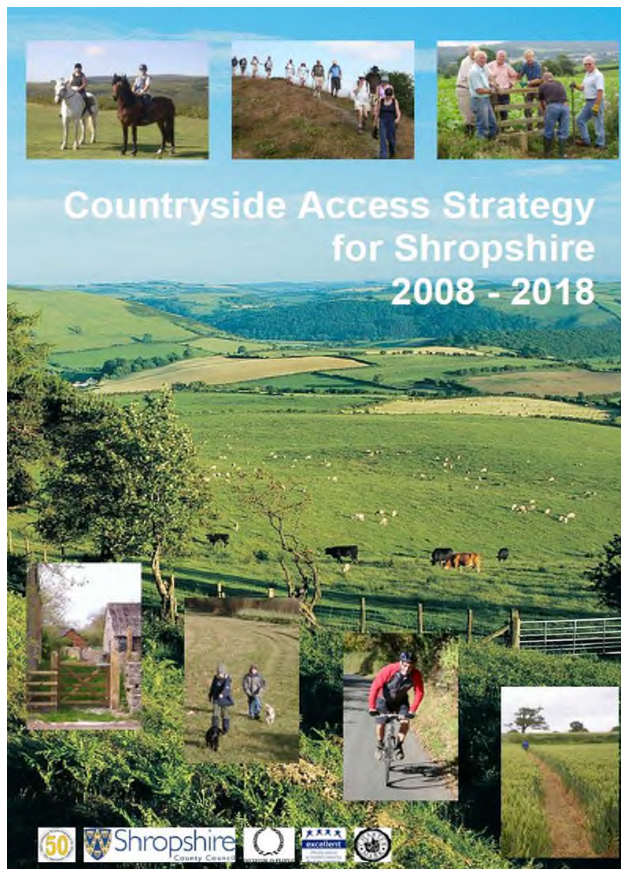


Shropshire Council

Countryside Access Strategy for Shropshire

2008-2018


5 Year Review 2014



Themes

- **Working with Communities**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Access for Everyone**
- **Making Local Journeys**
- **High Quality Network**

The Review - What was looked at?

- What has been achieved?
 - Problems encountered
 - Key future actions for 2014 – 2018 – Prioritisation and delivery
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Working with Communities

We will:


Continue to listen to our customers through:

- Annual online surveys, User forums & Problem reports
- be flexible in terms of responding to customer needs
- Work to establish local ROW priorities and ensure that these priorities are reflected in any direct delivery at a local level as well as ensuring that we work in partnership to make things happen at a local level – this may be through externally funded project or other place based initiatives.

Working with Communities

- Maintain support to existing Parish Path Partnership groups and Parish Paths Wardens and support new local groups to develop where there are gaps. We will work towards a longer term vision to have countywide geographical coverage for the partnerships.
- Support Parish Path Partnership groups alongside Town and Parish Councils to set their own local priorities for ROW improvements and developments as well supporting an area wide approach to active volunteering partnership's – linking people and groups together.

Working with Communities

- Provide more training to extend the range of activity volunteers can undertake.
 - Work to link to existing volunteer groups to other active volunteering groups locally and encourage sharing of resources, training and best practice.
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Installing a stile




