

ROWIP annual action plan (April 2008 – March 2009)

Executive Summary

In July this year we launched Cumbria's first Rights of Way Improvement Plan; a significant milestone in developing access to the countryside across our county in a way which responds to modern needs.

I am pleased to report the next steps we are taking to deliver this, through the attached annual action plan. This sets out in detail the work we and our partner organisations will undertake on specific projects, and will give you some idea of when these will be done and their costs.

The headline improvements are:

- Working on five new bridleway links, five new footpath links, and five local cycle routes
- Removing unnecessary stiles and other barriers in the countryside, where improvements for people with limited mobility are identified
- Promoting links with public transport, and running guided walks or cycle ride events that tie-in with public transport
- Creating three cycle tourism hubs, and linking these hubs to the surrounding countryside
- Working with under-represented groups to increase their confidence and use of countryside access
- Developing a new exit point for water users on the river Lune
- Information provision, including better use of our websites, and providing maps and booklets
- Working with land managers to help resolve conflict and promote responsible use

I know many people who have been involved in the process of putting forward ideas will be keen to see their projects identified. Others may be disappointed that this first action plan doesn't go nearly far enough. Our ambition to deliver the plan remains strong, however government have so far failed to offer any new funding to enable us to make some of the big improvements we would all like to see. The current programme is therefore limited to those projects where a reasonable amount can be achieved at a small cost.

We will continue to work with our partners to press the case for greater funding in future years. I am pleased to see the commitment and joint-working brought together by this plan, and look forward to reporting its successes to you in our first delivery report next June!

Cllr Ian Stewart,
Cabinet Member for Environmental Wellbeing,
Cumbria County Council



Foreword

This is the annual action plan for Cumbria's ROWIP for the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009. The three partner organisations (Cumbria County Council, the Lake District National Park Authority and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority) have worked together to add specific projects and activities for the forthcoming financial year.

We are producing this annual action plan, as it was included as a commitment in the full 5-year ROWIP (page 17), together with a commitment to separately produce an annual delivery report (which will show what has been achieved, rather than what is planned). Each annual action plan for the forthcoming year is produced in the autumn, and each delivery report for the previous year is produced in June. The three Local Access Forums are working with us on this annual action plan.

The annual action plan which follows is about the projects we hope to achieve in the 2008-9 financial year. The information is as up-to-date as we can make it at the time of preparing it

(October-November 2007), given that budgets for the next financial year are beginning to be set, but are not yet confirmed. Included is:

- We have included details about the projects, their component activities and targets. We ask you to note that some projects will take longer than 12 months to implement, and that we may need to carry some information forwards, although component tasks of a project may be underway. This becomes clear as you read down the “targets by end of March 2009” column.
- We have also added information about the partners we can identify on each named project, and tried to illustrate (in bold) who a lead partner might be.
- We have also added extra information about “scale” or “resources”, where we have estimated both the staff input and the financial input into a project, and placed it in one of four categories (Small £0k - £10k; Medium £10k - £50K; Large £50k - £100k; and Very Large £100k+).

Please be aware that the contents of our Improvement Plan deal with genuine “improvements” and do not include any of our “statutory duties”. For example, action 1 relates to finger posts. It is a statutory duty to sign rights of way from the roadside. The improvement here is to include additional information on the finger post.

The table is structured, as was the Statement of Action in the full ROWIP, in alphabetical order of the main beneficiary. Where an activity applies to a specific part of Cumbria only, we have used orange, green, and blue coloured text to show which area it is in. **Orange text represents the Lake District National Park area, green text illustrates the Yorkshire Dales National Park area, and blue text shows projects in the Cumbria County Council area.**

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All ¹	1 Fingerposts Give new and replacement fingerposts information on status, destination(s) and mileage (unless no satisfactory destination can be determined)	During the year several fingerposts where PROW leave the highway will require replacement. At present over the whole of the YDNPA there are 248 fingerposts in this category from 2006 survey	The YDNPA will continue to maintain existing roadside signs and show status, destination and distance. The YDNPA will erect new signs where there are PROW not signposted from a metalled road.	Maintain / replace as necessary 5% of poles	YDNPA	Small
		Any identified route	Provide guidance to staff	90% of routes passing BVPI 178 ²	LDNPA	Small

¹ All the actions are listed in the table in alphabetical order of the main beneficiary; All – Carriage-drivers – Cyclists – Horse-riders (and cyclists) – Horse-riders – Land managers – MPV / Recreational Vehicle Users – People with limited mobility – Under-represented groups – Walkers – Water users – Young people

² The three partners know that this indicator (see also page 32 in the full ROWIP) does not reflect *exactly* the improvement action proposed here. This was taken for the time being through a desire to reduce the number of new indicators to be collected. As there are wider changes pending on the BVPI, we hope to report further on this in our first delivery report, due in summer 2008. This indicator / target may therefore change during the lifetime of the ROWIP (2007 – 2011)

