

## **RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE – 25TH JULY 2005**

**SUBJECT: INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER GROUPS**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

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### **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
- 1.2 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.
- 3.2.1 The survey of the rights of way network is an ongoing and the results of the most recent work is presently being calculated in respect of the Performance Indicators
- 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 Tophill and Upper Rhymney Valley. This year they have completed 500 metres of clearance works in the Gelligaer area.
- 3.5 Since the training day the Islwyn Ramblers have carried out surveys on 2.2Kms of paths which has resulted the repair of stiles, kissing gates and clearance of overgrowth
- 3.6.1 Councillor Cullen has been very active in the Ynysddu, Willie and Wattsville areas clearing paths and identifying paths, which require more difficult methods of clearance.
- 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