

# Broads Local Access Forum

## Agenda 02 December 2020

2.00pm

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### Introduction

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2. Declarations of interest
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Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

### Other matters

9. Any other business

10. To note the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 2.00pm**

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## **Present**

Keith Bacon – in the Chair, Kelvin Allen, Linda Aspland, Harry Blathwayt, Robin Buxton, Mike Flett, Tony Gibbons, Tim Harris, Dawn Hatton, Steve Read.

## **In attendance**

Dan Hoare – Head of Construction, Maintenance and Environment, Kylie Moos – Administrative Officer, Lewis Treloar – Waterways and Recreation Officer, Ken Hawkins – Norfolk Local Access Forum, Martin Sullivan – Norfolk Local Access Forum, Duncan Holmes – Broads Angling Strategy Group.

## **1. Apologies for absence and welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the remote meeting, and welcomed Ken Hawkins and Martin Sullivan from the Norfolk Local Access Forum and Duncan Homes from Broads Angling Services Group.

**Apologies** received from Louis Baugh, Liz Brooks, Peter Mason, John Murray and Christopher Yardley.

## **2. Declarations of interest**

Members indicated they had no further declarations of interest other than those already registered and set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

## **3. Minutes of the Broads Local Access Forum meeting held on 3 June 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

## **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

### **Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve**

East Suffolk District Council have been contacted regarding the bridleway link, and the project has been added to their Walking and Cycling Strategy. However, the landowner at Carlton Marshes has not agreed to any change in the path, so meeting this current ambition is doubtful.

### **How Hill footpath**

The footpath remains in good condition and has been popular with users. It was noted that signage at How Hill staithe to inform users of the length of the circular route would be beneficial. Dan Hoare agreed to share with the Communications team.

### **River Wensum Strategy**

Lewis Treloar has contacted the River Wensum Strategy (RWS) Group who are keen to appoint a Broads Local Access Forum member to the RWS Delivery group. An invite will be sent to the Forum once the RWS Delivery group recommences.

## Consultation on BLAF Constitution

The amended constitution was adopted by the Broads Authority. A copy of the endorsed constitution can be found [here](#).

## Project updates from Norfolk County Council

Norfolk County Council have agreed to provide project updates to the Forum twice a year.

Wherryman's Way is still in the process of identifying suitable funding and preparation of feasibility in advance of a funding bid submission.

Ken Hawkins reported that there has been no further progress with Registering rights of way in Norfolk 2026 due to the County record offices remaining closed to the public.

## 5. Integrated Access Strategy: Update

Lewis Treloar provided an update on the highest strategic priority projects identified for delivery by a range of partners as part of the Integrated Access Strategy (IAS).

### Reedham Permissive Path

Reedham Parish Council lead work on the path has begun with opening date expected September 2020. Reedham Parish Council will also be responsible for future maintenance.

### Hoveton Riverside Park

Through the Broads Authority working closely with the Broads Charitable Trust, an external funding application was submitted in August 2020.

### GIS Recreation maps

Angling platforms have now been mapped, and are live on the Broads Authority website. Work has commenced on producing similar mapping for the slipway and launching points.

### Three Rivers Way

At this stage the potential project extension will be included in Norfolk County Council Walking and Cycling Strategy. Funding options are being explored by NCC.

### Comments and answers to questions

- There are safety concerns regarding the access to the Wherryman's Way near The Beauchamp Arms whilst construction work is carried out by the landowner.

**Lewis Treloar agreed to contact Norfolk Trails regarding any known restriction of access to the Wherryman's Way route.**

- The framework and scoring system used for prioritising strategies and projects is one that is commonly used across the Authority, which can be reviewed each year.

**Lewis Treloar agreed to circulate the Integrated Access Strategy projects framework and encouraged Forum members to provide feedback on the current scoring system used.**

## **6. Objective of the BASG and current areas of focus**

Duncan Holmes, Chair of the access group for Broads Angling Strategy Group (BASG) presented to the Forum ongoing and future access projects that BASG believe meet the criteria of the IAS.

### **Rollesby Broad Platforms**

Starting in 2018, the transfer of assets from the Broads Authority to BASG for access platforms on Rollesby Broad is nearing completion. This is the first asset to become owned by the Community Interest Company and takes its formation to a new level protecting and securing the future of Broads Angling.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust have requested further documentation before issuing the angling license, and Rollesby Parish Council require further information before issuing the access permit. These requests highlight the complexities of management and ownership of assets across the Broads.