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		Any identified route, plus local parishes may identify desired locations through the Parish Paths Initiative	1. Approve design of improved finger post 2. Determine additional cost per finger post 2. Seek funding	1. Design will have been approved 2. Additional cost will have been calculated and funding bids will have been made	Cumbria County Council , Capita, ECCP, Local Access Forums, Local parishes Cumbria Tourism	Not yet known
		Fingerpost replacement programme	1. Determine cost of adding mileage information to fingerposts being replaced 2. Seek funding	1. Additional costs are quantified 2. Funding is being sought	CCC , Capita, ECCP	Not yet known
All	2 Quiet Lanes Identify and implement a network of designated Quiet Lanes, where priority is given to walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and people with limited mobility	Penrith to Howtown route	1. Begin public consultation phase with public and councillors 2. (Assuming secured support) Begin land negotiations 3. Progress planning consent	1. Public consultation phase secures support. 2. (Assuming secure support) land is negotiated 3. Planning consent is underway	CCC , LDNPA,	For public consultation – Small For route implementation – to be determined

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		Quiet Lanes review	1. CCA improvement task group to consider Quiet Lanes to date and how to move forwards	1. Quiet Lanes review has taken place and recommendations are scheduled	CCA “Improvement task group”	Small
All	3 Barrier-reduction Encourage and help land managers to make countryside structures less restrictive, for example to remove or replace stiles with gaps or gates, or to make gates easier to open.	Barrier-reduction implementation	1. Formalise approach on maintenance of improved gates 2. Seek funding for a more proactive barrier-reduction approach 3. Collect numbers of improved stiles / gates to inform future targets	1. Stiles and gates on annual maintenance programme are improved where they are due for repair 2. Funding for more proactive barrier-reduction is sought 3. Numbers of improved structures are monitored	CCC , Local Access Forums	Policy – small More proactive barrier-reduction work – not yet known, depends on scale of identified stiles / gates
		Local parishes may identify locations to replace stiles with gates under Parish Paths Initiative	1. Identified locations are costed 2. Work programme established if it involves more than one year of work	Ten stiles / gates are made less restrictive under the PPI programme	CCC , Local parishes, Landowners, Local Access Forums,	Small

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		Any identified route	Implement “Access Improvement Fund” and “Miles without Stiles” programme	Ten stiles, gates, bridges and boardwalks are made less restrictive	LDNPA , Landowners, Parish councils, CCC, National Trust, Others	Small
		Public Footpath near Sedbergh or other route to be identified	1. Identify funding and make funding bid to enable work to be carried out to reduce barrier son at least one well-used section of footpath	1. At least one barrier-reduction project is completed	YDNPA Tourism & Conservation Partnership	Small
All	4 Bridges and boardwalks Make new bridges and boardwalks wide enough for use by people with limited	Any identified route	Implement “Access Improvement Fund” and “Miles without Stiles” programme	Ten stiles, gates, bridges and boardwalks are made less restrictive	LDNPA , Landowners, Parish councils, CCC, National Trust, Others	Small

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		Annual bridge replacement / repair programme ³	1. Identify opportunities for people with limited mobility when bridge programme is being drawn up	At least two bridges are replaced / repaired that have access improvements as part of the project	CCC , Capita, ECCP, Local Access Forums, Environment Agency, Landowners, User groups	Medium
All	5 Rights and responsibilities Provide information on rights and responsibilities in the countryside, (to include rights of way, open access and wider access opportunities)	Review suite of generic signs	Audit and review suite of signs with Countryside Service staff	To complete audit and review	CCA	Small
		Season of attending shows and events	1. Arrange summer programme of ten shows and events 2. Provide tailored information to the public 3. Review success for future years	1. To be confirmed – dependent on the “theme” of each show or event.	CCC Volunteers Natural England ECCP Made in Cumbria FWAG	Small

³ At the time of producing this annual action plan, next year’s bridge programme was not yet available – but work to Rickergill bridge is likely to go ahead as part of the Packhorse Trail routes in partnership with the North Pennines AONB – see action 15 below.

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		Maintain information on website	1. Information for the public on the website is up-to-date and accurate 2. Begin collecting satisfaction data	1. A 70% satisfaction rate with information provided	CCC , User groups, Local Access Forum, Ramblers' Association	Small
		Open Access rights and responsibilities guided walk	1. Run one open access guided walk in Cumbria where rights and responsibilities are explained to users	1. One walk to have been run	YDNPA	Small
All	6 Interpretation Identify strategic locations for on-site interpretation. Provide this interpretation to give people confidence in the countryside and improve their	Identification of interpretation sites	1. As part of a general programme of interpretation work, sites in Cumbria will be considered for inclusion	1. To consider of sites for interpretation work 2. To commission work (as resources allow) by December 2008	YDNPA	Small

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		Open Access signboards	1. Provide information about open access signboard locations ⁴ our website.	1. To show Open Access signboard locations (and other measures) on CCC website and are available to download.	CCC , Local Access Forums, Ramblers' Association	Small
		Open Access Land monitoring project ⁵	1. Plan and carry out surveys ⁶ 2. Secure Natural England funding if possible 3. Plan for surveys in future years.	1. To complete three surveys at each site 2. To pass the data to Natural England for analysis 3. 70% of users are satisfied with the information provided	CCC , LDNPA , Natural England North Pennines AONB, Neighbouring authorities, Volunteers	Small

⁴ Or about the open access entry / exit points.

⁵ Aim of the Open Access Monitoring project is to determine visitors' a) use of open access land, b) awareness of their new rights and c) satisfaction with the rights of way network / existing interpretation

⁶ During winter 2007 the LDNPA are identifying ten sites for open access monitoring and training volunteers. CCC have already made a start monitoring sites together with volunteers.

