

Broads Local Access Forum

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Agenda item number 6

Integrated Access Strategy: Update

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

Summary

This report gives an update on some of the strategic priorities identified in 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 already identified, the project will be scored higher in the priority scoring matrix.
- 1.3. A progress update on the highest priority projects is noted in Table 1

Table 1 Integrated Access Strategy priorities 2020/2021 – progress update Mar 2021

Project	Progress	Partners
Broads Mills Trail	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>WMM staff are continuing work on the mills trails and aiming to open new routes through Halvergate marshes.</p>	Broads Authority
Bure Valley Path	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>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.</p>	Norfolk County Council Broadland District Council Broads Authority
Wherryman’s Way Hardley Flood	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>Dredging will commence on the River Chet in Autumn 2021 with sediment being deposited onto the banks along the stretch between Chedgrave and Hardley flood. NCC bridge team have already replaced two of the bridges.</p>	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council Wherryman’s Way working group
Wherryman’s Way Sculptures and Signage	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>Funding application submitted to the EXPERIENCE fund to upgrade some of the infrastructure along the route, with the</p>	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council Wherryman’s Way working group

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	aim of creating three easy access routes.	
Wherryman's Way – Bramerton to Surlingham	<p>Status: Delayed</p> <p>Unfortunately, no funding source has been identified to carry out the bank stabilisation needed to restore this section of the route at this stage. The aim is to re-apply for CIL funding in May 2021 and prioritise this project in the new GI strategy.</p>	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
Hoveton Riverside Park	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>Topographical survey completed and concept designs created. Officers from NCC have also joined the project team and funding sources are beginning to be identified. Land raising will take place in Winter 2021.</p>	Broads Authority Norfolk County Council
GIS Recreation Maps	<p>Status: Delayed</p> <p>No further progress has been made on the maps. The slipways are recorded but the interactive map has not yet been created.</p>	Broads Authority
EXPERIENCE Project (link) - Cycle Hubs	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>Hoveton/Wroxham identified as the pilot region for the project. Currently working on day routes around the area and the business accreditation</p>	Norfolk County Council Cycling UK Broads Authority

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	scheme will begin to be rolled out at the end of March.	
Discovery Hubs	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>The idea of the hubs is to create current and accessible information points that are available all year round. Funding applications have been submitted which would fund the first three larger hubs this year.</p>	<p>Broads Authority Broads Charitable Trust Norfolk County Council</p>
River Wensum Strategy – Canoe pontoon	<p>Status: On Track</p> <p>A funding application has been submitted to the Canoe Foundation which would provide the resources for another canoe access point along the river Wensum, following the success of the New Mills installation.</p>	<p>Broads Authority Norwich City Council</p>

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