Training P3 Volunteers



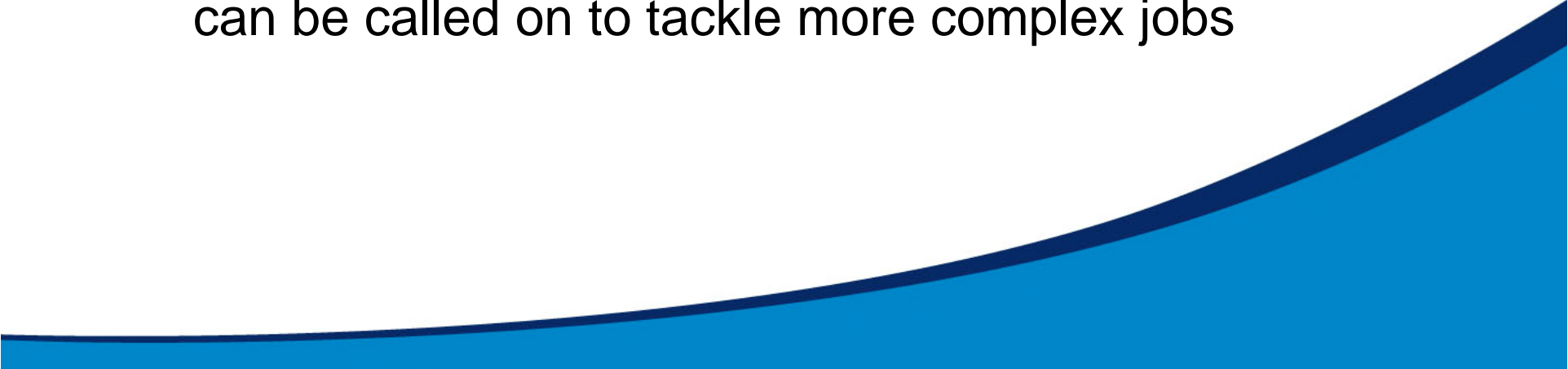
Installing a kissing gate

Health and Well Being

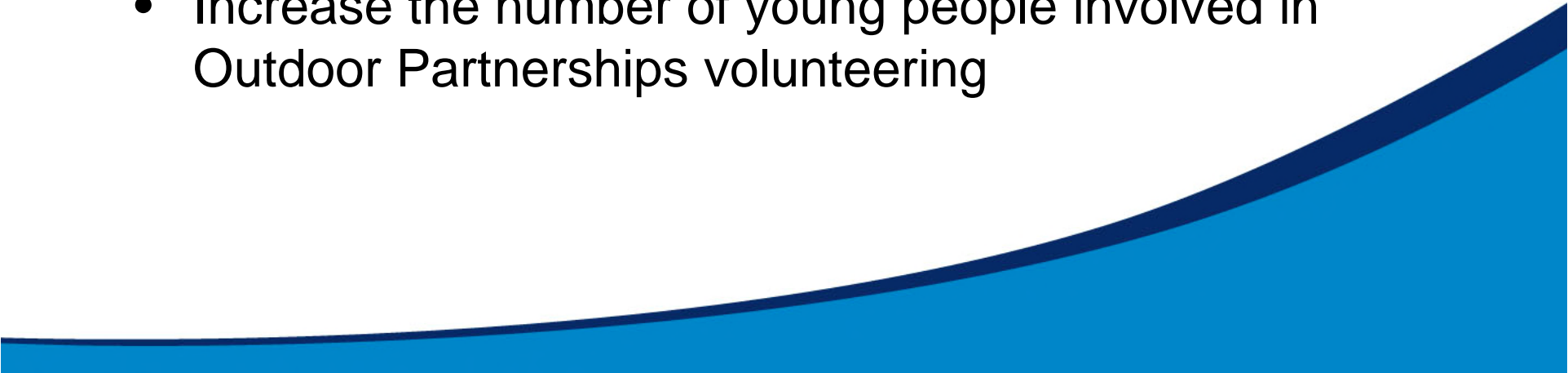
We will:

