

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 as part of the Integrated Access Strategy.

1. Introduction

- 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 therefore, where partnerships are identified, the project will be scored higher in the priority scoring matrix.
- 1.3. A progress update of the highest priority projects can be seen in Table 1. For the full list see appendix 1.

Table 1

Integrated Access Strategic priorities 2020/2021 – progress update Sep 2020

Project	Progress	Partners
Reedham Permissive Path	Status: On track Agreements have been finalised and signed by the BA, the Landowner and Reedham Parish Council. Parish Council lead work on the path has begun with opening date expected September 2020. Reedham PC are responsible for future maintenance.	Broads Authority Reedham Parish Council
Broads Mills Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belton Reach 	Status: On track Agreements in place for parts of the route and signposts and waymarking disks are being designed. Some work will be carried out October 2020 to open the first part of the route.	Broads Authority
Bure Valley Path	Status: On track Funding has been secured and designs agreed. Work should begin in 2021. Although only the initial part of this route lies within the Broads executive area, this project is seen as a key tourist route into the Broads. The BA involvement is advisory only but ties in with other projects taking place in Hoveton.	Norfolk County Council Broadland District Council Broads Authority
Wherryman's Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardley flood • Surlingham • Bramerton 	Status: On track Initial plans agreed with landowner, discussions taking place. Feasibility studies to be completed by NCC by Dec 2020 with	Norfolk County Council Broads Authority Local parish councils

Project	Progress	Partners
	funding application submitted Apr 2021. Work includes: bank stabilisation, path restoration, signage and interpretation, new circular walks and access for all paths created.	
Hoveton Riverside Park	Status: On track External Funding application submitted August 2020.	Broads Authority Hoveton Parish Council Broads Charitable Trust
GIS recreation maps	Status: On track Angling platforms now mapped and live on the new web page (link) Next map to be created are slipways and Launching points.	Broads Authority
EXPERIENCE Project (link) - Cycle Hubs	Status: On track Hoveton/Wroxham identified as the pilot region for the project. Work currently underway assessing local businesses and organisations that may be eligible for small grants.	Norfolk County Council Cycling UK Broads Authority

