

Broads Local Access Forum

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Integrated Access Strategy Update

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

For Information

This report gives an update on some of the strategic priorities identified in the Integrated Access Strategy.

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- 1.1. Every year, as part of the Integrated Access Strategy (IAS), we identify a number of strategic priority projects to be delivered by the Broads Authority and its partners.
- 1.2. Setting these priorities helps us target resources and external funding sources. Many of these projects cannot be delivered without working with external partners and securing external funding. Where partnerships are already identified, the project will be scored higher in the priority scoring matrix.
- 1.3. A progress update on the highest priority projects as well as some of the lesser known projects have been listed in Table 1.

Table 1

Integrated Access Strategy priorities 2021/2022 – progress update Dec 21

Project	Progress	Partners
Broads Mills trail	Status: On track Trail audit and scoping complete.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Wherryman's Way Hardley Flood	Status: On track Dredging of the Chet began early Nov, with material being deposited on the closed footpath. This phase is due to be completed by Feb 22. The outcome of the partnership bid with NCC to fund the new bridges should be announced Dec 22.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Wherryman's Way Bramerton to Surlingham	Status: On track The outcome of the partnership bid to stabilise the riverbanks with NCC should be announced Dec 22.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Hoveton Riverside park	Status: Delayed No change on the situation other than planned works to replace the existing waste facilities with new ones - Mar 22.	Broads Authority North Norfolk District Council
GIS Recreation maps	Status: On track Slipway and launch point map now live on the Authority's website. Slipways and launching points (broads-authority.gov.uk) Next step is to incorporate moorings, angling platforms, waste facilities.	Broads Authority

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Discovery Hubs	Status: Partially delayed Salhouse hub with incorporated Dark skies element has now been completed. The Beccles hub has funding agreed and should be delivered in 2022. Funding is still required for the remaining network.	Broads Authority Broads Charitable Trust
Geldeston Canoe pontoon	Status: On Track Shrubs cleared and footpath moved back. Contractors scheduled to reprofile the bank by the end of Nov 21. Pontoon ordered with installation expected Jan 22.	Broads Authority Broads Charitable Trust The Canoe Foundation River Waveney Trust
Extend the Navigation - Geldeston	Status: On track Work scheduled for Feb 22 for rangers to work with the River Waveney Trust, in removing enough vegetation and fallen trees to open up the “Locks Loop” to canoes and paddleboards.	Broads Authority River Waveney Trust
Tactile Map Whitlingham	Status: On track This is a pilot project to install a series of tactile maps for the visually impaired across the Broads. Designs agreed for Whitlingham and the sign has been ordered. Expected delivery and installation date Feb 22.	Broads Authority Whitlingham Charitable Trust
Restoration of Gillingham FP14	Status: On track BA Ecologists to conduct surveys in May 22. Designs agreed. Next phase for NCC to go out to tender.	Broads Authority Norfolk Trails

Project	Progress	Partners
Wild Swimming safety signs	Status: On track Final locations to be agreed but will be incorporated into phase 2 of the Broads water safety campaign. Delivery expected by Mar 22.	Broads Authority BLAF – Swimming sub group
Access for all paths Whitlingham	Status: On track Funding application to Landfill communities fund by Whitlingham Charitable Trust and the BA. BA to provide match funding. Decision expected Dec 22.	Broads Authority Whitlingham Charitable Trust
Changing places facilities Multiple locations	Status: On track Working with local district councils who are eligible for funding through the Government. Sites identified but not fully agreed include Whitlingham, Ranworth, Loddon, Great Yarmouth and Acle.	Broads Authority North Norfolk District Council South Norfolk/Broadland District Council Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Broads Angle magazine	Status: On track Working with partners from the Broads Angling services group (BASG) to relaunch the Broads Angle magazine. Next financial year 22/23.	Broads Authority BASG
Permissive path Coldharbour to Womack Water	Status: Delayed Initial discussions with landowners were positive, however they were interested in funding through an environmental stewardship scheme so wanted to speak to BA Environment Policy Adviser first.	Broads Authority

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Permissive Path Horning marshes	Status: Delayed BA asset manager to organise the agreements. Delayed due to the asset going to probate.	Broads Authority
Cycle parking facilities Broads Executive area	Status: On track Audit conducted and several sites identified. Cycle parking provision to be installed at five locations - next financial year 22/23.	Broads Authority

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[Broads Plan](#) objectives: 6.1,6.2,6.3,6.4