### **Beccles Fen Quay and Angling Access**

Beccles Fenland Charitable Trust have been renewing 85m of piling and quay heading along the eastern bank of the River Waveney. Beccles Fenland Charitable Trust are intending to install new permanent moorings to fund the project and ongoing maintenance costs, currently this does not include any plans for angling access.

BASG are currently in discussions with the landowner and anglers to find a way forward.

### **South Walsham Slipway**

During the winter months many anglers take advantage of the quieter waters and require the use of slipways to launch their boats.

This Broads Authority asset is currently controlled by South Walsham Parish Council. In order to obtain access a £100 deposit and a £25 annual fee must be paid, it is also extremely difficult to apply, and the number of keys issued are limited to 8. BASG are keen to understand how improvements to access to the slipway can be gained.

Dan Hoare noted that a review of the slipway access with South Walsham Parish Council is listed within the IAS, and Lewis Treloar will update on progress at the next meeting

### **Development of existing EA bank assets (Northern Broads)**

BASG have commenced work on compiling a register of Environment Agency (EA) riverbanks in the Broads; whether they have any public access points; whether the access is fit for purpose; and if not, who controls potential access routes to those riverbanks. Duncan Holmes thanked Lewis Treloar for the existing work on GIS recreation maps which has supplemented this project.

### **Comments and answers to questions**



- Platforms are often enjoyed by multiple users, not just anglers. Several attendees reported that in their general experience, conflicts of interests at fishing platforms were very rare between stakeholders, and there is often enough space for all users.
- Platforms and assets that are managed by the BASG are all covered by their third-party liability policy, which is not just for angling use.
- Dan Hoare confirmed that The South Walsham Slipway and Development of existing EA bank assets projects have Authority officer time allocated to each. Rollesby Broad Platforms and Beccles Fen Quay and Angling Access are led by BASG only.

**The Forum agreed to support these projects with 9 votes in favour and 1 abstention.**

## 7. AOB

The regeneration project at Stalham Staithe has been positively received since its completion in August 2020. The collaborative project between the Broads Authority, Norfolk County Council and Stalham Town Council has also ensured byelaws can be implemented, notably around the new 24-hour moorings. Some live-a-board boaters have now relocated elsewhere on the river.

Wayford Bridge is set to close to road traffic for repairs in November for three to four weeks while the bridge deck is re-waterproofed. Lewis Treloar agreed to check if this extends to any river closure.

Lewis Treloar thanked Forum members who had completed the survey for Ellie Hackwood on behalf of Norfolk Local Access Forum and agreed to share the report; Widening the reach of the Norfolk Local Access Forum.

Martin Sullivan reminded the forum that Pathmakers is looking for a member of the Broads Local Access Forum to become a trustee.

## 8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Broads Local Access Forum would be held on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 2.00pm. Location TBC.

The meeting ended at 15:15.

Signed by

Chairman

## Summary of progress

Outstanding actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Contact Norfolk Trails to discuss access of the Wherryman's Way near The Beauchamp Arms.	02/09/2020	Lewis Treloar
Circulate the IAS projects table for Forum members to review and feedback.	02/09/2020	Lewis Treloar
Circulate NLAF survey report.	02/09/2020	Lewis Treloar
Contact the Environment Agency asking their opinion as a follow-up from the publication of the staithe report.	04/12/2019	BLAF Chair

Completed actions	Meeting date	Assigned to
Circulate a copy of the IAS projects prioritisation action plan to members.	03/06/2020	Lewis Treloar
Contact the River Wensum Strategy Group to discuss formally appointing a member to the group.	03/06/2020	Dan Hoare

## Appendix 1 – Declaration of interests Broads Local Access Forum, 02 September 2020

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# Broads Local Access Forum

02 December 2020

Agenda item number 5

## Integrated Access Strategy update

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

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### Summary

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

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### 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 on the highest priority projects is in Table 1, and the full list is in Appendix 1.

