



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Local Countryside Access Forum
Tuesday 6 February 2018, 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Town Square,
Bracknell, RG12 1AQ**

To: Local Countryside Access Forum

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**LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS FORUM
10 OCTOBER 2017
7.00 - 9.00 PM**

Present:

Members:

Peter Radband (Chairman)
Mike Abbott
Colin Bird
Councillor Michael Brossard
Hugh Fitzwilliams
Simon Yates
Jenny Yung

In attendance:

Graham Pockett, Parks & Countryside Development Officer
Robert Solomon, Ranger (Countryside and PROW)
Rose Wicks, Parks & Countryside Projects Officer

Observers:

Richard Elsbury

Apologies for absence were received from:

John Deakin
Councillor Alvin Finch
Richard Mosses

62. Welcome

Peter Radband welcomed Forum members to the meeting.

63. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting on 20 June 2017 were approved as a correct record subject to the following changes:

- Item 53 was specifically an update on the feedback received from the ROWIP user survey and not the consultation on the draft plan, which took place at a later date.
- Correct item spelling to Hogoak Lane.

Arising from the minutes, the following points were noted:

- The final number of responses to the ROWIP user survey was 328.

64. New ROWIP2

Rose Wicks updated the Forum on the feedback received in response to the public consultation on the draft ROWIP2, which had now closed. Rose thanked members of the Forum for their input and advised members that the draft Plan would be going to the Council's Executive for approval at the end of October.

Feedback from 4 members of the public were discussed and the following points were raised:

- A request was made for a new cycle path parallel to Old Wokingham Road / Peacock Lane. Upgrading the surface of the current path (not a PRow) might help to improve access for cyclists, however not all of the land was in the Borough Council's control, which limited options about what could realistically be achieved. This matter was to be run past the Council's Transport Development Team. **(Action Graham Pockett)**
- It was suggested by a respondent that Murellhill Lane be recognised as a PRow, however as it was already classed as an ancient highway, it already had more rights than a PRow.
- The RoWIP focused on the use of pavements by cyclists but could equally apply to pedestrians on cycle lanes, which needed to be better reflected in the plan. It was asked whether there could be clearer distinction between paths and cycle lanes, including installing signage at points where pedestrians were likely to join the cycle lane. At the LAF conference there was little perceived conflict between user groups of shared routes and members' agreed that segregating a footpath might actually give rise to greater conflict, as it increased the perceived division between the two. **(Action Graham Pockett)**
- A request was received for a key to the tick system in resource requirements featured in the Action Plan table. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**
- Members' agreed with the suggestion to make full use of partner organisations to help promote activities such as walking in the borough. There would also be scope to create a map with parks and routes.

Feedback from groups and organisations was received as part of the consultation and Rose Wicks thanked Forum members for their contributions, particularly for the feedback they had provided to the Action Plan prior to the consultation going live.

It was noted that the promotion of cycle routes should be incorporated as a new action in the RoWIP, to sit alongside the action to promote circular walks (Action Ref.1). **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

It was suggested that the council should add an action to produce online copies of routes in GPX format, for Garmin/smart phones, as well as the current pdf versions. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

It was also acknowledged that there were opportunities to create connections between Bracknell Forest PRow and other authorities to create longer routes.

Feedback from the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership was discussed and the following points raised:

- The partnership would support a statement to get the Blackwater Valley Path dedicated as a PRow. **(Action Graham Pockett)**
- To take a wider approach to analysing the network. Expansion of the PRow maps to include cycle routes and green spaces, with consideration given to urban routes that connect between PRow and spaces. Reference was made to the study (Play, Open Spaces and Sports) recently carried out by Bracknell Forest Council to review and map all the publically accessible green spaces in the borough. This identified the importance of green corridors such as Edmund's Lane. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**
- It was proposed that the Forum should be consulted on housing development proposals over 20 houses to identify path opportunities to link up routes in Bracknell, although it was acknowledged that a working group would be

required due to the frequency of Forum meetings. **(Action: Graham Pockett to investigate and speak to planning)**

Feedback from Binfield Parish Council was discussed and the following points raised:

- Following feedback, the Binfield Neighbourhood Plan and other town/parish neighbourhood plans would be referenced in RoWIP2. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**
- It was suggested that the quality of PRoW should be examined alongside looking at the volume, as Binfield had a number of PRoWs which were poor quality or fragmented. **(Action: Rose Wicks & Graham Pockett)**
- In conjunction with the newly formed Binfield Environment Group, Binfield Parish Council would look to restart annual inspections as local activities; which the Forum acknowledged would make a positive contribution to monitoring the condition of PRoWs
- The Parish Council wished to improve signage for PRoWs where old names were showing. Providing there was no record of path name already recorded in the Definitive Map and Statement, LCAF confirmed that Binfield Parish Council were able and encouraged to do this and that an action should be included to encourage other towns and parishes to follow suit. **(Action: Rose Wicks to add to action plan)**

Feedback from Hampshire Countryside Access Forum was discussed and the following points were made:

- Hampshire Countryside Access Forum was pleased with the RoWIP2 especially with regards to maintenance and upgrading of existing routes and cross-border linkages.
- There was a greater emphasis on the many good shorter circular routes in and through Bracknell Forest which combined use of part of the Blackwater Valley Path with other rights of way.
- It was noted that walkers did not realise where boundaries were, which made an argument for consistent route markings. However, the boundaries were important for reporting problems to the correct authority.

The Forum also discussed the mechanisms in place for cross-boundary communication between authorities to ensure consistent standards of maintenance.

Following the consultation on the draft RoWIP2, the document was being finalised ready for presentation to Council on 27 October 2017. Officers thanked members' for all their input into the draft plan. The Forum agreed that they would be happy to endorse the plan, by providing a statement to be included in the main document.

Rose Wicks asked Members for any photo resources they had available, which could be used for the RoWIP2. Pictures were particularly needed of PRoW signs, horse riders, volunteers, walkers and cyclists. Permission would be needed from the people featured in the photos if the pics were to be used in the plan **(Action: All and Rose Wicks)**.

Rob Solomon and Graham Pockett updated the Forum on actions resulting from the new ROWIP2. This included

- Replacing stiles with more accessible gates along 5 footpaths.
- Surface improvements to 4 PRoW, including 650m at Shepherd Meadows(SANG path) which had been well received by local people and should ensure the path was more resilient to flooding in future.
- Hogoak Lane resurfacing and the addition of signage and new bollards to prevent access by unauthorised vehicles.

65. **PROW and Local Developments**

Graham Pockett updated the Forum on PROW and local developments at Amen Corner South. The current housing proposals couldn't be shown as the plans were commercially sensitive. It was acknowledged that the current pathways in the area were not good and it was hoped that the new development would improve access. It was noted that the proposed development would disrupt the current pathways and would mean diversions would be necessary. Major roads and cycle paths were planned around the development which would be used as diversions.

Currently Wokingham Borough Council had no plans to link their pathways to the Bracknell Forest borough via this site

66. **Membership and recruitment**

Rose Wicks updated the Forum on plans to increase membership and recruitment. Leaflets had recently been sent to Bracknell Forest libraries and Shop Mobility. Further copies were to be printed and distributed to local Town and Parish Councils, South Hill Park and The Look Out. Advertisements for LCAF membership would also be posted on BFCs social media. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

The Forum was asked to encourage new membership to the Forum where possible. **(Action: All)**

67. **Reports from meetings and site visits**

Updates were given to the Forum on the latest meetings and site visits.

LAF National Conference

Hugh Fitzwilliam reported on the National Conference and highlighted the key themes. Theme's included avoiding the desire to preserve the environment through limiting access and the issues with discourteous dog walkers. The success of LCAF in Shropshire to recruit from interested groups and encourage tourism was also discussed however it was acknowledged these approaches would not work for Bracknell Forest.

It was noted that the group would like to recruit from diverse backgrounds including those with disabilities.

LAF Chairs meeting

Peter Radband reported on the LAF Chairs meeting and acknowledged that much of the discussion did not affect the Bracknell Forest area. It was noted that the exit of the UK from the European Union could cause PROW to be put at risk due to the potential for agricultural subsidies to be discontinued. Bracknell Forest Council was to host the meeting in January and anyone could add business to the agenda.

Mid and West Berks site visit

Peter Radband updated the group on the site visit to California Country Park. £600,000 had been spent on updating the path so it was 3m wide and had sockets for winter lighting. New gates had also been installed; however these were not suitable for disabled tramper access. It was noted that despite the addition of winter lights, the paths would be too dark for children in the winter. Currently Wokingham Borough Council had no plans to link the path to Bracknell Forest Borough.

Transport Development Team Meeting

The Forum was updated on Peter's meeting with the Council's Transport Development Team. Phillip Burke was very proactive in this area and was happy to attend a future meeting of LCAF. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

The possibility of adding chicanes at Wildmoor Heath to protect cyclists was discussed. The Transport Development Team would investigate using quiet roads to link roads from the meadows through Sandhurst and on to Bracknell.

Forum members confirmed they would be happy to share email addresses with each other in order to be better placed to organise future site visits.

68. **Annual Report**

Rose Wicks confirmed that subject to receiving no feedback from LCAF, that the 2016 annual report would be uploaded to Council's website in the near future **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

Members were asked to submit ideas for the 2017 Annual report to Rose Wicks **(Action: All)**

Rose Wicks reported that Natural England had not asked for feedback from LCAF, which was usually submitted on an annual basis via an annual review form. It was agreed that LCAF should focus on the Bracknell Forest Annual Report and only feedback to Natural England if necessary.

69. **AOB**

WOW Week of Walks

The WOW Week of Walks led by the Bracknell Forest Society was very popular and well received even when there was poor weather. The Forum thanked Hugh Fitzwilliams for his contribution to the walks.

Cabbage Hill Site Visit

It was reported that the site visit to Cabbage Hill was very positive with impressive landscaping, biodiversity and trees from Berkley Homes.

TRL SANG

It was hoped the TRL site would be another high quality development and was planned to include a mix of flats, terraced and 3/4/5 bedroom houses, a care home and a community centre. The forum agreed they would be interested in an early site visit. **(Action: Graham Pockett to arrange)**

Michael Abbott reported that the three stiles close to Broadmoor on Eastern Lane needed replacing as the current high stiles were difficult to get over. discussed discussion took place on what type of gate would be appropriate to allow wheelchair access and it was noted that possible options were currently being examined by the Council.

Councillor Michael Brossard commented on the inclusion in the latest planning committee agenda of the requirement to investigate invasive plant species and eradicate them before building on the site. Members' agreed that this seemed to be a good course of action to take.

Rose Wicks confirmed that the group would be kept informed of the progress of the new ROWIP. **(Action: Rose Wicks)**

70. **Public Question Time**

There were no questions from members of the public on this occasion.

71. **Date of Next Meeting**

Further meetings were to be held on the following dates:

6 February 2018

26 June 2018

2 October 2018

CHAIRMAN

Placeholder for picture to indicate section 8 of the plan

8. ACTION PLAN

Prioritisation of RoWIP actions will be made against the extent to which they fulfil RoWIP2 priorities.

Where BFC are identified as the lead partner:

- ✓ actions that can be carried out within current staffing and budget resource (base 2017 – 2018)
- ✓✓ actions which require Bracknell Forest Council resources to be reprioritised and/or involve external funding or in-kind contributions.
- ✓✓✓ actions requiring planned investment. This funding may be wholly through external sources or require support from identified partners.

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Potential sources of funding include, Local Transport Plan 3, Local Authorities, East of England Development Agency, Local Strategic Partnerships, Development Agency, Central Government, Sustrans, Lottery, Sport England, s106 planning gain.

Encourage use of PRow via events, publicity and marketing					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
1.	Review and update the circular countryside walking routes available on the council's website. Also review circular cycling routes on Rights of Way and with links to adopted highway cyclepaths and permissive route in public open spaces.	4.3	✓	BFC LCAF Highway Authority	Number of PDF routes / maps updated and available on BFCs website by 2021

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Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
2.	Review and update the 3 Accessible Rural Route guides	4.3	✓	BFC LCAF Disability Groups	Number of leaflets updated and available on BFCs website by 2021, with hard copies available upon request
3.	Use social media and press releases to advertise PRow, events and other outdoor recreation opportunities e.g. the annual WOW Week of Walks led by the Bracknell Forest Society	4.1, 4.2	✓	BFC Bracknell Forest Society Bracknell Forest Natural History Society Thames Basin Heaths Partnership The Crown Estate Town / Parish Councils NHS	A minimum of 4 articles / events publicised each month
4.	Organise guided countryside/park walks for the public each year	4.1	✓✓	BFC SE Berks Ramblers Bracknell Forest Society	A minimum of 10 walks held each year
5.	Support existing healthy walking and green exercise schemes and back the development of new initiatives	4.1, 7.1	✓	BFC – Parks & Countryside Service and Public	Publicise initiatives and schemes including 'Sandhurst Health Walks'

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				Health NHS Jealott's Hill Community Landshare	and 'Short, Easy Taster Walk' from South Hill Park via the Community Map on Public Health Portal
6.	Explore using mobile phone apps to promote the use and enjoyment of outdoor recreation and Rights of Way. Make GPX routes available on council website available to download.	4.5	✓	BFC	GPX routes available on BFCs website by 2021

Mapping and cataloguing the network					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
7.	Keep the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS) up to date by processing Modification Order applications	2.1	✓✓	BFC	Up-to-date copy kept of the Definitive Map and Statement (DMS)
8.	Ensure a hard copy of the last consolidated DMS is available to view by the public	2.1	✓	BFC	Copy available at Time Square office

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9.	Produce a third consolidated DMS of PRow in Bracknell Forest, which identifies and addresses anomalies in the current DMS	2.1	✓✓✓	BFC LCAF Natural England Town/Parish Councils Neighbouring LAFs and LAs	Completed by January 2023
10.	Provide and maintain an up-to-date online web-based map service showing PRow, open access land, cycleways, 24 hour accessible defibrillators and public transport hubs. Include detail of potential impediments to access such as gates and stiles. Give consideration to mapping quality of the network examining factors such as fragmentation.	1.3, 1.5, 8,2	✓✓	BFC	PRow map available to the public on BFCs website by 2018 Expand on this map to include impediments to access and other key information to promote a safe and accessible wider green infrastructure network by 2021.
11.	Carry out an audit of PRow signs, from metalled roads	1.1, 2.5, 5.2, 10.1	✓✓	BFC Volunteer path wardens	By January 2021, to have a GIS dataset / map of PRow signs, which details location, type and condition.
12.	Catalogue all stiles and gates on PRow	1.1, 1.2, 10.1	✓✓	BFC Volunteer path	By January 2021, to have a GIS map of

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				wardens	PRoW stiles and gates, identifying the location, type, condition and those that need removing/replacing

Maintaining the network, its legal status and condition					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
13.	Inspect the condition of path network annually, using the 'ease of use' criteria (formerly Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) 178).	10.1	✓✓	BFC Volunteer Path Wardens	% of the path network audited each year
14.	Ensure that footbridges and culverts on PRoW, that cross natural obstacles, are safe.	2,3, 10.1	✓✓	BFC Volunteer path wardens Bracknell Conservation Volunteers	Footbridges pass inspection as part of the monitoring using BVPI 178.
15.	Replace PRoW signs that are identified as falling below the standard set out in NE guidance	2.5, 5.2	✓✓	BFC Volunteer path	New signage provided when required

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	and provide new signs where there are gaps			wardens Bracknell Conservation Volunteers	
16.	Case Officers consult P&C Rights of Way team on planning applications where the proposed development is likely to directly impact on a PRoW e.g. requires diversion, closure. RoWIP2 should be quoted in planning responses to add weight to comments. A new process linked to planning needs to be explored whereby LCAF are kept informed and are consulted on these types of applications	6.3, 9.3	✓✓	BFC Parks and Countryside and Planning Authority LCAF	A more robust process whereby LCAF can easily comment on planning applications with a direct impact on PRoW
17.	Respond to reported faults and issues with PRoW; including enforcing removal of illegal obstructions and re-instatement after ploughing or secure removal of crops	2.4, 2.6, 2.9	✓✓✓	BFC	Percentage of PRoW network that is considered 'easy to use' according to the former BVPI 178.
18.	To process notices for removing hedgerows and enforce instances where they have been removed illegally	6.2, 7.2	✓	BFC - The Local Planning Authority	Response provided within 42 days of receipt of written notice. Enforcement carried out where an offence is

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					committed under The Hedgerows Regulations 1997
19.	Process temporary closures of PRow where required	2.1	✓✓	BFC Applicant for TTRO	PRow legally closed for a temporary period of up to 6 months and appropriate diversion route and signs provided

Creating new routes and links					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
20.	Encourage and investigate suggestions for routes to be added to the DMS or through permissive agreement	1.2, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5	✓	BFC Landowners LCAF	Reports to LCAF on findings or progress of the investigations
21.	Identify possible shared cycling routes and continue association with partners to develop possible routes in the borough.	3.3, 3.6, 7.3, 7.4, 8.2	✓✓	BFC – Parks & Countryside Service and Transport Development LCAF	To feed suggestions into the BFC Infrastructure Delivery Plan

Creating new routes and links					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
22.	Provide links to circular / multi use routes in existing and future Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspaces (SANGs) with the public Rights of Way network	3.4	✓✓	BFC	To feed suggestions into the BFC Infrastructure Delivery Plan and feed into site specific planning applications
23.	Undertake an audit of missing links and develop proposals for the creation of new PRow in priority locations	1.2, 3.3	✓✓✓	BFC LCAF Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership	Annual review of missing links to update BFC Infrastructure Delivery Plan
24.	New routes or improvements to existing routes should be designed to minimise conflict, for example, by ensuring widths, surfaces, furniture (including way marking) and sight lines enable permitted users to use the path in harmony and with confidence	1.2, 2.7, 5.2	✓✓	BFC LCAF	New routes or improvements to routes are of an accessible design to the intended users

Improving access to PRow					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
25.	Replace stiles with gaps, staggered barriers, bridle gates or kissing gates and carry out surface improvements to PRow where accessibility is impeded by seasonal waterlogging	1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.7	✓✓	BFC LCAF SE Berks Ramblers Ramblers Bracknell Conservation Volunteers	To report to LCAF on an annual basis the percentage of PRow where access has been improved by removing stiles and improving surface conditions. Cross reference with BS5709:2006
26.	Explore with landowners and PRow users opportunities for the diversion of PRow to remove the need for the public to use busy stretches of highway to reach a connecting path	3.1	✓✓	BFC Landowners LCAF Ramblers British Horse Society Cycling UK	To feed suggestions into the BFC Infrastructure Delivery Plan
27.	Identify and promote existing PRow that are suitable for users with reduced mobility	1.2, 1.4, 1.5	✓	BFC Local Disability Groups	See action no. 2 and 10.

Working in partnership and cooperation					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
28.	Work with neighbouring LAFs and highway authorities to identify and address cross boundary Rights of Way anomalies and explore opportunities for promoting PRoW and circular routes. Explore ways of improving consistency in signage and waymarking on cross-boundary routes.	8.5	✓	BFC LCAF LAFs – RBWM, Slough, Mid and West Berks, Hampshire, Surrey LAs - RBWM, Slough, Wokingham BC, Hampshire CC, Surrey CC	LCAF member attendance at neighbouring LAFs / local Chairs meetings – at least one per year
29.	Maintain a good working relationship between BFC and LCAF, with the Forum providing advice to promote PRoW and outdoor recreation	8.1	✓	BFC LCAF	At least one BFC officer from Parks & Countryside to attend the x3 LCAF meetings each year
30.	Recognise and encourage increased participation of each Town/Parish Council through regular communication and reporting.	8.3	✓	BFC / LCAF Towns / Parishes	Invitations sent to Towns / Parishes to appoint a path champion as the key contact with LCAF and the Highway Authority, by 2018 (NB Sandhurst Town Council and Warfield Parish Council already do this)

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31.	Share information about the work of the BFC PRow Ranger to promote continuing financial support for the post	8.3	✓	BFC Towns / Parishes	Information provided to Towns / Parishes each year
32.	Ensure appropriate policies to protect and enhance PRow network are included in planning frameworks	6.3, 9.3	✓	BFC	Policies included in the POSS Study by end of 2017, the Comprehensive Local Plan when finalised, and Neighbourhood Plans as these are developed. Money secured for PRow improvement and protection through the development control process e.g. s106 legal agreements.
33.	Work with disability groups to identify routes linked to settlements or popular countryside destinations in Bracknell Forest which can be improved to facilitate access for all	1.2, 1.4, 3.3, 3.5	✓	LCAF Bracknell Forest Access Group Disability Groups to be identified	Identify and contact local disability groups and update Infrastructure Delivery plan
34.	Develop and reinvigorate the network of volunteers working on PRow, providing them with the training and tools to better maintain local paths	8.4	✓✓	BFC Volunteer path wardens LCAF	Percentage of maintenance carried out by volunteers on PRow reviewed annually at LCAF meetings.

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				Bracknell Conservation Volunteers	
35.	Monitor illegal use of footpaths and bridleways by other PRow users and take action to address this	5.3, 8.6	✓✓	BFC Landowners Local Police Community Safety Team	Reduction in illegal use of PRow
36.	Work with road safety organisations, the Community Safety Partnership and user groups to raise awareness of the need to protect PRow users, particularly those more vulnerable	8.2	✓	LCAF Safer Roads Partnership BFC British Horse Society Ramblers Cycling UK	A campaign developed that ties in with actions 3 and 27
37.	Work with the Thames Basin Heaths Partnership to encourage responsible use of PRow in the SPA e.g. adhering to paths and keeping dogs on lead during ground bird nesting season	5.4, 7.2	✓	Thames Basin Heaths Partnership BFC Natural England SPA Wardens	Publicity issued between March-July, 2018-2027. Linked with actions 3 and 46
38.	Work with Blackwater Valley Partnership on links to sections of	3.3, 3.4, 4.6, 8.5	✓✓	Blackwater Valley Countryside	Representative of Blackwater Valley

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	the Blackwater Valley Path in Bracknell Forest, and to assist in the target of filling-in the 'missing links' in the riverside path through Sandhurst			Partnership	Partnership invited to LCAF meetings periodically to discuss and review actions relating to missing links in BFC

Raising awareness of PRow and profile of LCAF					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
39.	Integrate RoWIP with other policies and strategies e.g. BAP, Parks and Open Spaces Strategy, POSS Study, LTP3. See Chapter 3.	8.2, 9.1, 9.3	✓	BFC	POSS - 2017 BAP and Tree Strategy – 2018 New Parks and Open Spaces Strategy - 2019
40.	Develop landowners / managers awareness of their responsibilities for maintenance and the importance of public Rights of Way and public access to land	2.4, 5.1, 7.1,	✓	BFC	A new page added to BFCs website by 2018 detailing landowners responsibility relating to PRow on their land
41.	Promote membership to LCAF	8.1	✓	BFC LCAF	Standing LCAF agenda item of 'New members' to maintain a minimum of

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					10 Forum members
42.	Review List of Streets and DMS to assess whether paths need to be added or removed	8.2	✓✓	BFC LCAF	To report progress at LCAF meetings
43.	Identify key tourism hubs in the Borough where enhancements to PRow would deliver benefits to the local economy	4.1, 4.2, 7.5	✓✓	BFC	By 2021
44.	Extend links between LCAF and Town /Parish Councils	8.3	✓	BFC LCAF Town/parish councils	LCAF Chair to contact T/P Clerks to request an invite to a Parish, Parks and Public Realm Forum meeting

Encourage responsible use of PRow					
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45.	Give consideration to including 'No Cycling' signs on footpaths where there's a perceived conflict between users	5.2,	✓	BFC	Reduction of reports of cycling on footpaths

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46.	Promote the Dog Walking Code of Conduct and consider including anti dog fouling signs on PRow	5.4	✓	BFC Thames Basin Heaths Partnership	Leaflet available on BFCs walking / PRow web pages and promoted via social media Signs are made available on PRow where there's an issue with dog fouling

Monitoring and review					
Action ref.	Proposed Actions	RoWIP Policies	Resource Requirements	Key Organisation Lead Partner(s) in Bold	Performance Measures / Timescales
47.	Review progress with actions carried out in RoWIP. Report monitoring outcomes to Departmental Management Team	10.2	✓✓	BFC LCAF	A traffic light system used to assess progress with actions each year. First review to be carried out in 2018 with a mid-term review in Jan 2021

Additional action plan items expected following public consultation.					
48.	Applicable actions will be added prior to publication of the final plan				25 th October 2017
New Paths and Linkages					
49.	Seek to complete the 'missing' sections of the Blackwater Valley Path in Sandhurst Town	1.2, 3.3, 4.6,	✓✓✓	BFC Blackwater Valley Partnership	
50.	Seek to provide a safer cycling route parallel to Nine Mile Ride by enabling a permissive cycle route on Bracknell Footpath 22	1.2, 8.2	✓✓	BFC	
51.	Seek to create a bridleway link from Warfield development area north and west to Hazelwood Lane, and east to Warfield Bridleway 26	1.2, 3.3	✓✓✓	BFC Developer contributions	

See separate document for Appendices, References and Glossary.

Parks and Countryside Walks, 2018 (Feb-Oct)

Walks start at 10:30am

Walks part of the current programme

7 February - South Hill Park walk (L)

Meet: Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA.

20 February - Shurlock Row and back (R)

Meet: Felix Fisheries.

Map grid ref: 851 744

14 March - Lily Hill Park walk (L)

Meet: Lily Hill Park north car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX.

20 March - Chapel Green and back (R)

Meet: Heath Lake car park.

Map grid ref: 827 654

11 April - Westmorland to Newt Reserve (L)

Meet: Westmorland Park car park, Warfield, RG42 3QP.

17 April - Caesars Camp & the redoubts (R)

Meet: The Look Out Discovery Centre (car parking charges apply), Nine Mile Ride, RG12 7QW. Map grid ref: 878 661.

Making Strides - Volunteer Lead Walks

8 May - Around Cabbage Hill (R)

Meet: Frost Folly Country Car Park. Map ref: 873 725

19 June - Rapley Lake and back (R)

Meet: The Look Out Discovery Centre (car parking charges apply), Nine Mile Ride, RG12 7QW. Map grid ref: 878 661.

17 July - Touchen End and back (R)

Meet: Hawthorn lane, junction with Nuptown Lane. Map ref: 890 736

14 August - Lakes and Ridges (R)

Meet: Ambarrow Court, Off A321 Wokingham Rd, Sandhurst, GU47 8JB. Map ref: 824 626

18 September - The Northern Fringe (R)

Meet: Felix fisheries, Map ref: 851 743

16 October – Pope's, Peacocks & Amen (R)

Meet: Pope's Meadow, Off St Marks Rd, Binfield, RG42 4AY. Map ref: 844 699

Walk With a Ranger

9 May - Spring stroll at South Hill Park (L)

Meet: Courtyard in front of South Hill Park reception, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA. Cost: £2.

6 June - Summer stroll at Lily Hill Park (L)

Meet: North car park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX. Cost: £2.

11 July– Wildmoor Heath Circuit (M)

Meet: Wildmoor Heath, Crowthorne Road, GU47 8PD Cost: £2.

8 August - Woods, Hills & Ponds (L)

Meet: Domesday Copse car park, Wildridings Road – opposite Crossfell, Bracknell, RG12 7RX. Cost: £2

12 September – Cruciferous and beyond (L)

Meet: The Northern car park, Cabbage Hill, Binfield, Bracknell. Cost £2

10 October – Shepherd Meadows Meander (M)

Meet: Car park, off Marshall Way, GU47 0FH Cost £2

(L) Leisurely – up to 2 miles (1 hour)

(M) Moderate – up to 4 miles (1¾ hours)

(R) Rambler – up to 7 miles (2½ hours)

Timings and distances are approximations only.