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All	<p>7 Promotion of public transport</p> <p>Promote the use of public transport for travel to and within the countryside, and link with walking and cycling routes</p>	“Give the Driver a Break” campaign	Promotion of sustainable transport options in “Out and About” guide	1. 70% of users are satisfied with information provided	LDNPA , Cumbria Tourism CCC Public Transport Operators	Small
		“B4 Network”	Seek funds for B4 Network promotion	1. 70% of users are satisfied with information provided	LDNPA , B4 network partners	Medium
		Kirkby Stephen town to rail link	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scope the route 2. Gain support 3. Seek funding for link 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To scope and agree the route 2. To secure local support and councillor support 3. To work with LTP to identify resources 	CCC	V Large
		Walks and Cycles using public transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information about walks and cycles using public transport is collected. 2. Information is made available on our websites 	1. At least four walks and four cycle rides routes that use public transport are suggested on our websites.	CCC , Local Access Forums, YDNPA, LDNPA, Public Transport Operators, Cumbria Tourism	Small

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		Development of cycle-friendly towns (Carlisle, Kendal & Barrow) with a network of cycle routes linking with public transport centres / hubs.	1. Agree a prioritised signing strategy 2. Other activities to be developed ⁷	1. Signing project is underway or completed. 2. Other targets to be confirmed as activities develop	Cycling Development Officer , Cumbria Tourism, District Councils, Capita, Carlisle Renaissance, University of Cumbria	Medium
		Identification of new sources of funding	Work with partners to seek funding to support sustainable travel	1. To research funding with partners 2. To submit funding bids if appropriate	YDNPA , Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Travel Partnership, FLD, LDNPA, CCC	Small
		Integration of information: The inclusion of public transport information in main visitor publications	1. Promote the use of public transport in visitor newspaper 2. Promote public transport-orientated walks run by partners	1. To include walks in visitor newspaper	YDNPA , LDNPA	Small

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Carriage-drivers⁸	<p>8 Information and maps for carriage-drivers</p> <p>Identify appropriate routes for use by carriage-drivers and make this information available</p>	Extension of “Hierarchy of Trails” project to CCC area ⁹	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep information (map) on the website up-to-date & accurate 2. Monitor satisfaction with information provided 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hierarchy of Trails Routes information is up-to-date and accurate 2. 70% of people are satisfied 	CCC, Cumbria LAF working group, User group representatives, Volunteers, LDNPA	Small
Cyclists	<p>9 Cycle Tourism Hubs</p> <p>Create Cycle Tourism hubs in partnership with Cumbria Tourism, and connect these hubs to the countryside with safer cycle routes</p>	Penrith Keswick Ambleside	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of what is there. 2. Engagement with the local community & other stakeholders. 3. Development / provision of any required facilities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accreditation 2. To launch of Penrith pilot scheme (Spring 2008) 3. On-going development of cycle tourism hubs in Keswick & Ambleside. 	Cycle Development Officer¹⁰ , LDNPA, Cumbria Tourism, Sustrans, Market Town Initiative, District Councils, Hub-related businesses	Medium

⁸ By carriage-drivers we mean recreation with horse or pony-pulled carts. They can use Restricted Byways, Byways and roads.

⁹ So that the Hierarchy of Trails system applies to the LDNPA area and the CCC area, but not to the three parishes in the YDNPA area (Sedbergh, Dent, Garsdale). The first version of the information will be available on the CCC website from January 2008.

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Cyclists	10 Strategic Cycle Network Complete the Strategic Cycle Network (National Cycle Routes and Regional Cycle Routes)	K2K (Dunmail Raise and Ambleside to Brockhole)	1. Review cycle schemes. 2. Resubmit planning consent to LDNPA	1. To agree alignment and design 2. To cost routes	Cycle Development Officer (CCC) , LDNPA, Capita, Area Highways Engineer, Sustrans	Large
		Hadrian's Cycleway (between Maryport and Silloth)	1. Design feasibility study 2. Seek funding from Regional Development Funds	1. To agree route for section 2. To secure funding.	Cycle Development Officer¹¹ , Capita, Area Highways Engineer, Sustrans, Hadrian's Heritage, Solway AONB, W Lakes Renaissance	Medium

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Cyclists	<p>11 Family-friendly cycle routes</p> <p>Identify, develop, and promote a set of continuously way-marked short (less than half a day), medium (a day), and long (more than 1 day) family-friendly cycle routes. Where possible these will be traffic-free and close to where people live and visit.</p>	Round Thirlmere cycle route / way	<p>1. Agree route alignment and traffic regulations (closure of west shore road and road crossings)</p> <p>2. United Utilities to seek funding for redesign of car parks and barrier installation</p> <p>3. United Utilities to draw up costs for eastern shore route</p>	<p>1. To map the route</p> <p>2. To gate the western shore road between Armboth and Dobgill</p> <p>3. To promote the western shore road as cycle route</p> <p>4. To design and cost the works on eastern shore including road crossings</p> <p>3. To submit funding bid</p>	<p>Cycle Development Officer¹², United Utilities, LDNPA, Capita, Area Engineer Parish Councils, Landowners</p>	Very Large
		Foxfield to Coniston (cross-boundary project)	Draw up project plan for route	To design and cost the route	<p>LDNPA, Cycle Development Officer, Sustrans Area Engineer, Parish Councils, Landowners</p>	Very Large

