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Peak District Local Access Forum

On: Thursday 16 June 2022

At: Aldern House, Board room

Agenda

Start: 10.00 am

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| 1 | Welcome and Apologies | Mike Rhodes |
| 2 | Minutes from the last meeting, 17/03/2022 | Louise Hawson |
| 3 | Proposed LAF Priorities and Activities | Louise Hawson |
| 4 | Sustainable Transport | Tim Nicholson |
| 5 | DCC Route Maintenance and Repairs inc Sub-Group Report | Gill Millward, Sue Smith |
| 6 | Derbyshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update | |
| 7 | Access Update in Accessible Peak District Annual Report and Access Fund Annual Report | Sue Smith |
| 8 | Members' Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Barry Lewis• Sheffield LAF• Trails Management Plan Update | Louise Hawson
Charlotte Gilbert |
| 9 | Any Other Business - notified to Mike in Advance | Mike Rhodes |
| 10 | Date of next meeting - September 15th | |

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2022

at Aldern House, Board Room.

Members Present:

Charlotte Gilbert (Acting Chair)
 Martin Bennett
 Craig Best
 Richard Entwistle
 Louise Hawson
 Jo Holliday

Jez Kenyon
 Charlotte Leech
 Ben Seal
 Paul Richardson
 John Towe

Others Present:

Mike Rhodes
 Sue Smith
 Richard Pett
 Richard Lovell (DCC)

Item ID	1.
Item Title	Welcome & Apologies
Summary	<p>Charlotte Gilbert was acting Chair until the election of a new Chair of the Forum had been completed.</p> <p>Mike Rhodes welcomed the Forum Members and noted that there were a number of apologies. These were: Joe Dalton, Clare Griffin, Alastair Harvey, Geoff Nickolds, Ben Seal, Cllr Susan Hobson and Cllr Ian Huddleston. Gill Millward was also unable to attend due to illness.</p> <p>Steve Martin has resigned from the Forum.</p> <p>Despite the fact that we have four new Members joining us today, Mike also noted that there were still several vacancies on the Forum which it was hoped would soon be filled.</p>

Item ID	2.
Item Title	A minute's silence was held in respect of John Thompson.
Summary	
Item ID	3.
Item Title	Minutes from the last meeting, 9th December 2021
Summary	The minutes of the meeting on 9 December 2021 were approved as a correct record.

	<p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>Page 3 – Tim Nicholson was unable to attend the meeting on 17 March but hopes to be present at the next meeting on 16 June to update the Forum on the Sustainable Transport Initiatives.</p> <p>Page 5 – The Business Case review was complete but not yet a public document. A restructuring of the Peak District National Park Authority Engagement Service was expected but no information about what that would mean for the Rights of Way team was available.</p>
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Item ID	4.
Item Title	Introductions
Summary	Four new members joined the Forum at this meeting: Craig Best, Jo Holliday, Charlotte Leech and John Towe. The members of the Forum introduced themselves with a brief summary of their work and interests.

Item ID	5.
Item Title	Election of Chair/Vice-Chairs
Summary	<p>The Forum was asked to consider the nominations for the position of Chair and Vice-Chair as set out in the report.</p> <p>The Forum supported the proposals and the following were appointed:</p> <p>Chair – Louise Hawson Joint Vice-chair – Charlotte Gilbert & Martin Bennett</p> <p>The New Chair thanked the members for supporting her and was particularly grateful that her nomination had been supported by John Thompson.</p>

Item ID	6.
Item Title	Sustainable Travel
Summary	<p>Richard Lovell, Senior Project Officer, Sustainable Travel, Derbyshire County Council attended the meeting to provide clarification on the role of the Team and the areas they covered. There were four specific areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel Planning – the original focus of the team in 2011 was on travel planning for schools and workplaces, but has expanded to include local communities such as the Buxton Town Team on developing a town wide travel plan which had recently been out for consultation and would possibly be used as a model for other communities, along with the Hope Valley Climate Action Group’s Travelling Light programme. 2. Walking and Cycling – focus on delivering a county wide network of strategic and local routes (which will also cater for horse riders wherever possible). Key priorities include the Pennine Bridleway and White Peak Loop (due to be

	<p>completed by 2025). Feasibility studies underway for White Peak Loop around Buxton and Derwent Valley Cycleway which includes Derby to Chatsworth. The aim was to continue to develop a Key Cycle Network (KCN) with local connections to provide off road routes for safer leisure and utility cycling. Work is also ongoing in relation to e-bikes which provide a solution to the issues around the landscape of the Peak District, as well as public transport interchanges and their links to the cycle network. Richard suggested returning to the Forum when these pieces of work are completed to present findings.</p> <p>3. Low emission vehicle infrastructure – DCC has set a target of 1,000 public facing electric vehicle charging points across the county by 2025. The phasing out of petrol and diesel cars by 2030 is putting pressure on the work. A feasibility report has just been completed in draft form to outline where the demand will be required. Additional challenges were acknowledged in rural areas where supply of power may not be suitable. Additional officer resources had been approved for the team to work on this area.</p> <p>4. Low Carbon Mobility – with a particular focus on transport mobility hubs. The train stations at Buxton and Hope were part of a study which looked at the possibility of catering for the needs of the community and visitors using electric vehicles, additional resources were being sought to support the team on this work. The Bus Service Improvement Plan was closely linked to this work. The plan had been submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in October 2021 and this had had a favourable response. The plan included mobility hubs which will be funded from the money received from the DfT.</p> <p>Members of the Forum asked questions regarding Peak Resort, work on the Pennine Bridleway, improvements to mountain bike trials, provision of facilities for cyclists and improvements to routes.</p>
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Item ID	7.
Item Title	Presentation on Pack Horse Trails
Summary	Charlotte Gilbert presented information on the history and current status of the Pack Horse Routes and highlighted the importance of maintaining the surfaces of the routes with appropriate materials. Also the education of children to use the routes in a safe way. Members of the Forum raised the question regarding the routes being given UNESCO status but this was not something the Forum would be able to pursue.

