now using Goytre, Black rock and Rogiet for community well being. Green flag awarded for Castle Meadows QTRA Tree Inspections for Ash Die Back completed and necessary works being dealt with.
Reduce cropping issues	Wm1 1.1	MCC, landowners, NFU, fuw	ONGOING (SEASONAL)	Existing Countryside	Q1 730 (95.5%) cropping issues resolved Q2 95.19% of cropping issues resolved.

				Access budget	
Promotion of responsible behaviour and new countryside code	Wm3 3.0	MCC	ongoing		Q1 Attendance at national meeting to discuss code extension for electric bikes. Q2 Dog fouling awareness campaign at Llanfoist and Castle Meadows
Annual review of BBNP delegation agreement and work plan	WM1 1.9	MCC, BBNP	ongoing	Existing budgets	See delivery plan for BBNP for improvements happening in the National Park
Update the Countryside Access Design Guide	WM4.5	Gwent Green Grid Regional Access Officer	March 2023	GGGP £3,000	Q1 July – 5 neighbouring local authorities wish to use our design guide. Contributions to be made by them to update guide and include new BSC standards and boardwalks. Part of GGGP Access Grant

Active Healthy Lifestyles:

Objectives: -

Increase Health and Well Being Benefits; Active Travel; Modal shift to walking & cycling; Tackling deprivation and disadvantage

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<u>overview of active travel schemes</u>					Q3 1st October – 31 December Q4 January 2022 -31st March 2022
<u>Castle Meadows Active Travel</u>	AHL1 7.0 & 8.4, 7.6, 7.8, AHL 8.0, 8.2 AHL3 9.0, 9.4	Countryside Access, Active Travel, WSP, Highways	2021 to 2025	£123,750	Ongoing - consultation meetings and working with consultants re designs/info required for planning submission and AT. Currently considering programme of works over meadows (on going). Location of trial gate system agreed. Details of final design to avoid vehicles accessing site in discussion. Consultation programme and installation in design, to be in place February 2023. Infiltration tests occurring December 2022 to inform surfacing and planning information.
Wye Valley Walk to Dixon Church Active Travel	AHL1 7.0 AHL3 9.2, 9.4 AHL4 10.1	Amey, Countryside Access, Monlife Active TRAVEL			No funding in 2022 received for project continuation Counter however being installed October 2022
<u>Gwent Green Grid</u> Partnership Regional Access route improvements at Wentwood, Usk valley walk and Llandegfedd	AHL3 8.1, 8.2, 9.4 ahl4 10.0, 10.1.	Regional Access Officer	March 2023	£44,000	Q1 Routes for improvements determined.
<u>Williamsfield Lane</u> upgrading footpath to cycleway/bridleway	AHL1 7.0, 7.6, 7.8,	Highways Countryside Access			Q1 Seeking to assist with legal orders Q2 Waiting for response from Landowner

	AHL 8.0, 8.2 AHL3 9.0, 9.4				Q4 December –Still chasing landowner/agent
Greenway Active Travel – Railway Caldicot	Ahl1 7.0	Green Infrastructure	2021/23	£2	Routes and improvements being provided by Green Infrastructure Team

Knowing What's Out There:

Objectives

Maintain and make more accessible records; Provide advice on PROW network & countryside sites; Negotiate Improvements; More accessible information/increasing knowledge and confidence; Promotion of Wales Coast Path, Offa's Dyke National Trail & promoted routes; Sustainable tourism; Disability promotion improvements

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Processing applications to create, move, or close public paths.	Kwot2	Monlife Countryside Access, Legal Services, WG	ongoing	Existing resources and applicant recharge	9 ongoing and 12 Highways Act Orders and Town and Country Planning Act orders in various stages of completion.
Review of Modification Prioritisation programme	KWOT 11.3	Monlife countryside access	Spring/summer 2023		

process and make temporary closure notices as required	KWOT2 12.4 P	Monlife Countryside Access, Legal Services, WG	ongoing	Existing resources and applicant recharge	Ongoing see Temporary Path Closure Register
Continue to process claims according to prioritisation and seek additional resources to clear backlog of applications.	KWOT 11.3	MonLife Countryside access, Legal Services, Highways, Planning Inspectorate	ongoing	Existing resources	ongoing q1Gt Panta Order gone to judicial review (court feb 2023). Statements of case prepared. Q2 Members of Licensing and Regulatory Committee trained. The Sea wall at Caldicot evidential report finalised along with committee report and consultees notified of committee date 15 th September 2022. Due to National Morning this date now January 2023. .
Work with NRW reviewing other ways of dealing with claims on NRW land and seek resources to produce management plans.	KWOT3 13.1	Nrw, Monlife	ONGOING	EXISTING	No progress due to covid and increased demands on staff time elsewhere
Providing advice and guidance to landowners, users	KWOT2		ongoing		Ongoing on daily basis
Liaising with planning on local development plan and planning applications	KWOT12.1		ONGOING		123 responses to nominated candidate sites completed,
Land charge searches	KWOT12.2		ongoing		Averaging 68 searches a month
Increasing knowledge and confidence	KWOT14.0		ongoing		SEE Community links project

