Your Countryside

An Outdoor Access Improvement Plan – Update

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## Rights of Way

### Rights of Way - Ease of use indicator

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Rights of Way – Impact of development pressure

• Much of our work in the Chilterns area is linked to managing and influencing major development planning and related Road and guided busway schemes.

• We are seeking to mitigate the effect on the access network and existing countryside sites and support our colleagues in reducing the impact on the Chilterns landscape. We are also seeking to ensure that the new populations have both high quality Travel Choices within their conurbations and good connections to the landscape and countryside that surrounds them.
Community Involvement

- Working with and supporting the Chilterns Society to increase activity and members in the Northern Chilterns
- Kensworth P3, Caddington P3 - increase in volunteer numbers
- New Volunteer for Totternhoe P3
- Partnership project with Amey to improve management of Road Verge Nature Reserves (including verges in the north Chilterns)
- Totternhoe Hills, steering group established and initial gateway sculptures installed (s106 funded).
Promotional Activities

• Continued support of the National Trusts programme of Events at Dunstable Downs Events programme (inc. Eid Festival, Kite Festival and Summer Fair).
• Planning Application and installation of 2 x Sunsails on the rear patio at the Gateway Centre.
• Accessible paths guides developed at - Totternhoe Lanes / Totternhoe Knolls / Dunstable Downs
• Off - Road cycle routes – Whipsnade 14m / Barton 17m
• Social Media growing in strength and support (followers and likes etc)
Flagship projects 2013 – Update

- **Accessible landscapes** – Totternhoe and the Sundon and Streatley Vision Plans Adopted
- **Dogs in the Countryside** – Dog Control Orders prepared and consultation to be started 20th June
- **Health** – Successful ‘Leisure in the Community’ Bid and funding for ‘Xplore’ programme identified with initial delivery summer 2014.
- **Houghton Hall Park** – Delivery of Heritage Lottery Stage 1 development grant going well, Stage to submission Mid August 2014
- **Bridleway Connectivity** – slow progress to date, event held with Horse Riders proved highly successful with over 100 riders providing input.
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