Item ID	8.
Item Title	Green Lanes Action Plans
Summary	<p>The Access and Rights of Way officer, Sue Smith introduced the report and annual action plans. Members of the Forum were notified that a Sub Group meeting would be arranged shortly to provide comment on the proposed repairs by Derbyshire County Council set out in Appendix 5.I.</p> <p>The report included details of the consultation on the Landscape Review and Forum members were asked whether they wished to make comments.</p>

Item ID	9.
Item Title	Access Update
Summary	<p>The Access and Rights of Way officer, Sue Smith reported on the Access Sub group meeting held in February to consider Derbyshire County Council's proposed works on the Pennine Way at Edale and the Forum's wish list for access works under the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme.</p> <p>Members considered that the visit to the Pennine Way was useful and the letter covered the concerns raised.</p> <p>a)</p>

Item ID	9a
Item Title	Consultation on long term direction at Silence Mine
Summary	<p>The Forum discussed the issue of the restrictions around the Silence & Old Grove mines including the possible cost of reinstatement and permanent closure of some of the access routes in the eventuality of this not being possible.</p> <p>Members requested that more information about the work being carried out was shared publicly to ensure the message is more widely available.</p> <p>The LAF supported the proposal to continue the closures for a further year with a short letter summarising the concerns raised.</p> <p>Any further questions could be sent to Sue by email.</p>

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Item ID	10.
Item Title	Derbyshire CC RoWIP Update
Summary	<p>As Gill Millward was unable to attend the meeting, Mike Rhodes introduced the report and highlighted some of the updates it provided including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed removal of the 2026 deadline for Rights of Way claims. • The continued work installing/replacing roadside signage across the Rights of Way network by DCC. A link can be found on the DCC Website which illustrates which signs are to be provided.

	Forum Members suggested a letter of thanks to the County Council relating to the work they are carrying out may be appropriate and a draft would be drawn up. The reported was noted and thanks sent to Gill.
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Item ID	11.
Item Title	Landscapes Review - discussion on Government response and response from LAF to consultation
Summary	The Chair introduced the item regarding the response of the LAF to the report and asked members of the Forum to draft parts of the response and circulate by email. The Chair and Vice Chairs would lead on the preparation of the response and call on other members as needed.

Item ID	12.
Item Title	Annual Report
Summary	Mike introduced the draft report and asked members to contact him with any comments before the end of March.

Item ID	13.
Item Title	Members' Reports
Summary	<p>Charlotte Gilbert updated the Forum on the work ongoing in relation to the Peak District National Park Management Plan. The plan was due for publication in 2023 and Charlotte will continue to update the Forum on its progress.</p> <p>It was noted that a new Trails Manager had been appointed, Helen Carrington. Helen will be invited to attend a future meeting of the Forum.</p> <p>Jez Kenyon provided an update on "Path Watch" which was a standard way of reporting pathways which required work to repair them. The group was looking at ways to grade footpaths and hoped that this would help progress improvements. Plans to include bridleways in future work were highlighted.</p>

Item ID	14.
Item Title	Any Other Business
Summary	There was no other business.

Item ID	15.
Item Title	Date and venue of next meeting - 16th June 2022
Summary	

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Sub-group Notes

7 & 28 April 2022

Attendees:

Louise Hawson (Chair), Charlotte Gilbert, Martin Bennett, Richard Entwistle, Rob Greatorex (DCC), Steve Hollingworth (DCC), Mike Rhodes, Sue Smith.

DCC Schemes

Comments were provided on the following schemes:

Route	Location	LAF Comments
Hope BW32 & BW5	Low Barn and Brinks Road to Hope Cross	LAF & Peak MTB site visit with National Trust
Hucklow BOAT18	School Lane, Hucklow	Drainage grips will assist with speed control. DCC to consider signage.
Castleton FP20	Castleton FP20 from Tor House to Hollins Cross	Support repairs on this popular route.
Castleton FP21	Castleton FP21 from Hollowford Road to Hollins Cross	Stone pitching accompanied by treatment of ground at the spring and cutting back of gorse
Castleton BW22	Castleton BW22 from Hollowford Road to Hollins Cross	Support comments made by user groups.
Charlesworth FP52	Path linking to the Trans Pennine Trail	Support the measures as an alternative/link route to the TPT.
Calver BW 30	Calver BW 30 and Bramley Lane	Support the resurfacing.
Gt Longstone Restricted Byway 22	High Rake: Moor Road to Bramley Lane	Support the works and measures to improve the drainage.