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

Appendix 1 - Integrated access strategy projects

IAS Projects																			
Broad engage Ref	Location	Workshop comments	Project or Strategy	Lead Partner	Broads Authority response now	Objectives and score (5=High 0=Low)										Feasibility score (0-3)			
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	IAS Priority	34	Technically	Funding	Stakeholder buy in	Ready to deliver (Total Score)	Delivery date
1.30	Norwich out into the Broads	Add multi-use paths, e.g Whittingham Bridge to country park. Need a definitive map for Norwich.	Strategy	Norwich City Council/RWSG	Section 106 for developers should cover these obligations. GI - CIL	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	34		3	2	3	272	2020-2025
1.10	Bure Valley Path	Improve access and facilities - e.g. trains to accommodate cycles. Advertise and promote access points.	Strategy	NCC	Working with NCC on EXPERIENCE project	5	5	4	5	0	4	5	28		3	3	3	252	2021-2023
1.52	Three Rivers Way	Extend from Horning to Potter Heigham	Project	NCC	Section 106 covering	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	30		2	3	3	240	2021-2023
1.12	Belton to Fritton Wood	No Official path.	Project	BA	This will be resolved as the Mills Trail is created	5	5	2	4	0	5	5	26		3	3	3	234	2020-2021
1.31	Norwich to Wroxham	Additional footpaths/cycleways to increase connectivity between Norwich and Wroxham	Strategy	NCC	GI - CIL funding	5	5	3	5	2	4	5	29		3	2	3	232	2021-2022
1.44	Rockland, Surlingham, Bramerton, Reedham, Loddon	Improve Wherrymans Way	Strategy	BA/NCC	Working with NCC to do this. Potential CIL funding.	5	5	5	4	0	3	5	27		3	2	3	216	2020-2022
	Belton to Somerleyton	Broads Mill trail	Project	BA	Part of trail already negotiated continue to work with other landowners	5	5	3	4	0	5	4	26		3	3	2	208	2020-2021
	Reedham	Permissive path	Project	PC/BA	Negotiate	5	5	2	4	0	5	2	23		3	3	3	207	2020
1.28	Hoveton Riverside Park	Talk to Broads Trust about funding	Project	BA	Rough Project plan created.	4	5	5	5	0	4	5	28		3	1	3	196	2022
1.23	Halvergate	Add permissive links between stone road east to forked paths going past Manor Farm and Muttons Mill	Strategy	BA/NCC	Spoke to landowner who was not keen. No registered owner however and this would form the mills trail.	5	3	2	5	0	5	5	25		3	2	2	175	2020-2021
1.13	Chet/Loddon Wherrymans way	Gap at Hardley Flood	Project/Strategy	BA/NCC	Feasibility conducted, work to begin this year	5	3	2	3	0	2	3	18		3	3	3	162	2021-2022
1.18	Filby - Ormesby	Support land trust to develop access	Strategy	Land Trust	Currently unaware. Trying to establish a number of brideways in filby to support the horse stables there	5	4	3	3	0	4	4	23		3	2	2	161	?
1.22	Geldeston Locks	Improve access facilities for canoeists, anglers, walkers, cyclists	Strategy	BA	Need a site visit	5	5	3	4	0	4	4	25		3	1	2	150	2023
1.35	Reedham/Freethorpe/Wickhampton	Join Weavers Way to Wherrymans Way. Circular routes	Strategy	BA/NCC	Site visit	5	5	2	4	0	3	5	24		3	1	2	144	2021
1.32	Norwich to Postwick	Missing Link in path	Project	NCC	Site Visit May be complete	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	28		3	1	1	140	?
1.58	All Over	Short circular walks with access for all	Strategy	BA/NCC		5	5	3	4	0	5	5	27		2	1	2	135	2020-2025
1.30	Acle	Link cycle ways and Multi Path routes	Strategy	BA	North from Acle bridge to Billockby	5	5	3	4	0	2	3	22		2	1	3	132	2022
1.54	Trinity Broads	Needs better access and more publicity about walks/routes	Strategy	BA	Not managed by BA, will look into	5	4	2	3	0	4	4	22		3	1	2	132	?
1.14	Cockshoot Broad access	Car park no longer available access v difficult	Project	BA	Try to renegotiate leases and permissions	5	4	2	3	0	3	3	20		3	1	2	120	2021
1.59	All over	Canoe/paddleboard access	Strategy	BA		4	3	3	4	3	4	3	24		3	0	2	120	2021-2022
1.26	Heigham sound	Moorings not linked to access path	Project	NWT	Need a site visit	5	3	2	4	0	2	3	19		3	1	2	114	2021
1.88	General comment	Identify circular walks and cycle routes from hubs - lack of permissive routes in key areas. Paths network needs consolidation.	Strategy	BA/NCC	Explore options	5	5	4	5	0	4	5	28		2	0	2	112	2021-2023
1.76	General comment	Chained up slipway access e.g South Walsham	Strategy	BA	Working towards removing barriers	4	0	2	4	0	2	2	14		3	3	2	112	2020-2021
1.20	Acle	BOAT west from Acle to Burlingham. Linking paths?	Project	BA/NCC	Look into potential permissions	5	3	3	3	0	1	3	18		2	2	2	108	2021
1.63	Broads executive area Wroxham-Hoveton-Belaugh	Cycle park facilities	Project	BA/NCC	Talk to partners to prepare a funding bid	0	0	0	5	4	2	4	15		3	1	3	105	2020-2022
		Continue footpath access	Strategy	BA		5	5	3	4	0	4	5	26		2	0	2	104	2021-2022