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		Maryport and Carlisle links (Connect2) ¹³ <i>and Coniston (in reserve list)</i>	1. Develop proposed networks 2. Seek match funding	1. Proposed networks are being developed	Sustrans, Carlisle City Council, Big Lottery Fund, Cycle Development Officer ¹⁴ , Economic Development Unit, Capita, Carlisle Renaissance, University of Cumbria	Very Large

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		Lune Valley Multi-user route (cross boundary with YDNPA)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore proposals for limited development of sections of the route close to Sedbergh 2. Route planning and agreement. 2. Cost-benefit analysis. 3. Funding applications 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To arrange meetings with stakeholders and landowners 2. To explore and submit funding applications 	Cycle Development Officer¹⁵ , YDNPA, Cumbria Tourism	Development work – Small Sections of route - Medium Actual route – V large
		Hadrian's cycleway new off-road section near Silloth	1. Feasibility Study	1. To complete feasibility study	Solway AONB	Small

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Cyclists	<p>12 Information and maps on cycle routes</p> <p>Provide information and maps on cycle routes for families, mountain bikers (maps will include gradings), cycle-tourers and utility cyclists</p>	Walking and Cycling map for Carlisle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gather best practice 2. Map routes 3. Consult on key routes 3. Prepare map for printing 4. Implement review of cycling and walking signing in Carlisle 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To prepare and publish map by May 2008 2. To market the map 3. To implement the review of signs. 	<p>Cycle Development Officer¹⁶,</p> <p>Other stakeholders depending on project</p>	Small
		West Cumbrian towns and other required areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop range of local cycling maps for West Cumbrian towns 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop and co-ordinate maps 	<p>Cycle Development Officer, Cumbria Tourism, W Lakes Tourism, District Councils, Capita / commercial partners</p>	Small

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		A coast-to-coast mountain bike route aimed at riders with an intermediate-level of skills	1. A feasibility study in to the development of a coast-to-coast mountain bike route (to scope costs and benefits of the proposal).	1. To complete and evaluate the study 2. To progress / schedule route development if agreed	North Yorkshire Outdoor Adventure Group , CCC, NYCC, LDNPA, YDNPA, NYMNPA Cumbria Tourism	Medium
		Web-based information and maps for mountain bikers, tourers and families	1. YDNPA to keep website information up-to-date and accurate 2. LDNPA to seek funding and implement	1. To publish information on routes on website 2. Information is up-to-date and accurate	YDNPA, LDNPA , Cycle Development Officer ¹⁷ , Sustrans, IMBA, CTC, Market Towns	Small / Medium

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Cyclists	<p>13 Cycle carriage</p> <p>Work with boat, bus, coach and rail operators to increase the number of services with cycle carriage on their services</p>	505 Ambleside to Coniston bus service	<p>1. Monitor uptake of cycle rack provision on 505 service</p> <p>2. Seek to expand to other services or publicise existing services better</p>	1. Total number of routes with cycle rack service is increasing	CCC , LDNPA, Cumbria Tourism, Stagecoach	Small
	Horse riders and cyclists	14 Bridleway links Identify and create links in the bridleway network	Frenchfield underpass, Penrith	1. Seek creation agreement with landowner	<p>1. To determine the land ownership</p> <p>2. To schedule the Definitive Map legal work</p>	CCC , Landowners, User groups, Market Towns Initiative
Howgills bridleway link (The Calf) – cross boundary with YDNPA GR: SD668971			Seek creation agreement	<p>1. To meet with landowner and ask for agreement</p> <p>2. To schedule Definitive Map legal work</p>	CCC , Landowner, User groups, Legal team YDNPA	Small

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		Bridleway route development with partner organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with partners to develop bridleways on sites they own 2. Work with Natural England to increase bridleway links in Stewardship and their promotion. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify and progress at least one new bridleway link 2. To integrate Stewardship routes into the CCC interactive website map. 	CCC , FoLD, Natural England, National Trust	Small (unless physical works are required).
		Links to the Pennine Bridleway	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The YDNPA will carry out work to identify a Sedbergh Loop for the Pennine Bridleway 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work with Natural England for funding to progress this loop 2. To identify a suitable Sedbergh loop 	YDNPA Natural England	Loop development – Small Loop implementation – not yet known
		Swineley Cwm missing link in Pennine Bridleway (near Sedbergh)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of missing link 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To complete the work started in 2007 	YDNPA , Natural England	Small

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		Implementation of high-scoring bridleway requests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with landowners to progress top scoring projects 2. Process legal work to create upgrades 3. Consult with users and local community on upgrades 4. Plan for any work on the ground 	Two routes are upgraded to bridleway status (Cumbria-wide)	LDNPA , Landowners, User groups, Parish Councils, CCC	Small
Horse riders	15 Promoted horse-riding routes Identify, develop, and promote a set of distinctively waymarked, short (less than half a day), medium (1 day), and long (more than 1 day) horse-riding routes. Where possible these	“In the footsteps of pack ponies” routes (Hartside and Alston) including Rickergill bridge restoration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and secure match-funding 2. Implement practical works on the ground 3. Plan for legal work, including road crossing near Melmerby / Hartside 	1. To complete both Hartside and Alston routes	North Pennines AONB , CCC	Small

