

**1. Rampion Mitigation Works**

- 1.1 Two schemes were identified to spend the contribution towards: Restricted Byway 2059 Sompting and Bridleway 4T Twineham.
- 1.2 Work to bridleway 4T, Twineham, has nearly been completed and has involved over 600m of surfacing works and vegetation and ditch clearance. This provides a good surface linking up eastern and western ends of this bridleway that have been surfaced previously to provide a safe off-road east-west bridleway link over 2km in length, linking Wineham and Twineham.
- 1.3 It is hoped works will still be able to start this financial year on Restricted Byway 2059 at Sompting. These works will involve surface improvements, re-leveling and surfacing, along a 1km length of path.

**2. England Coast Path**

- 2.1 Natural England (NE) officers have been working on negotiating the route of England Coast Path the three sections of the in West Sussex:
  - South Hayling to East Head
  - East Head to Shoreham
  - Shoreham to Eastbourne
- 2.2 WSCC will work closely with NE once plans have been produced. In West Sussex much of the route will be on existing rights of way or along roads close to the coast so new sections are likely to be fairly minimal.

**3. Summer Surface Vegetation Clearance**

- 3.1 Over 300km of paths were cut as part of WSCC’s summer surface vegetation clearance programme on rights of way between June and September 2016. The kilometers per type of path are shown in the table below. A few path, mainly on the South Downs Way receive two cuts during the growing season and a few, mainly twittens / alley ways in urban areas, are sprayed.

	<b>1 cut</b>	<b>Double cut</b>	<b>Spray</b>
Footpath	213.8	3.1	1.9
Bridleway	87.1	4.1	
Restricted Bridleway	7.2	0.05	
BOAT	1		
G-road	1.5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>310.6 km</b>	<b>7.25 km</b>	<b>1.9 km</b>

**4. WSCC Rights of Way staffing**

- 4.1 Helen Chalk, Access Ranger for Area 3 (Midhurst and surrounding parishes down to Bognor), left in the Summer to take a Rights of Way post with Hampshire County Council. WSCC are recruiting to backfill the post.

## **5. Sussex Border Path (SBP)**

- 5.1 The Border Path was re-launched on Saturday 10 September 2016 when the Sussex Ramblers hosted a celebration walk, attended by the originators of the route, Ben Perkins and Aeneas Mackintosh. Kat Ashbrook, the former president of the Ramblers undertook the ribbon cutting duties. Photos of the even can be seen on SBP website [www.sussexborderpath.co.uk](http://www.sussexborderpath.co.uk)

## **6. Wonderful walks mapped for new app this autumn**

- 6.1 Discover wonderful West Sussex with 10 new specially mapped digital walks this autumn. Mapped via GPS, the walks have been developed by iFootpath and are available on the West Sussex Weekends website; [www.west-sussex-weekends.com](http://www.west-sussex-weekends.com). Taking in coast and countryside, each walk can be followed in real time by downloading the app or as a PDF. Louise Goldsmith, leader of West Sussex County Council, said: "Although the school term has just begun many families are already looking at what to do for half-term. These 10 walks are well worth a look."

## **7. Updated Countryside Code**

- 7.1 A new countryside Code leaflet has been published. It is available from the governments website: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code).

## **8. Sheepwatch UK**

- 8.1 [SheepWatch UK](http://SheepWatchUK) is a new initiative working in partnership with The NFU South East, The Kennel Club and other organisations with the aim to protect sheep from dog attacks.

## **9. Cyclists Touring Club**

- 9.1 The Cyclists Touring Club (CTC) has rebranded to Cycling UK: [www.cyclinguk.org.uk](http://www.cyclinguk.org.uk)

## **10. WSCC Rights of Way (ROW) Committee**

- 10.1 The meeting scheduled for 11 October 2016 was cancelled so there has been no ROW Committee since the 7 June 2016. The All papers can be found [www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/committees-and-decision-making/statutory-committees/rights-of-way-committee](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/committees-and-decision-making/statutory-committees/rights-of-way-committee).

## **11. WSLAF Future Meetings**

- 11.1 All meetings will start at 10.30am (tea/coffee at 10.15am) and are followed by lunch for members and speakers. Dates and venues for the coming year are shown in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Proposed Topic / Speaker to include</b>
Wed 25/1/17	Horsham	AGM
Wed 26/4/17	Chichester	WSSC Annual Report
Wed 19 /7/17	Horsham	To be decided by Forum
Wed 18/10/17	Chichester	To be decided by Forum
Wed 30/1/18	Horsham	To be decided by Forum

Other suggested speakers: Forestry Commission, Highways Agency, Network Rail, WSSC Officer to explain Infrastructure Project delivery and role of CLCs.

## **12. Neighbouring LAFs**

### 12.1 South Downs Local Access Forum (SDLAF)

Next meeting:

- 21 October 2016 – South Downs Centre, Midhurst  
<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/get-involved/local-access-forum>.

WSLAF link member Tricia Butcher / Glynn Jones

### 12.2 Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum

Next meeting:

- Thursday 15 December 2016 – Hollingdean Deport, BN1 7GA  
<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1238738>

### 12.3 East Sussex Local Access Forum

The next meeting:

- Wednesday 19 October 2016  
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/rights-of-way-in-east-sussex/local-access-forum/east-sussex-local-access-forum/>

### 12.4 Surrey Local Access Forum (SLAF)

<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/surrey-countryside-access-forum>

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