Better promotion of health walks, distributed to GP surgeries etc.	KWOT7 17.2		March 2024		SEE GGGP Regional Access Project
Community Involvement: Objectives: - Volunteer Involvement; Assisting volunteers; New volunteer programmes to improve health and well-being, improve environment/biodiversity and get young people volunteering					
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See also Community Links Project in maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting existing groups and development of new community groups to improve and maintain their local prows/sites. - Providing training - Developing focused promotional material with volunteers - working with town and community councils to deal with annual overgrowth and identify funds. 	CL1 18.0, 18.1, 19.3, 20.2. 20.4				Q1 walk leader training and health and safety training delivered. Guide for inputting pathcare issues in draft. 7 guided walks attended by 64 people. One of the walks was specifically for carers. Q2 Health walk Leader Training delivered. Two bat walks on Castle Meadows attended by 20 people including 3 children. 4 free walking events attended by 22 people. 2 cancelled due to weather. 6 more walks planned till end December. Work parties in July and August carried out by Llanbadoc CC Environment Group. Regular work

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and promote guidance to community and town councils to identify their powers, responsibilities and to show how to identify local needs and opportunities available. 					<p>parties undertaken by The North Group. Pontypool Ramblers Helped to develop work group and have undertaken some clearance. Friends of Castle Meadow's undertook parking for Foodfest, tree maintenance and works in copse and site. Friends of Rogiet CP have done a litter pick and checked site. Black rock Litter champions are not only doing regular litter picks but monitoring recyclable rubbish.</p> <p>47.75 hours computer mapping by vols, 144 hours by Pathcare walking Group, 4 hours involvement by GDAS team.</p> <p>Q3Path Groups event October 2022. New group Llangybi 19 volunteers to receive training. Clearance with new group In Usk, Bridge work with Grosmont volunteers. Update for LAF Group 15 volunteers attending Monlife xmas event.</p>
Investigate opportunities to encourage younger people to volunteer	CI3 20.3	Monlife managers		Aig £6,000 2023-25	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>September – Meeting held with MonLife volunteer Co-ordinator and other Monlife managers to discuss possible opportunities.</p>

See Three Castles Walk Project in “a Prosperous Wales” below.		Countryside Access Team	2023-2025	WG Access Improvement Grant	
Development of Geology Circular Walk , Cefn Ila, Llanbadoc (MCC element improving access for all by replacing stiles with gates)	WM1 1.6, 1.2, 1.3 AHL1 7.6, 7.7, kwot4 14.3 kwot6 16.3 cl1 18.1CL3 20.2, pw1 21.7	Ramblers Cymru, Llanbadoc Community Council, MCC Countryside Access, Landowners	TBC – affected by Covid Estimated new gates in place autumn 2021	Ramblers funding and Access Improvement Grant Funding	Q1 Training of RA staff and installation of gates at Cefn Ila to replace stiles.
Magor – complete signage and promotion of 8 circular routes around Magor & Undy	WM1 1.6, Cl1 18.1	Green Infrastructure, living Levels	Autumn 2022	Section 106 funding £4,608	See GI Team delivery plan
CAMS UPGRADE - Improve Information Technology and mapping interface to be more useful for volunteer projects	CI2 19.0	Exegesis, Countryside Access MCC SRS	2020 - 2021	Existing	Completed 2021. Training now required for Volunteers to use new functions available. Video being sourced and hopefully produced by Christmas 2022

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Three Castle Walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022- 24 Survey of circular routes with volunteers and signage • 2023-24 Maximise economic opportunities on regional route by establishing Friends of Group and working in partnership promote and maintain routes., • 2023-25 targeted promotional material and events to promote route 	4.2, 4.6, 5.1, 7.2, 13.4, 14.1, 14.3, 15.2, 16.0, 16.3, 18.4,20,4, 21.12, 21.7	CAMO, Community Links Officer , Volunteer co-ordinator, local volunteer groups i.e. Grosmont Group, CADW, Community Councils, Ramblers Cymru	2023 - 25	Two year funded AIP grant	Funding bid made for Welsh Government Improvement Grant for works in 2023-25. Surveys to be undertaken by volunteers/staff in spring 2023.
Wales Coast Path Chepstow Improvements for 10th Birthday celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and Installation of new bench, interpretation 	Pw1 21.0, 21.1.20.3. 21.5	Flintshire, NRW, mcc	September 2022	Existing budgets. WG funded purchasing in 2021/22	Bench unveiled and poem by First Minister in June. New Interpretation panel installed 18 th July 2022 October installation of remaining art work, fingerpost etc. Promotional event to unveil sound box etc February 2023