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		Day horse rider routes	1. Work with local stakeholders to identify a range of routes to promote linked to public stables or horse-box parking areas 2. Prepare routes for publication on websites	1. To map public stables and horse-box parking areas 2. To make this information available online 2. To draw up a schedule for promoting associated priority routes	CCC, LDNPA, YDNPA, Local equestrian groups, LAF members, Parish Councils, Landowners	Small / Medium
Horse riders	16 Information and maps on horse-riding routes Provide information and maps on horse-riding routes (maps to include locations suitable for parking horse boxes)	“In the footsteps of pack ponies” routes (Hartside and Alston)	1. Publications and marketing planned for 2009 / 2010 2. Secure additional funding support / match-funding.	1. To secure additional marketing support or match-funding.	North Pennines AONB, CCC	Small
Land managers	17 Support to land managers Offer practical assistance, support, and advice to encourage land managers to develop both new and existing access and recreational	Project to develop permissive equestrian access to open access land e.g. Dent to Aye Gill Pike on Rise Hill	1. Explore links and opportunities arising from HLS farm environment plans 2. Work with local horse riders to identify suitable routes	1. On-going and dependent on opportunities as they arise	YDNPA, Natural England, Local horse-riders Land managers	Small

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		Any identified route	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue with “Access Improvement Fund” 2. Continue with “Miles without Stiles programme” 3. Develop and agree “Environmental Land Management Service” with Natural England 	70% of land managers are satisfied with the service we provide	LDNPA, Natural England, Landowners, CLA, NFU, Parish Councils, CCC, National Trust, Others to be identified	Small / Medium
Land managers	<p>18 Working with land managers</p> <p>Work with land managers and relevant users to manage recreational pursuits, resolve conflict, encourage responsible use, and promote</p>	Hold discussions with representatives of recreational pursuits and land managers in order to help resolve conflict (together with the YD LAF)	1. Arrange meetings	1. The first meeting has been held and further meeting schedule arranged if required.	YDNPA	Small

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		Any identified route	To agree managed solutions of any conflict or issues	70% of land managers are satisfied with the service we provide	LDNPA, CCC, User groups, Landowners, CLA, NFU, Parish Councils, Environment Agency	Small
		Provide information to walkers encouraging them to adopt a sensible approach through hay meadows	1. YDNPA will assist land managers with way-marking and low-key information panels to help in specific locations	1. At least one location has improved information where there have been problems in the past	YDNPA, Land managers	Small
MPV / Recreational Vehicle Users	19 Information and maps for recreational motor vehicle users Manage the use of routes by recreational motor vehicles by providing information and maps that promote responsible and	“Trail Riding in the Yorkshire Dales” leaflet and website information	1. Keep leaflet and website up-to-date and accurate	1. Leaflet and website is up-to-date and accurate	YDNPA, TRF, LARA, Neighbouring authorities, Police, Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Advisory Group	Small

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		Extension of “Hierarchy of Trails” project to CCC area ¹⁸	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep information (map) on the website up-to-date & accurate 2. Monitor satisfaction with information provided 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hierarchy of Trails Routes information is up-to-date and accurate 2. 70% of people are satisfied 	CCC, Cumbria LAF working group, User group representatives, Volunteers, LDNPA	Small
People with limited mobility	<p>20 ‘Miles Without Stiles’ routes</p> <p>Create a set of ‘Miles without Stiles’ routes for people with limited mobility</p>	New access for all footpath to Milefortlet 21 in Solway AONB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop access on to the road end at Crosscannoby 2. Seek planning permission 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To secure planning permission 	Solway AONB , Allerdale District Council, Landowner, Area Highways Engineer, Other stakeholders	Medium
		Several paths in Sedbergh, Dent and Garsdale have been highlighted as potential barrier-reduction routes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek support with landowners 2. Continue existing programme of seeking barrier-reduction 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hold meetings with at least one landowner. 2. (If positive) To start work on reducing barriers on the route. 	YDNPA Landowners	Small

¹⁸ So that the Hierarchy of Trails system applies to the LDNPA area and the CCC area, but not to the three parishes in the YDNPA area (Sedbergh, Dent, Garsdale). The first version of the information will be available on the CCC website from January 2008.

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		Coniston to Torver lakeshore	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and agree route with partners 2. Audit route and draw up specification of works 3. Seek funding 	To complete the route	LDNPA , User groups, Landowners, Parish Councils, Local Access Forums, Other stakeholders	Medium
People with limited mobility	<p>21 Information on ‘Miles Without Stiles’</p> <p>Publish a guide to ‘Miles without Stiles’ routes, to make the information accessible to the target audience (website and booklet)</p>	<p>Fourteen routes to be available on internet (Kirkby Stephen, Appleby, Brougham, Watchtree, Greystoke, Jockey Shields, Gelt Woods, Longlands Lake, Finlandrigg Wood, Grune Point, Maryport, Ulverston, Rampsgill, Barbon)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect route information 2. “Test” drafts of each leaflet with local user-groups 3. Publish routes on CCC website 	To make Eight routes available on CCC website by March 2009	<p>CCC, Local user groups, Landowners</p> <p>Other partners depending on location of route</p>	Small