Calver FP13	Stoney Middleton to Bramley Lane/Coombsdale	Support tarmacing repairs where previous and other surfacing and drainage works. Monitor impacts of run-off.
Eyam FP 28, Eyam BOAT 34 and Grindleford RB 32	Riley Lane	Support the regrading of ruts. Maintain character. Potential for future site visit to consider wider issues.
Hayfield BW 47	Kinder Reservoir	Support with the involvement of the National Trust. Consider improvements in signage/waymarking in the wider area.
Hartington TQ BW42 and FP28	Beresford Dale	Support surfacing improvements on the track and to remove the steps to the bridge on this Sustrans route.
Foolow BOAT20	Nether Bretton to BOAT27	Support surfacing and potential for future Miles without Stiles route.
Castleton BW40	Castleton BW42 including Dirtlow Rake unclassified road	LAF site visit to consider treatment of the track and perimeter areas.
Peak Forest BW55	Eldon Quarry	Support surfacing.
Taddington BOAT70	Sough Lane, (part of Limestone Way)	Support surfacing.
Baslow Road	Bakewell FP20 and Baslow Road	Support drainage improvements
Stoney Middleton BW17	Moisty Lane to Black Harry Lane	Support and monitor erosion for any pitching. Seek comments from horse riders.
Great Longstone BOAT52	Blakedon Hollow Lagoon	Part of Black Harry Trails. Support.
Macclesfield Old Road	Bridge Car Park to Buxton	Treatment of surfacing and verge damage with on site materials. LAF site visit.
Green Lane Middleton	High Peak Trail to Green Lane	Support dealing with waterlogging.

Edensor BOAT13	Claimed BOAT from Hadley Road to Chatsworth house	LAF site visit. Undertake vehicle logging to assist with decision re materials.
Bonsall BOAT 64 and 71	Blakelow and Blakemere Lanes	Support. Monitor impact on verges.
Eyam BOAT 25	Sir William Hill Road to Edge Road	Not seeking to encourage normal road vehicles to use this route. Consider signage.

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Date: 16 June 2022

Item: 6

Title: Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) - Update

Author: Gill Millward, Countryside Access Improvement Officer, DCC

Purpose of Report

To present Forum members with an update on progress towards the delivery of Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Aim 1: Existing Rights of Way Network

- **Repairs and improvements:** a verbal update on progress to deliver the public rights of way schemes being funded from the County Council's Highways Capital Programmes for 2021/22 and 2022/23 will be provided at the June LAF meetings

Aim 2: Definitive Map and Statement

- **Project 2026 Derbyshire:** Since Defra announced its intention to repeal the 2026 cut-off date back in February, volunteers are continuing to investigate historic, unrecorded routes. According to the British Horse Society's database, research records have been created for over 350 paths across Derbyshire, with 187 claims for Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs) already submitted to the County Council
- **Joint DADLAF/Peak District LAF Unrecorded Ways Sub-Group:** a further meeting of the Sub-Group is being arranged to discuss the issues around the prioritisation of DMMO applications

Aim 3: An improved network

- **Greenway/ Cycle Route Development and Maintenance in 2021/22:** A total of 10.42km of new Greenways/ Cycle Routes was achieved in 2021/22, exceeding the 8km target for the year and bringing the total length of the off-road network to just over 443km. The completed routes are listed in the table below, along with the maintenance projects which have provided new surfaces/drainage on Rowsley Bridleway 2, a footpath link from the Avenue site into Hasland and part of the Skegby Trail.

NEW ROUTES COMPLETED 2021-2022 BLUE = Maintenance of existing routes 2021-2022	New Routes (KM)	Maintenance (KM)
Quarter 1: April to June		
B6057 Dronfield to Unstone shared use cycleway - Phase 3 (railway bridge to former Fleur de Lys Public House)	0.28	
Visit Sleep Cycle Repeat (VSCR) Project 3 - Pleasley Country Park Loop	0.50	
VSCR Project 1 - Archaeological Way - Pleasley Vale Outgang Lane to Wood Lane	1.30	
VSCR Project 6 - Rowthorne Trial upgrade to include cycling	2.30	
VSCR Project 4 - Longhedge Lane - Pleasley to A617	1.70	
VSCR Project 5 - Dale Lane - Longhedge Lane to Rowthorne	0.50	
VSCR Project 2 - Skegby Trail Upgrade/maintenance		0.10
White Peak Loop - Rowsley to Coombs Road Bridleway improvements		0.65
Trent and Mersey Canal towpath – Willington	0.70	
Total length - 1st quarter =	7.28	0.75
Quarter 2: July to September		
B6057 Dronfield to Unstone shared use cycleway - Phase 4 (Former Fleur de Lys PH to Unstone Primary School)	0.20	
Avenue Link to Hasland - Footpath improvements		0.30
Swadlincote Midland Road to Toulmin Drive - installation of 3 dropped kerbs		
Total length - 2nd quarter =	0.20	0.30
Quarter 3: October to December		
Woodville to Swadlincote Regeneration Route - shared use cycleway (opened 21 December 2021)	1.36	
Total length - 3rd quarter =	1.36	0.00
Quarter 4: January to March		
Markham Greenway - A632 Stockley Trail Peter Fidler Nature Reserve to Buttermilk Lane	1.00	
Markham Greenway connection to Stockley Trail at Peter Fidler Nature Reserve	0.20	
Creswell Station Link (Stoney View - Elmton Road including Gypsy Lane)	0.25	
B6057 Dronfield to Unstone shared use cycleway - Phase 5 (bridge over railway to Unstone Junior School)	0.13	
Total length - 4th quarter =	1.58	0.00
Total cumulative annual length in km =	10.42	1.05
2021-2022 Target = 8km		

- **Derbyshire Cycle Network Development in 2022/23:**

Derbyshire's Key Cycle Network was approved by Cabinet in January 2020. The report identifies 127 missing sections of strategic route across the county and sets out the methodology for appraising and prioritising delivery of key projects. A review of the achievements to date is planned for Spring/Summer 2022. Further information about the projects being developed by County Council officers in 2022/23 is provided below:-

Chesterfield East-West Cycling and Walking Route

Lead Officer: James Powell (james.powell@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Following the success of a Department for Transport (DfT) Active Travel Tranche 2 funding bid, this 8km route shown below in five sections has undergone extensive public consultation and detail design preparations.