- Increase the number of volunteers involved in existing groups and increase the number of new volunteer groups – Parish Path Partnerships, Walking for Health, Shropshire Outdoors and from our Countryside Sites and Greenspaces
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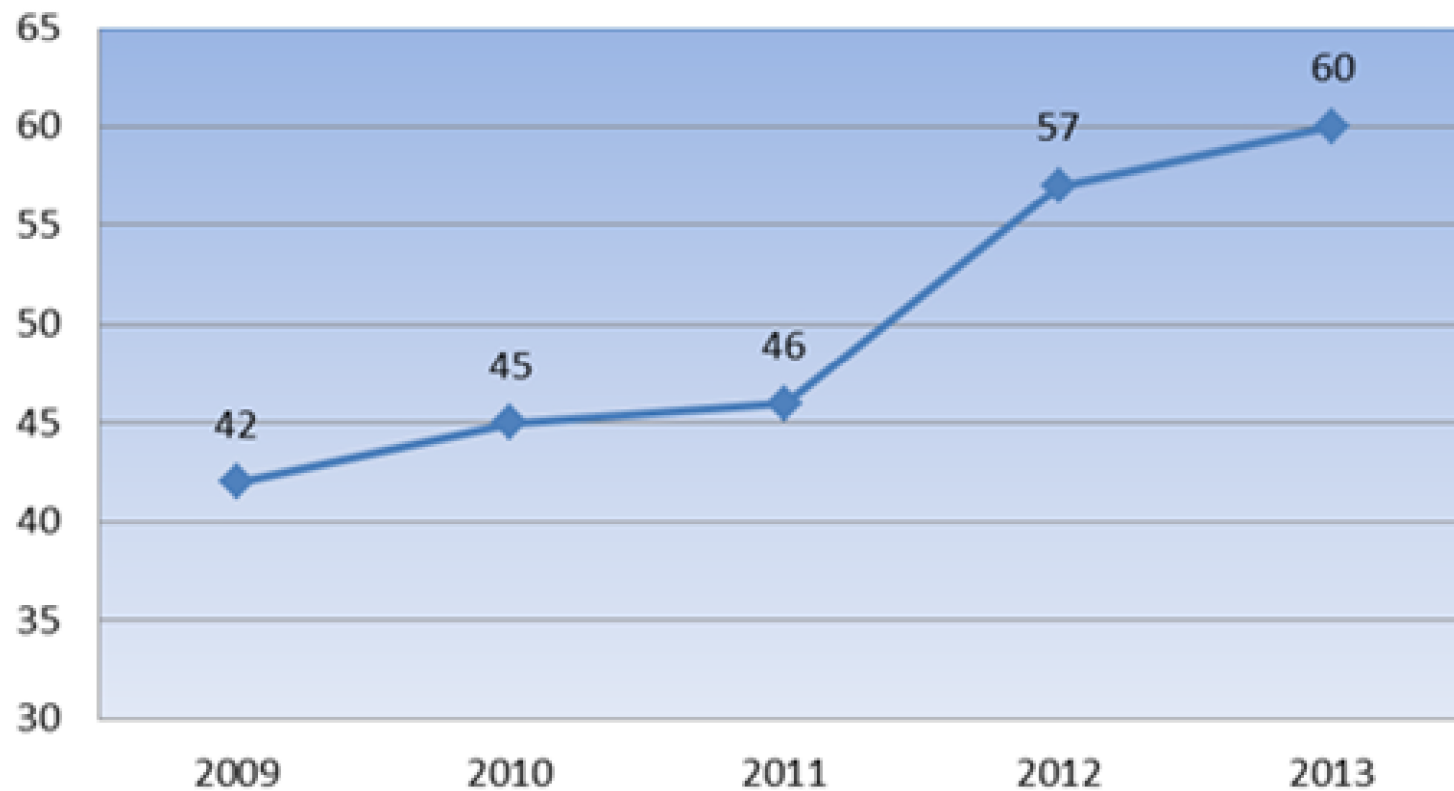
Health and Well Being

