

Chapter 5

Statements of Action

Lake District National Park Authority Statement of Action

1. This is a draft Statement of Action for the Lake District National Park, with action categories based on people's needs and preferences for rights of way and wider access improvements. The Statement of Action will be developed further to include four additional columns:
 - Targets,
 - Priority locations,
 - Projected costs and
 - Potential Partners.
2. The Statement of Action is aspirational, in so much as its implementation is dependent on partnership support and the securing of funds from a variety of sources. The statement will be reviewed annually, with input from the Lake District Local Access Forum, to monitor progress and allow new projects and initiatives to be considered for inclusion.

DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN STATEMENT OF ACTION - LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

Beneficiary	Actions	Performance Indicator	Policy links
Walkers	1) Identify and waymark short circular walking routes near where people live or visit	Number of routes identified and waymarked	Health, local economy, sustainable transport and environment
Walkers	2) Give new and replacement fingerposts destinations and mileage, unless no satisfactory destination can be identified	Number of new fingerposts with destination and distance	Social inclusion
Walkers	3) Identify, develop and promote a set of long-distance walking routes	Length of routes promoted	Health, local economy
Walkers	4) Identify and fill gaps in the footpath network	Number of gaps filled or links made	Health, local economy
Cyclists	5) Identify and create Cycle Tourism hubs	Number of hubs created	Local economy
Cyclists	6) Connect Cycle Tourism hubs to the countryside with safe cycle routes	Length of safe cycle routes identified and provided	Local economy, Sustainable transport and environment, health
Cyclists	7) Identify, develop and promote a set of continuously waymarked short to long traffic-free cycle routes	Length of traffic-free cycle routes	Health, sustainable transport and environment, local economy
Cyclists	8) Complete the Strategic Cycle Network (National and Regional routes)	Percentage complete to relevant standard	Sustainable transport and environment, health, local economy
Cyclists	9) Maintain traffic-free cycle routes to a consistent standard	Length of routes meeting quality standard	Sustainable transport and environment, health
Horse riders	10) Identify and fill gaps in the bridleway network	Number of gaps filled or links made	Health, local economy
Horse riders	11) Identify, develop and promote a diverse set of short to long riding routes	Length of routes promoted	Health, local economy

Horse riders	12) Identify and disseminate locations suitable for parking horse boxes	Number of locations	Health, local economy
Opportunities for all	13) Identify and implement a network of designated quiet lanes, where priority is given to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and people with limited mobility	Length of designated quiet lanes network	Social inclusion, health
Opportunities for all	14) Create a diverse set of Miles without Stiles routes for people with limited mobility	Length of routes available to all, many and some	Social inclusion, health
Opportunities for all	15) Encourage and help land managers to make countryside furniture less restrictive	Number of changes made to furniture	Social inclusion, health
Opportunities for all	16) Encourage and help land managers to make gates easier to open	Number of gates made easier to open	Social inclusion, health
Opportunities for all	17) Provide access to lakes and rivers for sailing, boating and canoeing where identified as inadequate	Number of access points newly provided	Local economy, health
Education and Promotion	18) Provide maps and information on the website on where to go and what to do for long list of recreational activities and key audiences	Number of times pages viewed on website	Local economy, health
Education and Promotion	19) Make Miles without Stiles information more accessible by publishing a revised definitive guide to the routes, (website and booklet)	Number of times pages viewed on website or Booklets sold	Social inclusion
Education and Promotion	20) Target guided walks information at under-represented groups	Number of under-represented on guided walks	Social inclusion
Education and Promotion	21) Promote access to the countryside via public transport, and link with walking and cycling routes	Number of passenger journeys made as a result of promotion	Sustainable transport and environment
Education and Promotion	22) Design and provide maps and information on graded traffic-free cycle routes	Number of maps sold / Number of times pages viewed on website	Health, local economy
Education and Promotion	23) Design and provide maps and information for the young on high-energy activities, together with public transport info	Number of maps sold / Number of times pages viewed on website	Education, social inclusion, sustainable transport and

