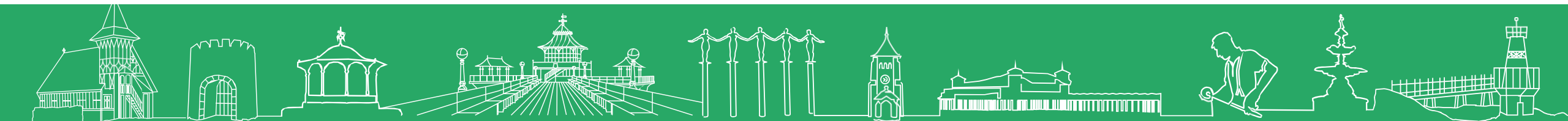


Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Transport Climate & Communities Scrutiny Panel

30th September 2023

Esther Coffin-Smith, Natural Environment Manager



Examples of Improvements



Autumn 2012



Spring 2013



Summer 2023



Monarch's Way

Winford

King Charles III England Coast Path



ROWIP 2022

Progress

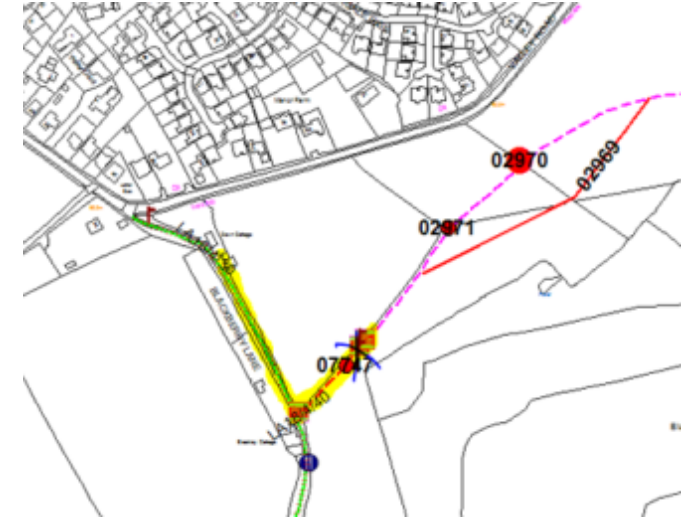
NSC's second Rights of Way Improvement Plan was approved in December 2022.

The focus for 2023/24 so far has been:

- ongoing maintenance
- responding to public concerns
- planning the capital-funded improvement works for this financial year
- planning/preparing for a UKSPF-funded project to deliver accessibility improvements across 15 RoW
- recruitment

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- **£36K** to improve routes & communicate the improvements
- **15 public rights of ways** across North Somerset (including in: Backwell, Bleadon, Churchill, Clevedon, Hutton, Kewstoke, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Weston in Gordano, Winscombe)
- Wide range of improvement measures including: **vegetation removal/overhanging branch reduction, tarmacking of paths, re-stoning of paths, improving sight lines, bridge refurbishment/replacement, gate removal, pothole repair and creation of ramped access**
- Approximately half the routes will be addressed this financial year, with the remainder in the 2024-25 period.
- Installation of 15 footfall counters



Examples of routes requiring improvement

Vegetation cut-back
& surface repairs



Vegetation cut-back
& stoning of paths



Creation of
ramped
access



2023-24 Capital Allocation

- £100k allocation each year for 2023-24 and 2024-25 to deliver the improvements highlighted in the RoWIP
- 292 route improvements nominated by Town and Parish Councils:
 - 173 of these have been completed,
 - 12 are under investigation or in progress
 - 107 are not currently possible to achieve or have been investigated and no work is required at this time.
- 2023-24 allocation will be used to fund the route improvements and pedestrian counters to monitor footfall
- UKSPF Comms role will promote these improvements

2023-24 Projects

Parish	Path No	Proposed Solution	Approx. cost
Backwell	LA2/32/20	Heavy vegetation cut back. Check drains. Retarmac path.	£15,000
Bleadon	LAX6/12	Clear vegetation and re-stone path.	£2,000
Bleadon	AX6/14/10 (River Axe Boardwalk)	Move the boardwalk onto the bank to avoid flooded area	£5,000
Churchill	X10/104/10	Stone whole length (inc. field)	TBC
Churchill	Dolebury Warren	Install boardwalk to bypass the terrain difficult for trampers	TBC
Clevedon	LA22/1/10	Cut back vegetation. Build over existing mud path and create stone all weather surface.	£5,000
Clevedon	LA22/19/90	Clear vegetation and lay 2m wide stone path	£9,000
Clevedon	LA22/38/10 (ZigZag Path)	Steps to be reinstated and handrail to be refurbished	£15,000
Congresbury	AX16/20	Replace with new timber bridge	£2,500
Hutton	AX18/8/10	The path requires a 2m wide stoned path & heavy vegetation cutback.	£7,000

2023-24 Projects

Parish	Path No	Proposed Solution	Approx. cost
Kewstoke	AX19/9/30	Replace and repair existing bridges	£24,000
Long Ashton	LA12/42/10	Repair/replace existing worn and potholed surface	£20,000
Nailsea	LA13/12/40	Remove steps and create ramped access	TBC
Nailsea	LA13/11/20	Veg cut back and tarmac full length	£7,500
Nailsea	LA13/37/20 (Crewkern Close)	Replace with new timber bridge	£2,500
Weston in Gordano	LA18/4/30	Heavy vegetation cut back. Stoned path for part of route. Reinstate fence line.	£6,000
Weston super Mare	AX31/84/10 (Milton Park Road to Milton Park Rise)	New wearing course	£8,000
Weston super Mare	AX31/77/10 (Landiman Circus)	Potholes to be filled and surface reinstated	£3,000
Winscombe	AX29/10/10	Stone paths and cut back vegetation.	£10,500
Winscombe	AX29/45/40 (Green Hill Lane to Sandmead Road.)	Stone a 2metre wide path & heavy vegetation cut back.	£14,000

Any questions?