

Broads Local Access Forum

05 June 2024

Agenda item number 7

Waterways and Recreation Project Updates

Report by Waterways and Recreation Officer

Summary

An update of the projects being undertaken by the Waterways and Recreation Officer.

Recommendation

To note the updates and consider where additional guidance or assistance may be given.

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Broads Authority Waterways and Recreation Officer manages a variety of projects that take place in the Broads executive area. This report is an update on the current projects.

2. Hoveton Riverside Park

- 2.1. Hoveton Riverside Park is a recreational area adjacent to the River Bure. The area is leased by the Broads Authority from Roys of Wroxham. We currently have a tender open for the re-piling of the park and the resurfacing of the footpaths. We are hoping that the works can commence in the Autumn and be completed by the end of the Winter.
- 2.2. The tender is split into three sections so that we can get the most out of the budgeted money. The sections cover: 150 metres of pathway; piling of the river-side mooring for the solar-powered boat Ra (up to the footings of the old bridge); piling from the old bridge to the corner of the dipping dike and then piling across the dipping dike over to the canoe platform.
- 2.3. The successful tender submission will be confirmed the week of the 17th June.

3. The Wherryman's Way

- 3.1. The Wherryman's Way is a historical long-distance footpath from Norwich to Great Yarmouth. There are 2 sections of the path that are currently proposed for refurbishment: Bramerton FP5 and Hardley Flood.

- 3.2. Bramerton FP5 – this project is in partnership with Norfolk County Council. This section of the Wherryman’s Way path is being lost to the River Yare. There have been ecological and tree studies carried out.
- 3.3. Hardley Flood – this project is managed by Norfolk County Council. This section of the path has been sectioned into two phases, the first including the refurbishment of the first two bridges. The second phase being the replacement of the third and fourth bridges. Phase 1, up to the bird hide, was presented at the Broads Authority Planning Committee on 26 May and planning permission was granted. Ecological studies are being carried out on the site.

4. Active Travel England Fund

- 4.1. The Broads Authority has been awarded £100k to compile a Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the Broads. This plan will include feasibility studies of suggested cycling or walking routes.
- 4.2. The Broads LCWIP will be focussing on the rural towns in the Broads area, it will be drawing upon the Countywide LCWIP, Great Yarmouth LCWIP and Norwich LCWIP.
- 4.3. There will be a 2-stage consultation which will include public consultation at the Royal Norfolk Show in June 2024.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. There are a variety of ongoing projects relating to access to the Broads. The Broads Local Access Forum will be periodically updated on the projects listed above, and any others which may develop through the year.

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