			environment
Education and Promotion	24) Design and provide maps and information on graded mountain biking routes	Number of maps sold / Number of times pages viewed on website	Health, local economy
Education and Promotion	25) Provide information on rights and responsibilities in the countryside, to include rights of way and open access	Customer survey of understanding and satisfaction	Education
Education and Promotion	26) Identify strategic locations for on site interpretative panels and provide these	Number provided	Education
Education and Promotion	27) Make promotional material and interpretive panels available to the visually impaired	Number of panels, percent age of material provided for this audience	Social inclusion, education
Education and Promotion	28) Integrate guided walks with 'Walking the Way to Health' and Miles without Stiles	Number of participants	Health, social inclusion
Education and Promotion	29) Promote guided cycle rides for beginners	Number of participants	Health, education

Cumbria outside the Lake District National Park area Statement of Action

3. This is a draft Statement of Action for the Cumbria area outside the Lake District National Park – but which includes the area covered by part of the Cumbrian part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.
4. The Statement of Action is presented alphabetically by user group¹. Actions are based on people's needs and preferences for rights of way and wider access improvements. Potential partners have been included as a column, although this is not intended to be an exhaustive list, and some of these partnerships are yet to be developed. During the consultation period on the draft ROWIP, potential partners are asked to identify any opportunities for joint-working.
5. By the full ROWIP, further detail will be developed on the Statement of Action, in particular columns detailing:
 - Targets,
 - Priority projects and locations,
 - Projected costs.
6. Annual plans will bring forward further projects as part of the monitoring and review process. In addition, the Statement of Action will be presented by 'theme' in the appendix, which will maximise the partnership and funding opportunities.
7. The Statement of Action is aspirational, in so much as its implementation is dependent on partnership support and the securing of funds from a variety of sources.
8. Cumbria County Council will not commit itself to spending more than any projected budget allocation on implementation.

¹ In addition, the Statement of Action will be presented by 'theme' in the appendix for the full ROWIP, which will maximise the partnership and funding opportunities.

Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Statement of Action – Cumbria County Council

Beneficiary	Actions	Priority locations include	Performance indicator	Policy link	Potential partners
All users	1) Identify and fill gaps in the PROW network	Key Service Centres Areas of demand (action suggestions)	Number of links made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Health • Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums
All users	2) Improve waymarking 3) Give new and replacement fingerposts destinations and mileage where appropriate	Key Service Centres Areas of demand (action suggestions)	Length of routes adequately waymarked Length of routes passing BVPI 178 for signage Number of improved fingerposts installed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • Volunteers
All users	4) Implement a more pro-active barrier reduction approach 5) Encourage and help land manager to make countryside furniture less restrictive	Key Service Centres Areas of demand (action suggestions)	Length of routes with improved access furniture Length of routes with Number furniture barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Social inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums & land managers • Local people with mobility needs
All users	6) Provide comprehensive information about conditions and facilities on routes in a variety of formats	-	Information quality and variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs • Local people

	(website, promotional material, on-site information)				with mobility needs
All users	7) Provide organised walks from easily accessible locations or from public transport	Key Service Centres Public transport hubs	Number of walks provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Health • Sustainable transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs • Countryside Rangers • Public Transport Operators
All users	8) Identify, develop and promote a set of walking, cycling and riding routes of varied length, continuously waymarked, circular or linked to public transport, traffic-free where possible	Key Service Centres Areas of demand (action suggestions)	Length and variety of routes developed and promoted Customer satisfaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Local economy • Sustainable tourism • Sustainable transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs • Public Transport Operators • Volunteers
All users	9) Identify and implement a network of designated quiet lanes, where priority is given to walkers, horse-riders, carriage-drivers and people with limited mobility	Two areas identified as pilots (Farlam and in the Solway AONB)	Length of designated quiet lanes network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Safety • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • AONB • Local Access Forums • Highways
All users	10) Provide maps and information (e.g. on website) on where to go and what to do	-	Visits to website Customer satisfaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Local economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums

	for all recreational activities and key audiences 11) Provide information on rights and responsibilities - to cover a range of access opportunities		Number of maps sold Number of on-site interpretive panels provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AONBs Natural England Cumbria Tourist Board
All users	12) Promote access to the countryside via public transport, and link with walking and cycling routes	Key Service Centres Public transport hubs	Number of passenger journeys made as a result of promotion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countryside Access Cumbria Local Access Forums AONBs Public Transport Operators
All users	13) Education / signage on which routes can be used legally	-	Website map developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more accessible countryside Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countryside Access Cumbria Local Access Forums
All users	14) Make promotional material accessible to all users	-	Availability of material in range of formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social inclusion Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countryside Access Cumbria Local Access Forums AONBs Under-represented groups
All users	15) Public transport improvements – reliability, frequency, accessibility, extended timetable,	-	Number of integrated improvements Number of cycle-friendly public transport facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more accessible countryside Sustainable transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countryside Access Cumbria Local Access Forums

	<p>lower fares, integrated services</p> <p>16) Work with bus and rail operators to improve cycle carriage on public transport</p>			<p>transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social inclusion • Integrated networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transport Operators
Cyclists	<p>17) Create cycle tourism hubs, connected to the countryside and tied in to the provision of cycle (hire) facilities</p>	<p>Key Service Centres</p> <p>Cycle hire hubs</p> <p>Hubs identified in the Cycle Development Action Plan</p> <p>Urban cycle networks identified in Local Transport Plan</p>	<p>Number of hubs created and length of cycle routes provided</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local economy • Sustainable tourism • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • Cycle hire facilities • Local Transport Plan • Highways • Sustrans
Cyclists	<p>18) Complete the Strategic Cycle Network (National and Regional routes)</p>	<p>Routes identified in Cycle Development Action Plan</p>	<p>% complete to the relevant standard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable transport • Safety • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • Sustrans • Highways
Cyclists	<p>19) Maintain traffic-free cycle routes to a consistent standard</p>	<p>Key Service Centres</p> <p>Routes part of a 'better ways to school' scheme</p>	<p>Length of routes meeting quality standard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • Sustrans • Highways

Cyclists	20) Maps showing legitimate use cycle routes 21) Design and provide maps and information on graded traffic-free cycle routes and graded mountain bike routes	-	Number of maps sold Website visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forum • AONBs • Cumbria Tourist Board
Horse-riders and carriage-drivers	22) Identify and fill gaps in the PROW network	Areas of demand (action suggestions) 'Box parking' areas Pennine Bridleway route and planned 'loops' from it.	Number of links made Number of circular routes available to carriage-drivers, linked to 'box parking' areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Health • Safety • Local economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • Natural England • Pennine Bridleway team • Cumbria Tourist Board
Horse-riders and carriage-drivers	23) Maps showing circular bridleway and byway routes tied into 'box-parking' areas	Areas of demand (action suggestions) 'Box parking' areas	Website map developed Number of 'box parking' sites identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Education and information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums
Walkers	24) Identify and waymark short, circular walking routes in and around where people live or visit	Key Service Centres	Number of routes identified and waymarked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A more accessible countryside • Health • Sustainable transport • Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs

Land managers	25) Provide advice and support to land managers on access issues	-	Customer satisfaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs • Land managers • Rangers
Under – represented key audiences	26) Target guided walks and guided walks information at under-represented groups	-	Number of under-represented groups participating on guided walks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs
Latent users	27) Integrate ‘Walking the Way to Health’ initiatives (or green exercise) with guided walks and barrier-reduction approach	<p>Key Service Centres</p> <p>Areas of existing or proposed schemes</p> <p>Areas of multiple deprivation</p>	<p>Number of participants on Walking the Way to Health’ schemes</p> <p>Customer satisfaction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Social inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forums • AONBs • Walking the Way to Health Schemes
Young people and Latent Users	28) Provide outreach to schools and community groups, to raise awareness of opportunities, rights and responsibilities, health benefits etc.	<p>Key Service Centres</p> <p>Areas of multiple deprivation</p>	Number and variety of outreach events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and information • Social inclusion • Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countryside Access Cumbria • Local Access Forum • Schools & groups • PCT