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		Two routes to be available on the internet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue work from “Access for All” project 2. Following full access audit of PROW network, prioritise schemes 3. Carry out initial works 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To prioritise and schedule a 5-year programme of improvements 2. To work towards the aim of having 2% of PROW fully wheelchair accessible by 2009 	YDNPA , User groups, Landowners	Medium
		New “Miles without Stiles” booklet and website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek funds 2. Design and write booklet 	To publish the booklet, and also available on LDNPA website	LDNPA , User groups, LAFs, Cumbria Tourism, Tourism Conservation Partnership	Small
Under-represented groups	22 Health walks Encourage wider participation in healthy-walking through a guided walks programme, by offering short walks and by making more use of 'Miles without Stiles' routes.	“Walking the way to Health” initiative integrated into guided walks programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify potential short health walks suitable for guided walks programme 2. Liaise with Primary Care Trusts and GP Surgeries 	“Out and About” guide contains walking for health walks	LDNPA , Natural England, Primary Care Trusts, Volunteer Action Cumbria, LDNPA Volunteer Service, Cumbria Tourism	Small

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Under-represented groups	<p>23 Guided walks for under-represented groups</p> <p>Provide tailored guided-walks by special arrangement with under-represented groups</p>	Disabled Ramble Event in Garrigill	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise and plan for a disabled ramble event in Summer 2008 2. Work with disabled ramblers to check the route 3. Liaise with local landowners. 	1. Event has taken place	<p>CCC, Disabled Ramblers, Landowners</p> <p>Other partners to be identified</p>	Small
		<p>Walks / events for under-represented groups</p> <p>Examples include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlisle Asian Women’s Group • Short, lowland guided walks in “Flora of the Fells” programme 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with stakeholders to develop activities for under-represented groups 2. Plan routes / activities / training with partners and target audiences in mind 3. Collect baseline participation figures 	<p><i>Target will follow in the future once baseline data is collected</i></p> <p>(Indicator is the number of participants on guided walks / events for under-represented groups)</p>	<p>LDNPA, CCC, User groups, FSC, Volunteer Action Cumbria, Black Environment Network, AWAZ Cumbria Tourism Friends of the Lake District</p> <p>Other partners to be identified depending on the event</p>	Small

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Under-represented groups	<p>24 Promoted guided cycle-rides</p> <p>Promote guided-cycle rides to encourage people to start or return to cycling, to give participants the confidence to go on and plan their own rides</p>	<p>Guided cycle rides in “Out and About” guide</p>	<p>1. Identify suitable guided bike ride providers 2. Promote rides in “Out and About” 2008</p>	<p>To complete Guided rides in “Out and About” guide for 2008</p>	<p>LDNPA FSC, Volunteer Action Cumbria, Cumbria Tourism</p>	<p>Small</p>
		<p>Cycling for Health project</p>	<p>1. Continue to promote and provide guided cycle rides 2. Monitor the number of participants reporting an increase in bike use or confidence</p>	<p>90% of event or scheme participants report and increase in bike use or confidence</p>	<p>Primary Care Trust, CCC</p>	<p>Medium</p>

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Under-represented groups	<p>25 Targeting information¹⁹</p> <p>Target guided-walks, guided-cycle rides and other event information at under-represented groups</p>	“Out and About” guide distribution	Send “Out and About” guide to target groups	<p><i>Target will follow in the future once baseline data is collected</i></p> <p>(The indicator is the percentage of people from under-represented groups participating in activities)</p>	<p>LDNPA, FSC, Volunteer Action Cumbria, Black Environment Network, User groups, Cumbria Tourism Community Groups</p>	Small
Under-represented groups	<p>26 Outreach</p> <p>Provide outreach to schools, youth groups and community groups, to raise awareness of opportunities for access and recreation, rights and responsibilities and the health benefits of physical activity outdoors</p>	Work with Cumbria Outdoors on a programme of options (BIG lottery-funded for work in Allerdale)	1. Programme of options scheduled in to Cumbria Outdoors (first year)	1. First year of activities have taken place	<p>CCC, Cumbria Outdoors Community Groups</p>	Small
		Go Dales project	1. Progress the Go Dales project beyond the funding application stage	<p>1. Project Office in place</p> <p>2. To start the project</p>	<p>YDNPA, District Councils, North Yorkshire Sport, Other funding partners</p>	Medium

¹⁹ Please note that this action does not relate to the provision of information in alternative languages (or formats) upon request, as that is a duty on local authorities.

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Walkers	27 Footpath links Identify and create new links in the footpath network	New link into Longlands Lake	Seek creation agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To work with CCC property department 2. To schedule the Definitive Map legal work 3. To arrange any practical work required 	CCC , CCC property department, User groups / local people	Small
		Footpath route development with partner organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with partners to develop footpath links on sites they own 2. Work with Natural England to increase footpath links in Stewardship and their promotion 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify and progress at least one new footpath link. 2. To integrate Stewardship routes into the CCC interactive website map and regularly updated 	CCC , Friends of the Lake District, Natural England, National Trust	Small (unless physical works are required).
		Sedbergh to Farfield Mill and Frostrow	1. Seek creation agreement with landowner	1. To make Improvements to several places where people walk on the main road between PROW	YDNPA CCC	Medium

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		Dales Way from River Rawthey to High Oaks	1. Seek creation agreement with landowner	1. To make Improvements to several places where people walk on the main road between PROW	YDNPA CCC	Medium
		Implementation of high-scoring footpath requests	1. Work with landowners to progress top scoring projects 2. Plan for legal work to create links 3. Consult with users and local community on upgrades 4. Plan any work on the ground	Two links are created (Cumbria-wide)	LDNPA , Landowners, User groups, Parish Councils, CCC	Small
Walkers	28 Short walking routes Identify, distinctively way-mark and promote short (less than half a day) walking routes in and around where people live or visit.	Agree a set of short walking routes	1. Agree a set of short walking routes and consult with local community	1. To agree the set of routes together with local communities 2. To identify and schedule the waymarking 3. To schedule any promotion work	Cumbria Countryside Access “promotion task group” , Local community,	Small