<p>panel, art, fingerpost and poem</p> <p>- Unveiling and promotional event</p>					
<p>Maintain Regional Coast Path Management Meetings</p>	FW1 21.3	NRW, WG, CADW, MonLife	ongoing	existing	<p>Q1 regional meeting held on Teams. 15th July Our Living Trails Introductory webinar. Ongoing dialogue and updates with Regional Coast Path Officer. 4th March WCP Review meeting attended. March 17th NT/WCP Grants meeting for LA attended.</p> <p>Various WCP 10TH Anniversary meetings attended.</p> <p>Consideration of report on Future of Wales Coast Path.</p> <p>January Regional WCP Partnership Meeting</p>
<p>Future Focused:</p> <p>Objectives:- Increase awareness of the CAIP, Links to other strategies and plans; To deliver objectives in the plan; Partnership working; Environmental Impact & Mitigation Measures; Resourcing; Improved customer service; Legislative changes & operational management</p>					

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<p>23.0 Strengthen partnership working with key Stakeholders to make better sense of the network and provide well-maintained safe attractive environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAF Sub group established to consider improvement projects 			ongoing		<p>National meeting with NRW and WG re future of WCP. MonLife site wardens assisting with checks on countryside access sites. Working with Cadw on improvements to access at Runston Church and Archery site. Meetings with Wye Valley AONB re access improvements. Part of Wye Valley Walk partnership looking at new website and improvements for 50th birthday in 2025. Liaising with Environmental Health and Health & Safety Executive for assistance with specialist enforcement cases. National Trust/BBNP re Sugar Loaf. Meetings with BBNP re various cases. Ongoing liaison with contractors, highways, Welsh Government and other partners re active travel programmes. Shared MCC Countryside Access with Gwent authorities and MCC ROW Biodiversity Guide</p>

					<p>Attendance of National Access Forum Wales meetings (on going)</p> <p>Attendance at Offa's Dyke Path Partnership meeting re National Trails Partnership</p> <p>Meeting with Ramblers Cymru re volunteering and grants.</p> <p>Various meetings with Gwent LA's for GGGP.</p> <p>Local Access Forum sub group meeting being established to consider improvements (waiting for officer to be in post).</p>
Resourcing – Ensure adequate resources for funding of CAIP by securing additional resources from internal and external sources that help achieve the objectives within this plan.	FF5 25.0				<p>Bid made for 2020 flood grant funding to be carried forward to this year.</p> <p>Access Improvement Grant obtained for three years. ODPNT, Welsh Coast Path maintenance grants obtained.</p> <p>Active Travel bids at Caldicot and Castle Meadows successfully made.</p>

					<p>Potential CADW funding identified for route improvements in 2022 at Clydach and Langwm.</p> <p>Access elements and £40,000 from Gwent Green Grid Partnership grant identified and looking at potential legacy.</p> <p>December – Capital bid made internally .</p>
Seek to maintain and improve the delivery of the countryside access service through charging for activity where admissible	FF5 25.3		Ongoing review		Rogiet CP car park charges agreed
Review counter requirements and locations and establish method of producing reports					<p>AT Officer purchasing reporting capability which we shall use to produce meaningful reports.</p> <p>Training and installation of 6 counters purchased .</p> <p>Chainbridge route usage gone up from 4074 in 2021 to 6753.</p> <p>Annual report to be prepared and published</p>
Periodically review operational policies in	FF27.2				Continuous review of effects of covid on operations and legislation

response to legislative change.								continual watch on legislative access proposals, new Agricultural Bill and other relevant legislation. Attendance at Wales Rights of Way Officer meetings/emails and the National Access Forum Wales meetings.
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Indicator	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23 Q1	Actual 2022/23 Q2	Actual 2022/23 Q3	Actual 2022/23 Q4	Comments
Countryside Access Volunteer hours (direct volunteers)	3089.5 +1326 recorded indirect (1)	3294 Direct 2265.5 Indirect 1028.5	1126 Indirect 340.5	Direct 2106.5 Indirect 819	463.5 Indirect 392	417.75 Indirect 131			Total indirect hours in 2021/22 was 819 hours and the total of volunteer hours was 2106.5 hours. This is still less than pre covid.
Countryside Access Indirect volunteering groups supported)	13	11	6	11	10	11			new volunteer and community groups on list to start pending training etc when new Community Links officer appointed.
Resolved ROW enforcement issues in year	1572	1648	1750	1797	1835	1838			A slight increase in resolving issues year on year, but negated by increase in reported issues growing backlog.
Unresolved ROW enforcement issues	1265	1339	1365	1485	1588	1588			Backlog of issues increased .

Indicator	Actual 2018/19	Actual 2019/20	Actual 2020/21	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23 Q1	Actual 2022/23 Q2	Actual 2022/23 Q3	Actual 2022/23 Q4	Comments
Percentage of ROW enforcements issues resolved (cumulative)	55.41%	55.17%	56.18%	54.75%	53.61%	53.65%			
Resolved ROW maintenance issues in year	6198	6594	6971	7160	7489	7517			A slight increase in resolving issues but negated by the continued increase in reported issues.
Unresolved ROW maintenance issues	3202	3370	3592	3745	3957	3969			Reported issues continues to rise with more people walking.
Percentage of ROW maintenance issues resolved (cumulative)	65.94%	66.18%	65.99%	65.66%	65.35%	65.44%			Difficult to change this figure without additional resources
Green Flag Award status awarded/maintained	3	3	3	3		3			Annual assessment of selected sites through annual applications (currently 3)