DfT funding has been carried over into 2022/23. Detailed design is now complete and the scheme is undergoing a safety audit prior to being broken up into construction packages. Sections 1 (Chatsworth Road) and 5 (Crow Lane) are subject to Traffic Regulation Orders

which require public consultation, due to take place in June 2022. The installation of hardware to monitor user uptake commenced before the end of March 2022. Some route sections are likely to progress quicker into construction than others and will come online throughout the year with the total scheme due to be completed by March 2023.

White Peak Loop (WPL)

Lead Officer: Carol Parsons (carol.parsons@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Derbyshire County Council is developing a circular route covering just over 87km between Matlock and Buxton. The route is 71% complete - work is underway with AECOM to progress feasibility and design on key missing sections from High Peak Junction to Rowsley, Rowsley to Bakewell through Haddon Estate and Wye Dale/ Woo Dale near Buxton. The study for the Buxton section has been completed and a report is due soon outlining the engineering solutions for a link from the end of the Monsal Trail to the A6 on Fairfield Common where the Hogshaw Roundabout works have now commenced and will accommodate crossings for WPL users

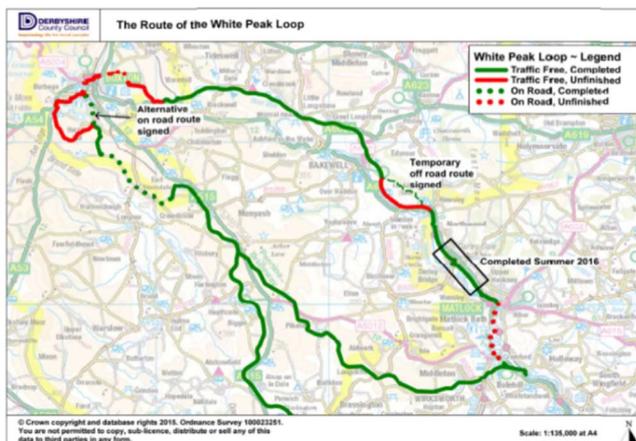


Photo: Rowsley Bridleway 2 improvements

Other Progress:

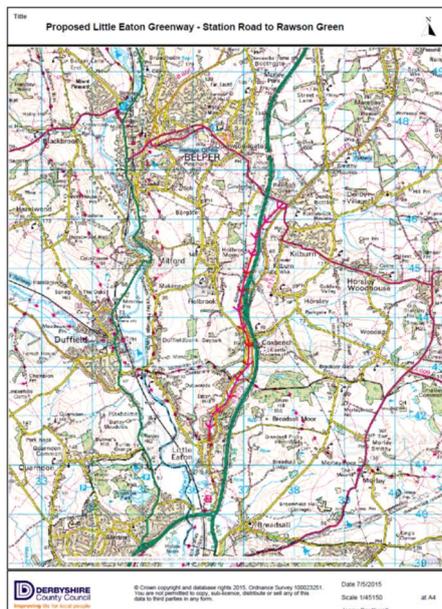
- Planning consultation responses have been submitted for Willersley Castle, Harpur Hill and Hogshaw developments, identifying opportunities for route sections and links

- Discussions with Buxton Town Team and High Peak Borough Council regarding the Walk and Ride network are on-going
- An Equality Impact Analysis and consultation plan are being prepared in connection with a proposed Cycle Track Order for Board Walk in Buxton
- Following the completion of drainage and surfacing works on Rowsley Bridleway 2 from Church Lane, further improvements are planned on existing rights of way continuing over towards the Monsal Trail near Bakewell
- A Communication and Engagement Plan has been developed for the project.

Little Eaton Branch Line

Lead Officer: Anna Chapman (anna.chapman@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Derbyshire County Council acquired a 5km section of the disused Little Eaton Branch Line, between Duffield Road, Little Eaton and Rawson Green, in 2014. LTP funding has been secured to progress the early designs and planning preparatory documents.



The project was selected through an appraisal process to form part of the Council's bid to the DfT Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 programme. Unfortunately, this bid has not been successful and alternative sources of funding will need to be found to enable the full delivery of the route to move forward. In the meantime, much progress has been made and work continues to develop both the designs and documentation for this part of Derbyshire's Key Cycle Network. Both trail and highway designs are progressing, Road Safety Audits have been carried out on the preliminary road crossing designs. Flood water modelling and traffic count data is being captured. Early consultations with neighbouring landowners/businesses and some community engagements have been undertaken. It is anticipated that a full

consultation process will take place over the summer, prior to seeking planning approvals. The timetable for this will be assessed in accordance with future funding opportunities.

Work is ongoing with Estates to confirm and secure access arrangements for construction/ maintenance entrances and improved public access points, as well as to address several areas of encroachment along the route. Consultations with the Borough Council and developers of the Denby Hall Business Park Extension are being undertaken to secure a further section of the Derby to Ripley route. The Little Eaton Greenway Supporters Volunteers are continuing to keep the Little Eaton section of the trail open.