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		Routes for twenty settlements	IN FIRST YEAR 1. Consult and work with landowners and parish councils to agree route 2. Plan any work on the ground 3. Plan for legal work to create links	1. To identify ten routes 2. To carry on the development work in future years (and report in future ROWIP publications)	LDNPA , Natural England, Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Landowners, Parish Councils, User Groups, CCC, Cumbria Tourism	Small
Walkers	29 Long-distance walking routes Identify, develop and promote a set of long-distance (over 1 day) walking routes	Agree set of long-distance walking routes	1. Agree criteria for long-distance walking routes	1. To agree a set of routes 2. To identify and schedule the next steps (development or promotion)	Cumbria Countryside Access “promotion task group” , Cumbria Tourism	Small
		Dales Way waymarking improvements / infrastructure improvements & maintenance e.g. Deepdale Beck bank sides (east of Dent village)	1. Continue to work to enhance the infrastructure of the Dales Way 2. Continue to raise the profile of the Dales Way 3. Continue to monitor use of the Dales Way with on-route surveys of users	1. To maintain and enhance the route where possible 2. To keep the route profile high 3. To monitor the use of the route	YDNPA , Dales Way Association	Small

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Walkers	30 Guided walks Provide guided-walks from locations served by public transport	Guided (linear) walk in Cumbrian part of YDNPA linked to public transport	1. Run one guided walk linked to public transport	1. To successfully run one guided walk linked to public transport	YDNPA ²⁰	Small
		Guided walks programme	Walks listed in “Out and About” guide 2008	98% of walks have a start and an end point served by public transport	LDNPA, CCC, Cumbria Tourism, Public Transport Operators	Small
Water-users	31 Access to water Identify and develop access and recreational opportunities for lakes, rivers and coast	Exit point from river Lune and Killington new bridge Local Nature Reserve entrance	1. Begin consultation 2. Work with local canoe groups to create exit point (steps down river bank)	1. To install the steps	YDNPA, Nature Reserve Managers	Small

²⁰ The Friends of Settle-Carlisle already run a guided walks programme and the YDNPA intention is to complement this activity, not to duplicate or compete.

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		Identify and develop access and recreational opportunities for lakes, rivers and coast	1. Write strategic framework with partners	1. To have in place the strategic framework and action plan	LDNPA , Environment Agency, Natural England, Local Access Forums, CCC, Landowners, User groups, Local communities	Large
Young people	32 Information and maps for young people Provide information and maps on activities aimed at young people, (for example challenging, exciting, low-cost activities)	Go Dales project – to develop programmes to encourage interest in National Parks from young people	1. Establish “Year of Adventure” website aimed at young people and families	1. To commission the website (the website will be under construction)	YDNPA North Yorkshire Sport Cumbria Tourism	Medium
		Web-based information and maps on activities aimed at young people	1. Seek funds to provide web portal	1. To have the web portal in place	Cumbria Tourism , LDNPA , Cumbria Outdoors, Outdoor activity providers YDNPA	Small

ROWIP glossary

AONB – Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

There are three AONBs covering parts of Cumbria:

- The North Pennines AONB,
- The Solway Coast AONB and
- Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB.

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act established the designation of precious and distinctive landscapes as either AONBs or National Parks, depending on differences in size, scale, and aims.

AWAZ -

Is the voice and social network of the Black Minority Ethnic community in Cumbria. <http://www.ruraldiversity.net/awaz/> for further information.

B4 network – B4 stands for boat, bus, bike and boot

This project was part of the Integrated Access Demonstration Project in the Lake District National Park. Its aim was to provide integrated travel alternatives, encourage sustainable transport and the use of 'modal interchange'. Integration of timetables and through-ticketing worked well, other lessons learned were about the value of a dedicated promoter, regular partnership meetings, and passenger monitoring.

CCC – Cumbria County Council

Is the Highway Authority for public rights of way, and is responsible for access land outside of the national parks. <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/countrysideaccess/default.asp> for further information.

CLA – Country Land & Business Association

The CLA is the organisation for land owners and rural businesses in England and Wales. <http://www.cla.org.uk/> for more information.

CTC – Cycle Touring Club

Is a UK national cyclists' organisation. <http://www.ctc.org.uk/desktopdefault.aspx?tabid=0> for more information.

Cumbria Outdoors –

Cumbria Outdoors provides the opportunity for young people of all ages in Cumbria to step out of their familiar environment with its routines, restrictions, and responsibilities and gives them many opportunities to experience new and exciting challenges. <http://www.cumbriaoutdoors.com/> for more information.

ECCP – East Cumbria Countryside Project

ECCP is one of the bodies that help to manage local public rights of way, in the Carlisle district. <http://www.eccp.org.uk/> for more information.

FLD – Friends of the Lake District

The Friends of the Lake District is a charity that works to protect and enhance the landscape of the Lake District and Cumbria and to promote its understanding and quiet enjoyment. They currently have 7000 members and rely upon their support to help care for this outstandingly beautiful area of international importance. <http://www.fld.org.uk/> for more information.

