4.1.1 IP12 Improve access to footpaths Version August 2024

Purpose	
Champion disabled access to footpaths for improved physical, social and mental wellbeing	
Outcomes	
• More footpaths accessible to users of mobility aids • Increase in disabled use of footpaths and “city trails”	
Benefits	
• Disabled community satisfaction with provision and condition of Wells footpath network • Improved social, physical and mental wellbeing amongst mobility aid users, their carers and families • Improved reputation of Wells as a caring city • Increase in disabled people (their families and friends) visiting Wells	
Methods	
• Understand enablers/blockers to mobility aid users’ footpath access and use • Map existing and potential footpaths exploitable for disabled users • Prepare and present recommendations to appropriate persons/bodies	
Leaders	**Team members**
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Actions identified	**Target date**	**RAG Status**
1. Speak with variety of disabled users to understand their needs and what would encourage their greater footpath use		
2. Identify all persons/bodies responsible for, and with a legitimate interest in, footpath provision and maintenance		
3. Map existing footpaths in Wells and grade them according to current and potential fitness for purpose (inc. “city trails”)		
4. Use internet research to identify best practices in disabled footpath provision (UK and wider)		
5. Prioritise issues and summarise recommendations and try to identify manpower and financial resources required		
6. Prepare draft report to discuss with Steering Group		
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