Pennine Bridleway National Trail

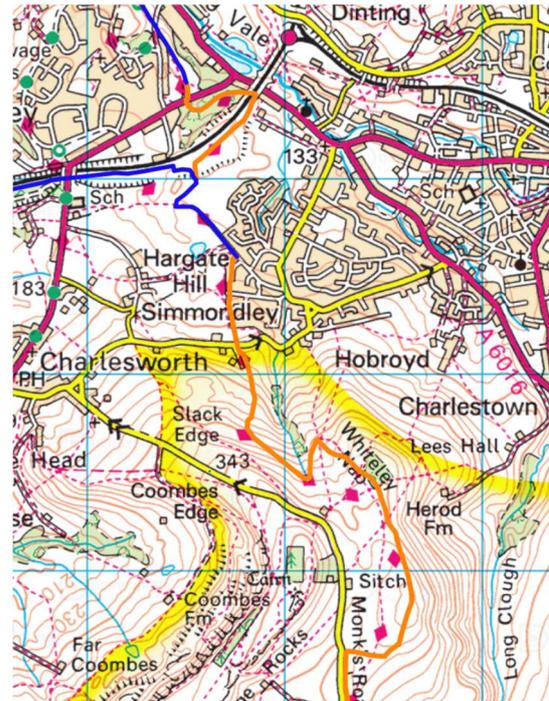
Lead Officer: Karen Turnbull (Karen.Turnbull@derbyshire.gov.uk)

The Pennine Bridleway is a multi-user National Trail being implemented through Natural England with Local Authority support. The plan below shows the proposed route of the developing section from Monks Road, near Charlesworth to Green Lane,

Simmondley. This route goes through some challenging terrain and is suited to walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. It is one of three remaining sections of the Trail still to be completed around Glossop, at an estimated cost of £1.9m. Whilst there is currently insufficient funding to continue with the construction of the route, efforts are being concentrated on identifying potential sources of external funding, working alongside Natural England, the Pennine National Trails Partnership and local user groups.

Work by DCC's AllRoads in December 2019 completed a section off Monks Road, involving re-profiling the track and installing gates and repairing walls. In 2020/21, a 300m stretch above the River Etherow was built as part of a housing development off New Road in Tintwistle.

Funding is being secured in 2022/23 to progress the feasibility and design work required for missing sections of the route around Gamesley. Grants due to be awarded by Natural England through the Pennine National Trails Partnership, along with funding from Derbyshire County Council are enabling work to continue to ensure the Trail is maintained to the agreed standards. Groundwork volunteers have been involved in erecting waymark posts, cutting back vegetation and clearing cross drains to help prevent water damage on some of the steeper sections of the route.



Clowne Greenway Connections

Lead Officer: [Anna Chapman \(Anna.Chapman@derbyshire.gov.uk\)](mailto:Anna.Chapman@derbyshire.gov.uk)

Derbyshire County Council acquired the 7.4km Clowne Branch Line from Network Rail in 2014, between Seymour and Creswell. Delivery of the route, supported by the European Regional Development Fund, was completed in 2020. This completes the northern leg of the Bolsover Loop, a 51km circuit around the District of Bolsover.

- **Creswell Connection**

Committee approvals gained to dedicate a public footpath with concessionary cycling rights over the land at the side of Creswell Infant's School to Elmton Road. The path has been delivered on the ground but will not be opened to public use until new gates have been installed to maintain security to the school premises. Once open, the new link will provide a connection from the Greenway to the railway station and village centre

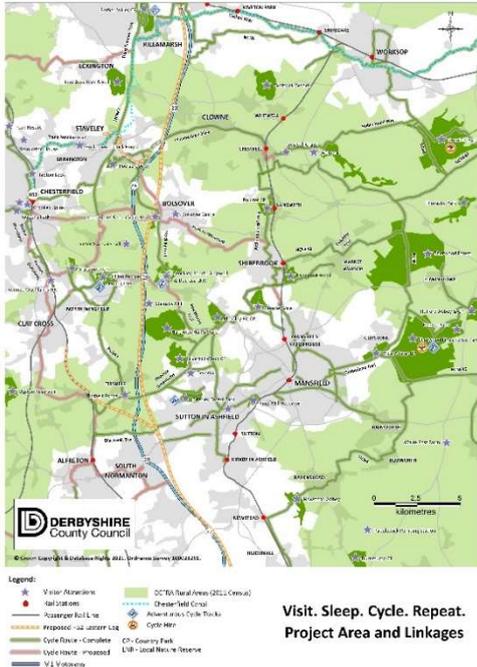


- **Poolsbrook Connection**

It is anticipated that the project to deliver the onward route across Seymour Link Road to Poolsbrook Country Park will be re-programmed for 2022/23.

Visit. Sleep. Cycle. Repeat and the Archaeological Way

Lead Officer: Andy Heath (Andrew.Heath@derbyshire.gov.uk)



Visit. Sleep. Cycle. Repeat (VSCR) is a cross-cutting programme aimed at supporting the development of the local visitor economy, encouraging active travel, supporting carbon reduction, improving health and wellbeing, and enhancing biodiversity and nature connectedness.