- Promote volunteer opportunities better and more effectively, in partnership with other organisations
 - Increase self-supervised volunteer activity, with the suitable paperwork, training and equipment
 - Develop a number of 'A Teams' of volunteers who can be called on to tackle more complex jobs
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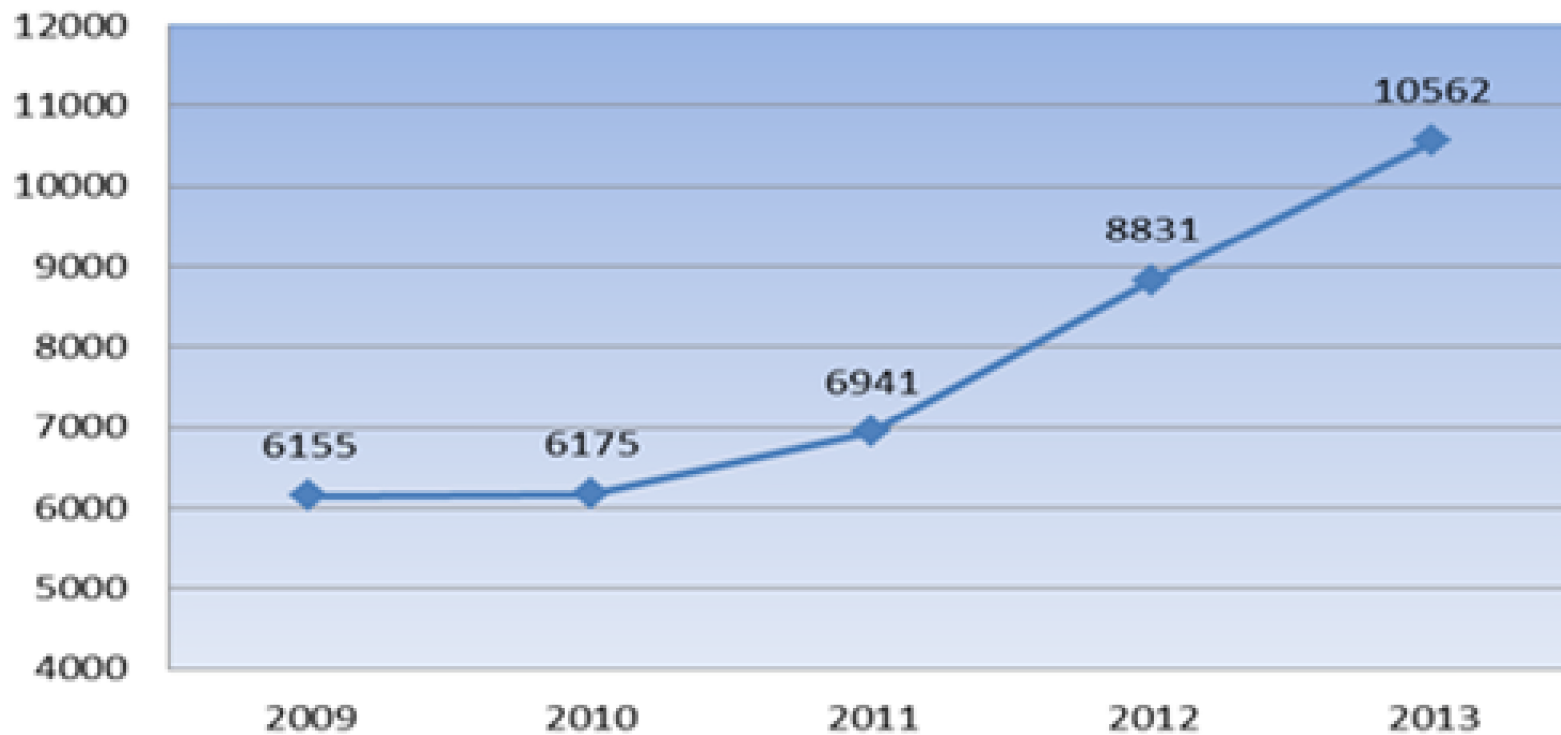
Health and Well Being

- Increase business involvement through corporate volunteering
 - Create volunteering opportunities around non-physical work such as website or event management
 - Increase the number of young people involved in Outdoor Partnerships volunteering
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Number of Walking for Health schemes



Number of walk leader volunteer hours per year



Access For Everyone

- We will continue to:
- Engage with hard-to-reach groups to understand their barriers to access



Access For Everyone

- Understand the needs and interest of people with learning difficulties, mental health problems and sensory impairment and make it easier for them to participate in countryside activities.
- Reintroduce the 'Shropshire Outdoors' approach to encourage such groups to engage more in the Shropshire countryside specifically by continuing to support this approach to active volunteering

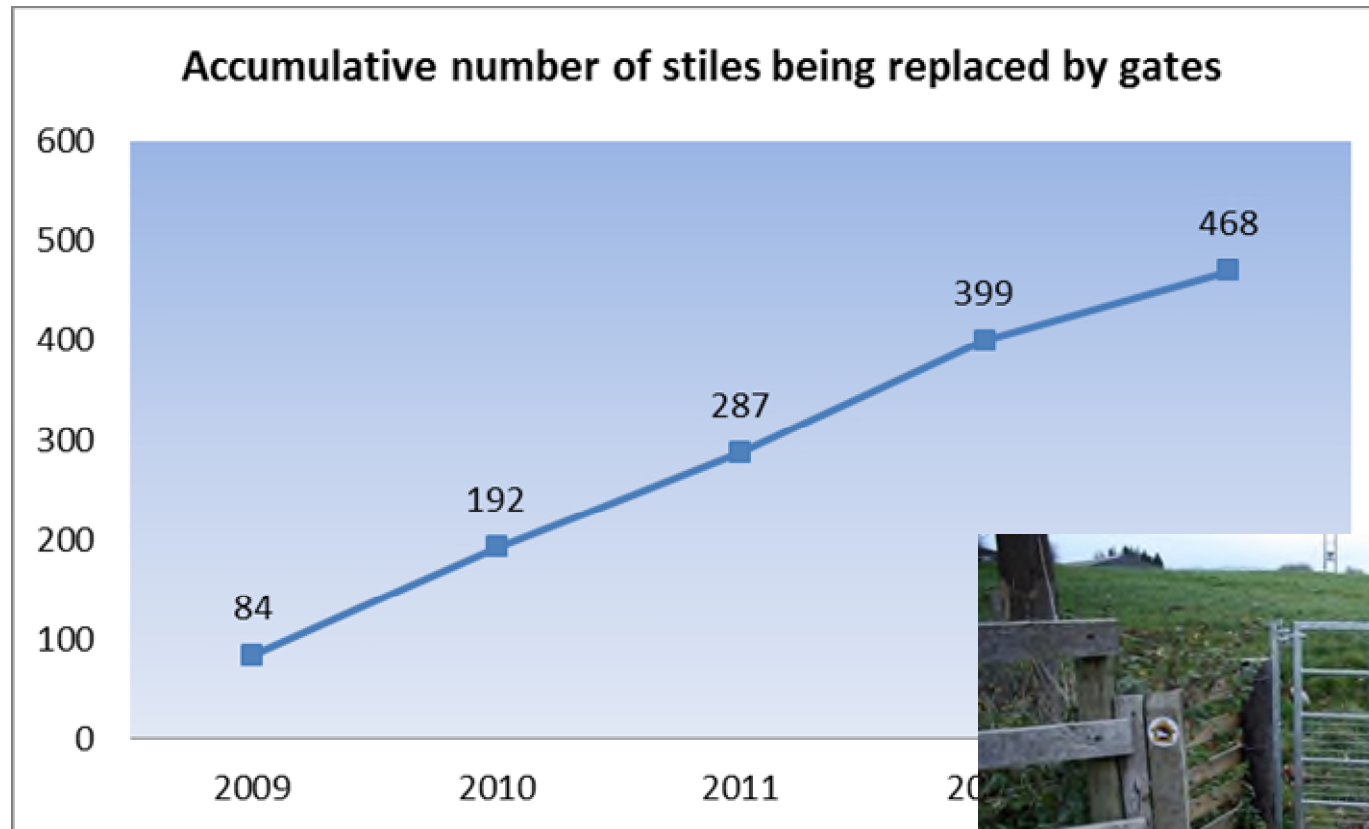
Access For Everyone

- Work to ensure that the Shropshire countryside is more accessible for everyone implementing the 'least restrictive' principle on the ground - replacing stiles with gates where ever we can.
- Continue to promote easier access and provide wherever opportunities present themselves
- Work towards providing a range of volunteering opportunities for young people
 - Youth Rangers.

Better Signage



Least Restricted Principle



Easy Access



The image shows the cover of a brochure titled 'Easy access in Shropshire'. The background is a photograph of a family walking on a path in a wooded area with autumn foliage. A man with a red backpack, a woman, and a child in a blue jacket pushing a stroller are in the foreground. In the distance, another person is visible on the path. The brochure has a blue header with the Shropshire Council logo. On the left side, there is a vertical blue bar with four white icons: a person in a wheelchair, a person pushing a stroller, a person with a white cane, and a person in a wheelchair. The main text on the right side reads 'Easy access in Shropshire' in large white letters, with four white icons below it: a person in a wheelchair, a person pushing a stroller, a person with a white cane, and a person in a wheelchair. At the bottom right, there is a blue box with the text '12 places for you to explore' and 'Discover Shropshire'. On the left side of the brochure, there is contact information for the Countryside Access Team, including a phone number, email, and website. A green circular logo with the text 'walking for life!' is also present.

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For more information about countryside activities contact

walking for life!

Easy access in Shropshire

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12 places for you to explore
Discover Shropshire

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New all ability Trails

- Much Wenlock
- Bettisfield
- Colemere
- Whixall

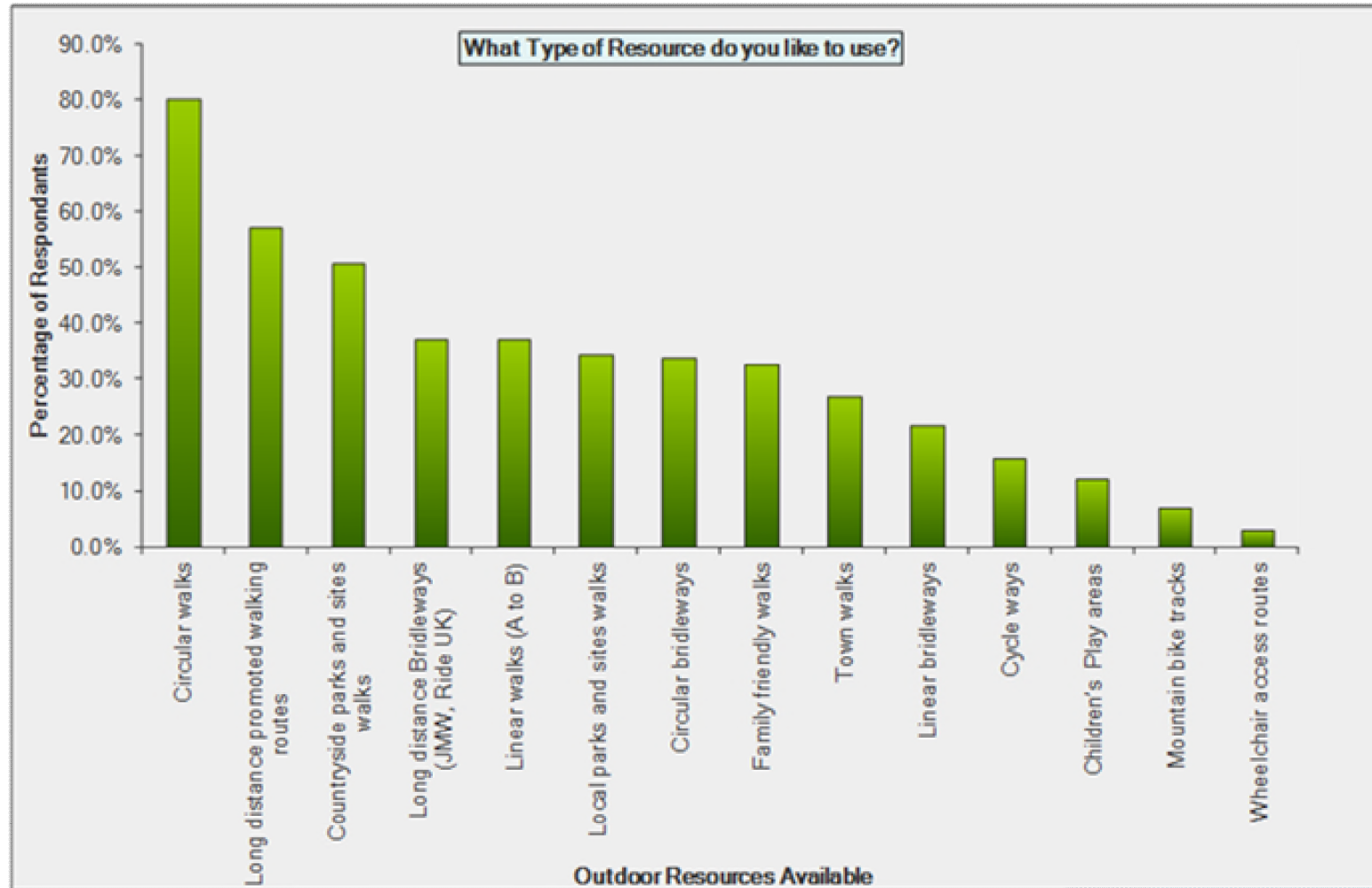




Making Local Journeys

We will:

- Work with Parish and Town Councils to promote walking as a way of getting around local areas.
- Continue to seek out external funding to support such initiatives.
- Incorporate the walking and cycling active travel content of the Travel Shropshire website onto the new Shropshire Outdoors website.





Oswald's Trail

Oswestry's story begins with the 2000-year-old settlement of Old Oswestry, one of the most spectacular and best preserved Iron Age hill forts in Britain, with evidence of construction and occupation between 800 BC and AD 43.

The Battle of Maserfield is thought to have been fought near Oswestry in 642, between the Anglo-Saxon king Penda of Mercia and Oswald of Northumbria. Oswald was killed in this battle and dismembered and according to legend, one of his arms was carried to an ash tree by a raven. Miracles were subsequently attributed to the tree as Oswald was considered a saint. Thus it is believed that the name of the site is derived from a reference to 'Oswald's Tree'. The spring Oswald's Well is supposed to have originated where the bird dropped the arm from the tree.

Total distance of the walk is 20 kms or 12.6 miles



Oswald's Trail


The hills around the Oswestry townships were the English and Welsh boundary until an aerial view was taken in the 1930s and 1940s.

Old Oswestry - Remains of a 2000-year-old hill fort. The hill was destroyed in 1848.

Oswestry Hall and park - Oswestry was a medieval town and one of the principal towns of the Marches. Oswestry Hall was the residence of the Earl of Shropshire until the 18th century. The building was used for government, and the building was used for government, and the building was used for government.

Oswestry Hill - One of the most accessible hill tops with amazing panoramic views across North Wales, Shropshire and Cheshire.


St Oswald's Church - A fine example of a 13th-century church with a tower of the 14th century.

Wenlock Walks

Circular walks around Much Wenlock

All these walks, apart from the Wenlock Circuit, start from the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. None of them is more than 5km, and each one can be walked in two hours or less. They can get muddy, so you'll need strong shoes, but once you've walked all these, you'll want to walk some more.





- Wenlock Circuit - 16 km** This is a long walk, starting from the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. It is a long walk, starting from the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum.
- Wenlock Wood - 4 km** This is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. It is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum.
- Brookers Walk - 4 km** This is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. It is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum.
- Wenlock Walk - 3 km** This is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. It is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum.
- Wenlock Circuit - 16 km** This is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. It is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum.
- Parkway Walk - 5 km** This is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum. It is a walk that starts with a view of the duck in the square, opposite the Guildhall and the museum.

Much Wenlock Museum & Visitor Information Centre

Pick up a walking guide from the Visitor Information Centre

For more information phone 01952 727478, go to these websites or scan the QR code on your smartphone.

www.shropshirewalking.co.uk
www.muchwenlockguide.info

A High Quality Network

We will: work to secure external funding to:

- Upgrade the Shropshire Way in the Shrewsbury and surrounding area and create a number of shorter circular walks, town heritage trails.
- Provide updated guides, web information and digital apps to allow more people to link to the wonderful heritage that this area has to offer with walks on the ground.
- Work with the local community to secure “walkers are welcome” status for the town.

A High Quality Network

- Provide more support for local volunteer groups such as the Parish Paths Partnerships to minimise costs to the Council and maximise work on the ground.
- Finalise work on the Shropshire Way links to Shrewsbury and Market Drayton
- Work to improve the Severn Way and develop local circuits

New Waymarking

St. Winefride Pilgrimage Trail Logo

1. 75mm



2. 37mm



Resurfacing



Local Benefit