1.74	General comment	Broads Hopper with bike trailer to match coastal hopper - could it carry canoes/bikes?	Strategy	NCC	Bus service to key locations throughout the broads. Would need NCC to buy in		2	5	5	0	0	4	4	20	3	0	2	100	2022
1.29	Lackford Run, Strumpshaw, Buckenham Station down to river	Existing long-distance paths, car parking at RSPB reserve, train stops at Buckenham on Sunday. Add short (2-3 mile) circular walks off long distance paths, linked to rail stations, diversit of attractions e.g visit bird hide.	Strategy	BA	Site Visit		4	5	3	3	0	1	4	20	2	1	2	100	2023
1.46	Salhouse	Circular walks needed, roads are too busy. Car parking at pub but not linked.	Strategy	BA	Site Visit		5	5	2	3	0	4	5	24	1	1	2	96	?
1.84	General comment	Quieter, upper stream sections give opportunities for rowing, canoeing, paddle boarding away from bigger boats/busy areas. Farmers who can attract visitors may be able to get funding.	Strategy	BA	Explore options		0	0	0	4	0	5	3	12	3	3	2	96	2020-2021
1.68	General comment	Funding sources - Broads Trust - needs a big project, e.g. IT project - make it easy "click and go"/CIL 106/Lottery/New Anglia LEP	Strategy	BA			5	5	5	5	0	5	5	30	2	0	1	90	2020
1.50	Surlingham	Create better access to Postwick Wharf	Project	NCC	Site Visit		4	3	2	2	0	3	4	18	2	1	2	90	2021
1.41	River Waveney near Seven Mile House/Norfolk Way	Possible canoe launch - existing sandy beach	Project	BA	Site visit		3	2	2	4	0	3	4	18	3	0	2	90	2023
N/A	Carlton Marshes	Upgrade and relocate bridleway to connect to the ferry crossing	Project	BA	Very good idea and should be straightforward to achieve. Currently the landowner refuses to discuss.		5	5	1	5	0	2	2	20	3	1	0	80	2021-2022
1.47	South Walsham Broad	More parking facilities, re open toilets, provide waste disposal	Project	BA	Site visit		0	4	3	0	0	3	4	14	2	0	3	70	2023
1.70	Bramerton Common	Toilets, mooring, fishing, electric charging	Project	BA	Look at what is currently available		0	5	3	3	0	0	2	13	2	1	2	65	2022-2023
1.79	General Comment	List of ideas - Best one - Cycle docking units like Beryl Bikes	Project	NCC	Working with NCC EXPERIENCE and cycling UK to develop		0	0	0	5	4	2	5	16	2	1	1	64	2021-2022
1.42	River Yare, Langley	Loss of permissive path due to sale of Langley Abbey	Project	BA	Explore options with Landowner to reinstate		5	2	2	4	0	3	5	21	2	0	1	63	2022-2023
1.73	General comment	More self operated chain ferries - e.g Carlton marshes, Horning, Pulls ferry Norwich	Strategy	Local Business	Investigate, Potentially Surlingham?		4	5	4	2	0	2	2	19	2	0	1	57	2023
1.17	Ellingham Mill	Canoe launch	Project	BA	Not feasible currently, and demand low		3	2	0	5	0	4	3	17	1	1	1	51	2024
1.55	Tunstall Dyke	Negotiate new canoe use.	Project	BA	Investigate		3	0	1	3	0	3	5	15	2	0	1	45	?
1.60	Wherryman's Way	Maintain Signage and monuments	Project	BA	Prepare EXPERIENCE bid under innovation incubator		0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	3	3	45	2020-2021
1.62	Womack Water	Signage for access	Project	BA	Investigate		0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	2	3	40	2020
1.51	Thorpe St Andrew	Ferry Link at Bungalow Lane	Project	Local Business	Funding from Broads Trust but not yet running? Investigate		4	2	1	3	0	3	0	13	2	0	1	39	2020-2024
1.33	Oulton Dyke west to Somerleyton	Walking and Angling access	Project	BA	Permissive access already. Explore angling access		3	0	3	0	0	0	3	9	2	0	2	36	2020-2021

IAS Objectives	
1	To improve links between land and water and to the water's edge. (Physical link)
2	To improve access links to local facilities, settlements and visitor destination points. (connectivity to local services)
3	To improve access for all in the Broads. (Disabled access)
4	To encourage sustainable travel choices such as public transport, walking, cycling and non-powered boating, and improve links between public transport provision, visitor destination points and access routes. (connecting between
5	To deliver the River Wensum Strategy through the River Wensum strategy partnership.
6	To encourage provision of access routes that relieve visitor pressure on internationally designated sites, avoid disturbance of protected species and help to accommodate growth. (Ecology)
7	To provide appropriate information on access and interpretation about recreational sites.