8km of new and improved trails have recently been constructed in the Pleasley Hub and were officially opened at the end of March 2022. Further improvements are planned on the Archaeological Way through Shirebrook and the Skegby Trail. A VSCR App is being developed and will be available in 2023.

A number of feasibility studies have been completed, including an audit of the VSCR trails network. Along with the destination plan, these studies provide insight for the business case,

being developed to attract further investment. Further details are available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/vscr

Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire (D2N2) Sustainable Travel Programme

The D2N2 Sustainable Travel Programme comprises eight distinct pedestrian and cycle infrastructure projects that improve connectivity and enable sustainable economic growth, support the creation of new jobs and housing and improve health and well-being. The programme is funded by a £5.8 million D2N2 Local Growth Fund (LGF) grant and local contributions that bring the total to be invested over the next couple of years to approximately £10 million.

£2.1 million of the D2N2 LGF grant has been allocated to two Derbyshire projects:

- An extension of the Chesterfield Strategic Cycle network to connect Dronfield and Unstone
- Ilkeston Gateway – now complete.

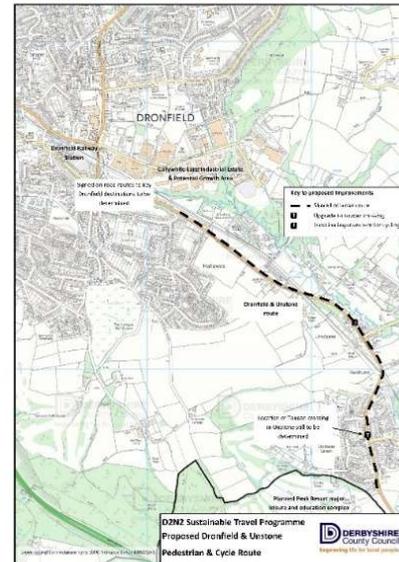
Dronfield to Unstone Cycle Route

Lead Officer: Howard Muncaster (howard.muncaster@derbyshire.gov.uk)

This 2.4km long, £900,000 route links Dronfield town centre to Unstone, where it will connect with the Peak Resort bridleways and provide connections along the A61 corridor to Chesterfield. This helps to support regeneration proposals being developed for Dronfield and includes better connections to Callywhite Lane industrial estate and the planned Peak Resort leisure and health development. The route will

consist of a largely 3m wide shared pedestrian and cycle route alongside the B6057, with a Toucan crossing provided in Unstone. The proposal also seeks to close two side roads to traffic to prioritise pedestrian and cycle journeys.

- 975m of cycle path was created between August 2020 and March 2022, including the closure of an existing acute junction
- Construction of a further 90m is programmed for summer 2022 to avoid causing disruption to Unstone Primary School
- Design of the remaining 1.4km is underway, with an alternative route being considered for the section from Unstone Green to Peak Resort following discussions with Unstone Parish Council.



A61 Growth Corridor

Lead Officer: [Howard Muncaster\(howard.muncaster@derbyshire.gov.uk\)](mailto:howard.muncaster@derbyshire.gov.uk)

The A61 Growth Corridor includes two key strands of measures to mitigate for the impact of significant employment, housing and leisure growth on highway and transport networks and services that are already under pressure along the corridor in Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire. The Sustainable Transport strand seeks to complete a north-south strategic cycle route across Chesterfield between Sheepbridge and Storforth Lane.

Two route proposals are included in the investment plan:-

- A new shared cycle route from Sheepbridge to Whittington Moor roundabout
- Hornsbridge roundabout to Storforth Lane route upgrade

The investment plan also includes the development of a standard wayfinding strategy that is considering route branding based on the Dutch-style method for navigating by intersection references. These proposals in conjunction with existing A61 routes and other proposals set out in this report, such as the Dronfield to Unstone route, Peak Resort bridleway upgrades, Ingleton Road and Avenue routes have the potential to complete a significant length of off-road route in NE Derbyshire.

- Construction of 620m of cycleway across River Washlands off Storforth Lane was completed in late 2019.
- Construction of 2.5km of shared use cycle path between Sheepbridge and Whittington Moor was completed in late 2020. Internal works at Whittington Moor roundabout are currently outstanding.
- The Wayfinding Strategy is determined and ready to be installed.

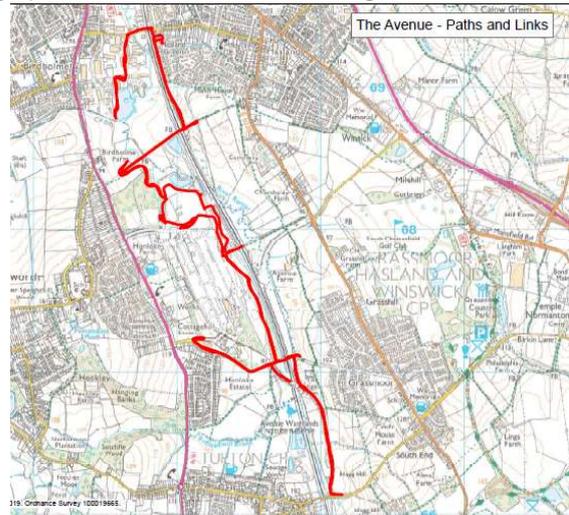
Avenue Site, near Wingerworth

Lead Officer: [Gill Millward \(Gill.Millward@derbyshire.gov.uk\)](mailto:Gill.Millward@derbyshire.gov.uk)

The Avenue Site is ideally situated to provide the necessary connectivity between the existing multi-user trails network and the surrounding communities of Hasland, Grassmoor, Wingerworth and Chesterfield. Routes through the site itself have now been open for some time and continue to be managed by the Land Trust working in conjunction with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Work is also continuing to explore the funding/ provision of the following links:

NE to The Green at Hasland - Following the completion of work to improve the drainage, surfacing and accessibility of the footpath alongside Hasland Hall Community School playing fields, a further phase of work is being planned for the remainder of the route down towards Ingleton Road and the Avenue site. The first phase of work was funded from the County Council's Highways Capital Programme with a generous donation from Grassland Hasmoor Futures.