FSC – Field Studies Council

The Field Studies Council is an environmental education charity committed to helping people understand and be inspired by the natural world. Thousands of students every year experience the FSC through fieldwork and cross-curricular courses at our network of 17 centres across the UK. <http://www.field-studies-council.org/> for more information.

IMBA – International Mountain Biking Association

The IMBA-UK supports mountain biking in the UK and Ireland, and defends public rights of way for mountain biking. They work to keep trails and public access open by:

- supporting volunteer trail work,
- co-operating with user groups, land managers and public bodies and by

- encouraging responsible riding.
<http://www.imba.org.uk/> for more information.

LAF – Local Access Forum(s)

LAFs are independent advisory bodies established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act. Their membership (up to 22 members) comes from a broad representative of interests, such as land managers, user groups and nature conservation. They champion the improvement of public access, while having due regard to the needs of land management and nature conservation. There are three Local Access Forums covering Cumbria:

- The Cumbria Local Access Forum www.cumbrialaf.org.uk,
- The Lake District Local Access Forum www.lake-district.gov.uk/index/living_in/local_access_forum.htm, and
- The Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/local_access_forum

LARA – Land Access and Recreation Association

The Motoring Organisations' Land Access and Recreation Association is an umbrella organisation that brings together the leading national associations in motor sport and recreation. LARA promotes and advocates responsible and sustainable motor sport and recreation, and offers advice and training on all aspects of land use. <http://www.laragb.org/> for more information.

LDNPA – Lake District National Park Authority

Is one of the main partners in this ROWIP and countryside access development work. The LDNPA manages local public rights of way in their area through an agency agreement, and is responsible for open access land in their area.

Miles without Stiles

This is the name given to the barrier-free routes in the Lake District National Park area. Since 1996, the LDNPA has promoted twenty-one routes for people with limited mobility in a booklet and, since 2002, on their website²¹. Cumbria County Council is planning to adopt the same scheme.

²¹ For more information visit http://www.lake-district.gov.uk/index/enjoying/miles_without_stiles.htm

Natural England –

Natural England was formed in October 2006 following a merger of the Countryside Agency, the Rural Development Service and English Nature. Natural England is committed to conserving and enhancing the natural environment. In terms of Countryside Access, they are the access delivery body for government in the regions.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/> for more information.

NFU – National Farmer’s Union

The NFU champions British Farming and provides professional representation and services to over 60,000 Farmer and Grower members. <http://www.nfuonline.com/> for more information.

North Yorkshire Outdoor Adventure Group –

The North Yorkshire Outdoor Adventure Group is a sub group of the North Yorkshire Cultural Partnership. Its foundation is in Outdoor Adventure Strategy and its inclusion in the York and North Yorkshire Sub Regional Investment Plan. The Group therefore works towards co-ordinating this activity, and with relevance to this ROWIP, the activity is the planned coast-to-coast mountain bike route.

The Group consists of:

- Yorkshire Forward
- Yorkshire Tourist Board
- North Yorkshire County Council – both the Economic Development and access/rights of way
- Area Tourism Partnership
- North York Moors National Park Authority
- Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
- North Yorkshire Sport
- Forestry Commission
- Craven College
- Ryedale District Council and Scarborough Borough Council

NYMNPA – North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority

PROW – Public Rights of Way

Cumbria has one of the longest networks of public rights of way in England and Wales – almost 7500 km. There are four classes of rights of way:

- Footpath (open to walkers),
- Bridleway (open to walkers, horse-riders and cyclists),
- Restricted Byways²² and
- Byway (Open to all Traffic).

ROWIP – Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)

This is the annual action plan as part of Cumbria's ROWIP. Highway Authorities have a duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act to publish a Rights of Way Improvement Plan by November 2007. The Cumbria ROWIP, produced in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District National Park Authorities, and with the full involvement of the Local Access Forums for each of these areas, was launched in July 2007.

Stakeholders –

Stakeholders are any organisation or individual that has an interest in the outcome of a project or decision, or who is affected by a project or decision.

TRF – Trail Rides Fellowship -

Trail Riding is the recreational use of Green Roads by motorcycle. The Trail Riders Fellowship is the UK's largest organisation for Trail Riding. Their aim is to conserve our heritage of Green Roads for everyone to enjoy. They promote responsible use through a code of conduct. <http://www.trf.org.uk/> for more information.

Under-Represented Groups -

Natural England have been investigating what can be done to support the participation in outdoor recreation of four

²² Introduced by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. There are currently no 'Restricted Byways' in Cumbria, because all the 'Roads Used as a Public Path' had already been reclassified, although it is possible to create new Restricted Byways in due course.

under represented groups of people in countryside access. The review itself was a commitment in DEFRA's Rural White Paper in 2000. The action plan is called 'Outdoors for All?' Further information is available at www.countryside.gov.uk/LAR/Recreation/DR/index.asp . The four 'under represented groups' identified are:

- Disabled people,
- Black and minority people,
- People who live in inner-city areas and
- Young people.

YDNPA – Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Is one of the main partners in this ROWIP and countryside access development work. The YDNPA manages local public rights of way in their area through an agency agreement, and is responsible for open access land in their area. There are 3 parishes (Sedbergh, Dent, Garsdale) of Cumbria which are inside the YDNPA.