

Rights of Way Capital Programme

West Sussex County Council runs a Capital programme annually and larger scale Public Rights of Way (PRoW) improvements form part of this (projects generally to a value of £10,000 or more). The Capital programme focusses on large scale improvements across the network including bridge replacements and surface improvements.

Capital works are identified through the routine maintenance inspections and reports from members of the public and Parish Councils. When a report is received it is logged and prioritised using our agreed scoring matrix. The following outlines our scoring topics and details some examples of what will increase the score:.

- **External funding availability**
 - This can include developer funding (s.106 or CIL) or third party contributions
- **Customer and Community led schemes**
 - Significant local support– key supporters are landowners, Parish Councils and Local Members
- **Economy**
 - Significant benefit to local economy, such giving access to local shops, pubs or visitor attractions
- **Locality**
 - This looks at the value of the route in terms or connectivity to services, communities, public transport and schools
- **Environmental impact/safety risk**
 - This assesses the environmental impact and risk to lawful users of the PRoW in relation to the defect identified – for example a user could be severely injured using a broken bridge
- **Asset condition**
 - The severity of the defect – for example is the path unusable throughout the year or is the defect just a slight hinderance for some periods The worst the condition, the greater the score.
 - If a route is closed due to issue then this will score highly
- **Route classification**
 - The type of users a path can accommodate, for example, a Bridleway will score higher than a Footpath as it is available to a wider range of users.

Schemes are prioritised by the local Access Ranger in the first instance, with support from our Senior Rights of Way Officer who leads on the Capital programme of works.

Below are some examples of projects undertaken through our Capital programme.

Southwater - Bridleway 1662

Before



After



Angmering - Footpath 2160

Before



After



Hassocks - Footpath 13C

Before



After



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