**Table 1**

Integrated Access Strategy priorities 2020/2021 – progress update Dec 2020

Project	Progress	Partners
Reedham Permissive Path	Status: <b>Complete</b> All furniture has been installed and the path is now open.	Broads Authority Reedham Parish Council
Broads Mills Trail	Status: <b>On track</b> WMM staff are continuing work on the mills trail and aiming to open new routes through Halvergate marshes.	Broads Authority
Bure Valley Path	Status: <b>On track</b> 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"> <li>• Hardley Flood</li> <li>• Surlingham</li> <li>• Bramerton</li> </ul>	Status: <b>Delayed</b> Funding application declined due to clarity on PROW and not meeting the strategic aims of the funding source. Plans are being worked on to keep project progressing.	Norfolk County Council Broads Authority Local Parish Councils
Hoveton Riverside Park	Status: <b>Delayed</b> Funding application declined and seeking feedback. Topographic survey of the site has taken place and designs being drawn up. Alternative funding sources identified and will submit	Broads Authority Hoveton Parish Council Broads Charitable Trust Norfolk County Council

Project	Progress	Partners
	applications once design work is complete.	
GIS recreation maps	Status: <b>On track</b> Slipways and Launching points recorded and awaiting to be uploaded online. A revision of how we upload and present the data online is also taking place.	Broads Authority
EXPERIENCE Project ( <a href="#">link</a> ) - Cycle Hubs	Status: <b>On track</b> 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
Wherryman's Way signage and infrastructure	Status: <b>On track</b> Application submitted to the EXPERIENCE fund to restore and upgrade Wherryman's Way sculptures and interpretation boards.	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council

Author: Lewis Treloar

Date of report: 13 November 2020

[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)			Ready to deliver (Total Score)	Delivery date
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	IAS Priority	Technically	Funding	Stakeholder buy in		
1.30	Norwich out into the Broads	Add multi-use paths, e.g Whitlingham 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,L oddon	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 bridleways 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

	Broads executive area	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
1.63	Wroxham-Hoveton-Belaugh	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 sttractions 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 I.T 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
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 distrubance of protected species and help to accommodate growth. (Ecology)
7	To provide appropriate information on access and interpretation about recreational sites.



# Broads Local Access Forum

02 December 2020

Agenda item number 6

## Opening access to EA owned banks

Report by Tony Gibbons (Norwich and District Anglers Association)

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### Summary

Hopefully this project proposal, which comes under Broads Angling Services Group (BASG) objectives, will bring to the fore the value of opening up and maintaining stretches of river bank under the Environment Agency's (EA) control, so that both locals and visitors can fully enjoy and appreciate the benefits of angling and other users will see this as an opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of the Norfolk Broads.

### Recommendation

That the BLAF supports the BASG so it can put in place the necessary program so that this project comes to fruition by no later than June 16th 2021, the start of the fishing season.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report proposes projects to improve access to a number of river banks under Environment Agency (EA) control to make them more presentable and an asset to the Broads.
- 1.2. The reason this needs addressing is that, over the last few years, it has become noticeable by both local and visiting anglers that there is a downturn in the availability of river banks that offer access for free fishing. This has been caused in most instances by lack of maintenance, allowing the banks to become overgrown and difficult to reach. As such, anglers have neglected these banks. There is no point dwelling in the past, but there is a need to rectify this so that the future of angling and leisure on Broadland rivers is made more available to all users. With this in mind, we have selected three river banks that will require less work to bring back to full usage.

## 2. Projects

- 2.1. Stretch one - River Thurne from Coldharbour Farm to Womack Dyke: This stretch of river banks is already well used by anglers. Having good parking and a pathway on the flood bank, when it has been cleared of vegetation, offers an ideal location. However, angling is restricted, due to the current state of the river bank. With the exception of the quay heading just above the gate and at the top end there is little availability for anglers to access the water. These quay headings, which at one time had No Mooring

signs in place, are now regularly full with moored boats. With needed facilities in place, this has to be an ideal starting point.

- 2.2. Stretch two - River Thurne upstream of Potter Heigham road bridge: The beginning of this length already has 10 established angling platforms, which are well used. Once past these you come to the Riverside Bungalows, with overgrown banks in between. Some have been used for dumping rubbish, which spoils the image of the area. These gaps could accommodate a further 12 angling stations, once the banks have been cleared. This will also allow walkers views of the river. Past the bungalows we come to the pond below Martham Boatyard, again well used. As we have access already in place and limited parking with minimum effort, this stretch could be brought back for full usage by June 16th 2021.
- 2.3. Stretch three - River Ant from Ludham Bridge to Johnson Street: This has been, in the past, the prime length of the Ant for match fishing. Again, there is a maintained pathway along the whole stretch, and parking at Ludham. The bank, however, has had little use over the past few years mainly due to it being inaccessible. To make this available again will take more work than the previous 2 lengths but, with its history, will soon attract anglers back to the area.

### 3. Financial implications

- 3.1. The financial and risk implications would need to be determined once an agreement had been reached on the project getting the approval of all parties.

### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1. In concluding I feel that the time is right to put forward these ideas through the BASG, as hopefully they will be the group who will make the future of angling, and other activities which enjoy the same facilities, sustainable. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for allowing us to put it to the BLAF.

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[Broads Plan](#) objectives: 6.4

# Broads Local Access Forum

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Agenda item number 7

## EXPERIENCE Cycle Hubs project

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

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### Summary

The report gives information on the EXPERIENCE Cycle Hubs project and a progress update.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. EXPERIENCE is a €23.3 million project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Interreg VA France (Channel) England Programme 2014-2020. Norfolk County Council is the lead partner, working with 13 other organisations across 6 pilot regions in France and England.
- 1.2. EXPERIENCE is a sustainable tourism project aimed at driving up the number of visitors or tourists between October and March, boosting local economies and year-round (rather than seasonal) jobs.
- 1.3. The project will promote the new experiences as individual activities and as part of themed itineraries in a high-profile marketing campaign. At least 33% of itineraries will be accessible for people with additional physical or sensory requirements.

## 2. EXPERIENCE Cycle Hubs

- 2.1. Cycling UK and Norfolk County Council are collaborating with local delivery partners to develop five new Cycle Hubs as part of the EXPERIENCE tourism project, co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Interreg France (Channel) England Programme.
- 2.2. The new Cycle Hubs will combine quality, varied cycle routes with Cycle Friendly Places to sleep, eat and relax. These destinations will provide everything a cyclist needs during their trip, and so will boost visitor numbers, increase length of stay, and increase spend in local businesses.
- 2.3. Partners will collaborate to promote new and existing cycle routes, equip local businesses to better attract cyclists, and market the Cycle Hubs as year-round destinations for cyclists.

- 2.4. The cycling hub also aligns to Norfolk County Councils strategic priorities of increasing active travel and improving the Green Infrastructure Network across Norfolk.

### 3. Hoveton/Wroxham

- 3.1. Hoveton/Wroxham has been selected as a pilot cycle hub, due to it being seen as the capital of the Broads and a honeypot site when it comes to attracting visitors.
- 3.2. Tourists often begin their journey into the Broads from here, particularly enjoying the boating options nearby, among many other recreational activities which are well catered for. The area receives a high number of visitors during the summer months, but has not yet harnessed the year round offer of experiential tourism.
- 3.3. Located only 8 miles from Norwich and 20 miles from both Cromer and Great Yarmouth, the village is well situated for arrival by bike and/or train, which promotes a sustainable travel option.

### 4. Cycle Friendly Places

- 4.1. Cycling UK's new accreditation programme, Cycle Friendly Places, will train and support hospitality and accommodation businesses to offer an excellent customer experience, to attract and accommodate cyclists.
- 4.2. Businesses such as cafes, tearooms, hotels, B&Bs and campsites will be invited to apply. They will be assessed on their provision of quality facilities (such as bike racks, lockers and access to tools), welcome, and information for cycling customers (such as knowledge of local routes and bike hire).
- 4.3. Businesses [can register here for updates on Cycle Friendly Places](#).

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# Broads Local Access Forum

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Agenda item number 8

## Updates from interest group representatives

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

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### Summary

To receive updates from members representing the various interest groups.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. To make BLAF meetings as interactive and engaging as possible, it would be beneficial to receive updates from members representing the different interest groups. If there are updates or reports relevant to the Broads from the various bodies/clubs/user groups that members represent, these are also welcomed.
- 1.2. As the purpose of the BLAF is to advise Broads Authority officers and recommend improvements to the network relating to access, we want to make sure we are not missing out on opportunities we are unaware of. It will also be a good opportunity to identify any gaps in interest groups not currently represented on the BLAF, so we can actively search for potential new members when we next recruit.

## 2. Interest groups/representatives

- **Waterborne recreation/paddle sports** – Linda Aspland, Steve Read, Christopher Yardley
- **Landscape Heritage/Nature conservation/Landowners** – Keith Bacon, Robin Buxton, Tim Harris, Louis Baugh, Christopher Yardley
- **Walking/People with disabilities/Sailing** – Dawn Hatton, Peter Mason, John Murray, Steve Read, Richard Webb
- **Local Authority/Tourism** – Harry Blathwayt, Robin Buxton, Michael Flett, Peter Mason
- **Equestrian and driving** – Liz Brooks
- **Angling** – Tony Gibbons
- **Broads Authority** – Kelvin Allen

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