

1. PRow Team

- 1.1 Access Rangers – Abbie Smith and Adam Tucknott have joined the Team covering Area’s 5 and 6 respectively.
- 1.2 Mini Re-structure – We have recently made the following changes to the PRow Team:
 - The Senior Access Ranger now reports to the Principal Rights of Way Officer rather than the Countryside Service Manager.
 - The two Senior PRow Officers responsible for capital delivery and PPO’s now line manage the volunteer co-ordinator and PRow Officer – Planning and Communities respectively.
- 1.3 The changes have created a small management team under the Principal PRow Officer with the aim of removing some line management responsibilities and day to day enquiries from that post so it can focus more on strategic elements.
- 1.4 Access Rangers have worked hard to become competent in Confirm our new asset management programme.
- 1.5 We have a temporary Business Admin Officer for 6 months to support catching up on the backlog of inspection data entry created by the migration to confirm and staff change over.
- 1.6 Access Rangers are pro-actively seeking opportunities to meet landowners in person to seek resolution of long standing or repeat issues.

2. 2025 Summer Clearance Programme

- 2.1 This year’s programme has been delivered through our central Highways grass cutting contract which has represented a budget saving for us. All works apart from one job have been completed. Except for a couple of locations the work has progressed well and been carried out to our standards.

3. The White Bridge

- 3.1 The works are progressing well. There was an initial 2-week delay to the start date due to challenges SGN had with re-routing their gas pipeline but this has not caused any major issues.
- 3.2 The new bridge was lifted into place on 2nd October.
- 3.3 Currently the associated riverbank improvement works on the eastern bank are not progressing due to delays in processing the Flood Risk Activity Permit (FRAP) by the Environment Agency (EA). We were hoping the contractor could undertake these works during the quiet time whilst the foundations cured but they will now hopefully start around 14th October depending upon the EA.

4. Capital Annual Works Programme 25-26

- 4.1 The following schemes have been delivered to date:

Surfacing

- Path at Buchan Country Park – 350m
- FP1545 Crawley (leading into Buchan Country Park) – 400m

- BW771 Billingshurst – 130m
- BW1434_1 Slinfold – 500m (s106 part-funded)
- BW2704 Wiston/Washington – 1.3km (CIL part-funded)
- BW3513 Henfield (Downs Link) – 1.8km (s106 part-funded)
- FP8HK Horsted Keynes – 126m
- FP23WH West Hoathly – 75m
- FP19dCu Haywards Heath – 550m (s106 funded)
- FP47bCu & FP24LR Haywards Heath – 665m (s106 funded)
- FP62Hu & FP62_1Hu Hurstpierpoint – 700m (s106 part-funded)
- FP1390 Rudgwick – 355m

Bridges

- BW1875 West Grinstead (Knepp Estate) – repairs to 10m bridle-bridge
- FP23Bo Bolney – replacement 7m footbridge
- FP1502 Rusper -replacement 9m footbridge

4.2 The following schemes are outstanding:

- RB3164 Shoreham (Surfacing – will start in October)
- FP603_1 Kirdford – bridge (EA delays)

5. WSCC Rights of Way – Definitive Map changes

5.1 Below are the changes made to the Definitive Map since the last formal WSLAF meeting:

- **Southwick 14So** – Diversion under S257 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to enable development to be carried out
- **Shoreham 3157** – Definitive Map Modification Order – amendment to the definitive map and statement of a route already recorded
- **Felpham 153** – dedication of cycle rights along part of its length

5.2 Information about the Planning and Rights of Way Committee, including meeting dates and papers can be found on the [Planning and Rights of Way Committee web pages](#).

6. WSLAF Future Meetings

6.1 All formal meetings usually start at 10.30am. Future dates:

- Informal: Wednesday 18 February 2026 -TBC
- Formal: Wednesday 22 October 2026 - Chichester

7. Neighbouring Local Access Forums (LAFs)

7.1 Meeting papers and other information about neighbouring Forums can be found by following the links below. Any details have been obtained from the websites:

- [South Downs Local Access Forum](#) (SDLAF)
- [Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum](#)
- [East Sussex Local Access Forum](#) (ESLAF)
- [Hampshire Countryside Access Forum](#) (HCAF)
- [Surrey Countryside Access Forum](#) (SLAF)

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