

RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE - 23RD NOVEMBER 2004

SUBJECT: INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER GROUPS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the involvement of user groups who are assisting the Authority with the improvement of the rights of way network

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 Community involvement; best value

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 As reported at previous meetings, an important part of the maintenance of the rights of way is undertaken with the assistance of community councils and user groups and individuals.
- 3.2 Since arranging a survey-training day with groups prepared to survey the network, additional groups have contacted the Authority with an offer of assistance and their surveys are currently ongoing
- 3.3 The Rights of Way Warden has continued to undertake works with groups by utilising the services of contractors to demonstrate and instruct new user group members in safe working practices.
- 3.4 The Gelligaer Group has continued to clear and waymark paths between Penpedairheol, Gelligaer Common and Top Hill. This year they have completed 300 metres of clearance works in the Gelligaer area.
- 3.5 Since the training day the Islwyn Ramblers have carried out surveys on 4.1km of paths which has resulted the repair of stiles, kissing gates and clearance of overgrowth
- 3.6 I must report that due to the change of management group the Schizophrenia Group has not been active since my last report.
- 3.7 The Ramblers Association together with the British Horse Society are continuing to assist the Authority in its responsibility to produce Performance Indicators. The surveys are ongoing and results are currently awaited.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report

7. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To inform Members

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Consultees: Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Rights of Way Committee.

Background papers: None