East along Mill Lane towards Grassmoor, the Country Park and Five Pits Trail - Efforts are continuing to explore

the options available to secure the future use of Bridge 74A for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders as a means of avoiding the low underpass on Mill Lane. Following a physical inspection of the underpass by DCC's Structures Management team, several suggestions have been put forward to improve its condition and make it more pleasant to use as a more direct route for pedestrians and cyclists. These include vegetation clearance, prevention of flooding/ build-up of silt, installation of solar lighting, new surfacing and painting the walls (which may also be an opportunity for a community art project involving the Wildlife Trust). Discussions with Network Rail and DCC Highways regarding costs/sources of funding and need for any permissions are ongoing.

North along Ingleton Road to Storforth Lane/ River Washlands Greenway into Chesterfield - Ingleton Road serves as an access track for railway maintenance vehicles. Its formalisation as a walking and cycling route, including the use of railway Bridge 78 to allow cyclists to gain access into the Avenue Site, is dependent on further discussions with Network Rail who have been approached initially about the proposals.

East towards Winsick (B6039) - involves upgrading an existing public footpath before crossing the B6038 and joining the shared pedestrian/ cycle route which has already been constructed along the north side of Furnace Hillock Way. From here it will be possible to link into Grassmoor Country Park and the Five Pits Trail.

West across the A61 into Wingerworth - this will be addressed by the provision of a controlled crossing.

Chesterfield A61 Hollis Lane Link Road

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As part of a scheme to install a new link-road to Chesterfield Station, additional cycle links will be constructed to improve connectivity to the existing cycle path situated to the south of Chesterfield Station. Construction of this route has been delayed by the need to first provide a new facility for a displaced business, but works are expected to commence in late 2022.

Derwent Valley Cycleway

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The County Council is funding a feasibility study to investigate route options for the Derwent Valley Cycleway between Shardlow in South Derbyshire and Hathersage to the north of the county. This is being undertaken by AECOM with valuable input from members of the Derwent Valley Trust as well as DCC officers. Preparatory work and landowner negotiations are also underway for a section of the route from Haslam's Lane in Darley Abbey to Ford Lane, near Little Eaton. This is being funded and project managed by National Highways working in conjunction with AECOM, the County Council, Derby City Council and members of the Derwent Valley Trust. A toucan crossing over the A61 near Breadsall Village was completed in August 2021 with funding from National Highways who delivered the project with the support of Derbyshire County Council. The new crossing, which caters for pedestrians and cyclists, links the Great Northern Greenway with the National Cycle Network Route 54 running alongside the A61. It also provides safe access to a bus stop on the west side of this busy main road for residents of Breadsall, as well as the much-needed connectivity with Little Eaton

A5004 Long Hill Safer Roads Fund

Since March 2021, preliminary design on the various solutions to improve road safety along the A5004 between Buxton and Whaley Bridge has progressed to a sufficient stage where the various draft proposals can be taken to a Public Engagement/ Consultation process which is planned to commence in late June 2022. This will also seek comments and views regarding improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders from stakeholders and the local community

Aim 4: Improve the promotion, understanding and use of the network

- **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP):** An online consultation for the draft D2N2 LCWIP shared between Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council is due to take place early this summer
- **Derbyshire Cycling Plan (2016-2030):** The plan is currently undergoing a refresh led by Active Derbyshire who have engaged consultants to carry out a review of progress against the four strategic aims of infrastructure connectivity, increased participation, effective communication & marketing and advocacy. The key findings are set out in an interim report which also looks at what more needs to be done to overcome barriers to delivery of the plan by 2030
- **DCC Website:** We have created a new webpage to provide news and information about our Cycling and Walking Plans, as well as helping to disseminate key messages about the vision for Derbyshire to be the most connected and integrated county for cycling in England by 2030: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/transport-plans/sustainable-travel/cycling-walking-plans/cycling-and-walking-plans.aspx



- **Cycle Derbyshire:** The new online Cycle Route Planner which chooses quiet roads and traffic free trails, wherever possible, is now up and running here: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/cycling
A new interactive map also been launched for the Trans Pennine Trail: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/>
- **Walk Derbyshire:** aims to promote all walking opportunities across the County: www.walkderbyshire.org.uk/
Following the success of the first stakeholder event back in March, a further online event is planned for 9 June 2022 and will include a presentation about 20 minute neighbourhoods. This is open to anyone interested in playing a part in helping to increase everyday walking. You can also sign up to receive the Walk Derbyshire newsletter

Aim 5: Greater community involvement

Volunteer contribution:

- As well as the time given freely by members of both Local Access Forums, volunteers working with the Derbyshire Countryside Service in 2021/22 have contributed 1,250 days to access, conservation and visitor services work, estimated to be worth around £251,924. Although the situation is starting to improve, these figures are almost half what they were pre-Covid
- The Service Level Agreement with Groundwork Greater Nottingham is being extended for a further 12 months. 186 volunteer days were delivered in 2021/22 and 10 new volunteers recruited. Again, this is well below pre covid levels, but hopefully the situation will continue to improve as more people take up the volunteering opportunities on offer.



Dedicated groups of volunteers continue to work on rights of way in South Derbyshire and the High Peak, as well as on the Pennine Bridleway, Clowne Branch Line and White Peak Loop, carrying out much needed maintenance and improvements. Action days with local residents in Little Eaton also delivered some very valuable rights of way and conservation tasks

- A press release/ guidance note has been produced on the issue of Livestock and Rights of Way in conjunction with the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum to provide people with advice about how to react when they encounter farm animals in fields or on open access land

Recommendation: That Forum Members note this progress report for delivering Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Peak District Local Access Forum

Date: 16 June 2022

Item: 7

Title: Access Update

Author: Sue Smith

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on issues related to access in the Peak District.

Review of Directions

The National Park Authority has continued the direction at Silence Mine to exclude the public on safety grounds until 30 April 2023. The consultation outcome is attached in Appendix 1.

A site meeting was held in May 2022 with Derbyshire County Council officers to assess the ongoing instability and discuss the reinstatement. We are expecting to receive applications setting out the details of the works imminently.

Accessible Peak District

The Annual Report is available at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/accessforall. An update on our work for Accessibility Hubs and Miles without Stiles will be provided to the September Forum meeting.

Access Fund

The Peak District National Park's [Access Fund](#) provides the opportunity for donations to enable improvements to access in the National Park. This includes:

- new and upgraded access points on access land
- restoring paths on access land
- implementing new areas of access land
- new permissive paths to improve links to existing access
- enhancing the accessibility of paths
- signposts and signage
- mapping and leaflets.

In 2021, donations were received from the Peak District Foundation from their 70kfor70 fundraising, a number of membership organisations, in connection with film-making, from handbook sales, and from individuals ranging from £4 to £5000. There was one donation from an event.

Donations were also made by the LAF to commemorate former Chairs, Edwina and John. Fittingly, these have been put towards accessibility improvements at Conksbury.

Works during 2021 focused on Anniversary Gates, with 24 new gates provided. Surfacing improvements also took place, with further accessibility improvements planned during 2022.

Farming in Protected Landscapes

In the first year of funding, 72 projects have been supported involving 65 farmers and land managers, the National Trust, Wildlife Trusts, and the Farming Life Centre. Out of these, a number of schemes supported access. Funding is available for new permissive access until March 2024.

New access is being delivered at Minninglow Pit, Sough Top at Taddington, linking the Wardlow and Haydale Roads, near Hard Rake at Sheldon, and at Eldon Quarry. Access improvements have also included resurfacing, such as at Coldside, Derwent. Recently approved schemes, include at Bradwell Moor and for access enhancement at Thor's Cave.

Further information:

- New routes at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/peakpaths
- [Case studies](#)
- [List of projects](#)

Recommendation

- 1. That the report is noted.**

CONSULTATION OUTCOME REPORT
COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY (CROW) ACT 2000
PROPOSAL FOR A LONG-TERM DIRECTION RESTRICTING ACCESS
APRIL 2022

Land Parcel Name:	Direction Ref.
Silence & Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow	2018088745

1) Introduction

The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) has completed its consultation on the proposal for a long-term direction to restrict CROW access on this land. The consultation was held between 18 March and 14 April 2022.

The following consultation comments were received:

Peak District Local Access Forum – support the extension.

Derbyshire Dales Ramblers – no objection to the proposed direction. Closure for another year of both the two RoWs and the Access Land is acceptable due to ongoing safety concerns and understanding of there being considerable land slip across the site.

Great Hucklow Parish Council - can see no basis on which it can be safely opened in its current state and agree with the decision to keep this closed.

Foolow Parish Meeting - fully support the continued closure of the area given the ongoing instability of the land (two recent falls have been reported). Look forward to the area being opened up once again but only when it is safe to do so.

A landowner – report that a large number of walkers are confused about the closure of the restricted byway which runs along the lower edge of the closed area of land.

2) Outcome

The PDNPA is satisfied that the restriction of CRoW access to the extent identified is necessary on public safety grounds having regard to the occurrences of instability, the presence of a potential contributory factor and the nature and character of the land.

The PDNPA, as Mineral Planning Authority, has commissioned geotechnical investigations into the instability at this site and is considering the conclusions and recommendations of the report received. This includes the approval and implementation of reinstatement works. Pending this, it is necessary to protect the safety of the public by extending the temporary closure of the land.

Having regard to the continuing evidence of instability, potential contributory factors, and the nature and character of the land, PDNPA is satisfied that a restriction of CRoW access to the extent identified is necessary on public safety grounds. It is considered that the extension of up to one year would be an appropriate period of time for identification and rectification of the instability.

This direction shall cease to have effect on 30 April 2023 or, if earlier, the date on which PDNPA as Mineral Planning Authority approves completion of the necessary remediation having regard to the outcome of the geotechnical investigations undertaken by the PDNPA as the Mineral Planning Authority. In the event of the instability being more extensive or requiring more extensive remediation, the direction shall be further reviewed.

3) Summary of Restriction

Land Parcel Name:	Dates of Restriction	Reason for Exclusion
Silence & Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow	30 April 2023	Public Safety

Details of the restriction will appear at www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk.