

# **Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum**

**2020**

**Annual Report**

**January 2021**

**Foreword to the Annual Report 2020**

2020 has been an unusual year for the Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum (LAF) with only 3 meetings during the year. Only one of these was held in the normal manner before the first lockdown and the 2 others were held online following the Outbreak of the Coronavirus.

It has been a challenging year and one that I am sure we will all remember for the wrong reasons.

The Coronavirus pandemic has presented significant problems to everyone involved in providing public services including Carmarthenshire County Councils (CCC) rights of way team. Due to the lockdowns, travel restrictions and advice provided to the public this has led to more people staying at home and more people seeking to use their local rights of way network.

Although this has presented many challenges and generated significant work for the Councils teams it is positive to see more people using their local rights of way and beginning to appreciate what they have on their doorsteps. Hopefully, improved demand will lead to further improvements and prioritisation of these important assets for us all in the future.

It is also worth noting that throughout this 'challenging' year the rights of way team have continued to develop projects and worked through ideas that will ultimately lead to an improved rights of way network within the County.

As I write this report following the first of the 2021 online LAF meetings it is worth noting that significant steps have been made to bring to fruition several projects that will see a benefit to the network throughout 2021 and beyond.

It is hoped that further projects of this nature can be developed throughout 2021 and that the use of volunteers from all user groups can be used to further enhance the rights of way network within Carmarthenshire.

The LAF is currently made up of 13 members with varying interests and areas of expertise relating to rights of way and access to the countryside. It is hoped that this membership can be added to in 2021 when a new LAF will be elected for the following 3 years.

Jane Evans from the British Horse Society has stood down from the LAF during the year. I would like to thank Jane for being a member of the LAF and wish her well for the future.

The LAF is regularly attended by Steve Pilliner (Head of Highways and Transport for CCC) and Hazel Evans (Executive Board Member for Environment) along with representatives from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and other members of the Rights of Way Team from CCC, and I would personally like to thank all these people for attending the LAF meetings and for the input you provide to the meetings.

The LAF discussed 20 different topics during 2020 on a wide range of issues as outlined on pages 6 to 10. This shows that the LAF has been involved in looking at, discussing and advising on a large number of items throughout the year.

Throughout 2020 the LAF has continued to monitor the number of outstanding legal and maintenance issues registered on the rights of way network. Unfortunately, the number of issues has increased steadily throughout the year. It is possible that this is due to the pressures presented by the Pandemic and the increased use of the network that has resulted from the restrictions placed on the public. It is hoped that the projects mentioned earlier, which are scheduled to take place throughout 2021 will start to make inroads into these issues and help to

reduce the numbers. The LAF will continue to monitor the situation and is hopeful of a more positive outcome by the end of 2021.

The LAF will continue to monitor the state of the rights of way network closely throughout 2021 with reports being presented to each meeting.

2021 will be another interesting year for the LAF with the continued monitoring of the ROWIP, the continued interest in the Tywi Valley Path project, working alongside CCC to develop an equestrian strategy for the county and continued discussions with the Heads of Service on strategic and policy issues relating to access to the countryside.

I would like to thank Caroline Ferguson and all members of the Rights of Way Team for the time they have spent and advice that has been given to the forum as secretary / advisors over the past year.

I would also like to thank all forum members for the time and expertise they give to the forum.

Mark Hadley  
Chair  
Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum

## **Introduction**

The Carmarthenshire LAF was established in September 2002, and covers the County of Carmarthenshire, excluding the area of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority for which their LAF has responsibility as shown in Appendix 3. The Local Authority had a statutory duty to establish the LAF as required by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

The statutory function of the Forum is to advise the authority, Natural Resources Wales and others as to the improvement of public access to land in the area for the purpose of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, with regards to the needs of land-management and the natural beauty of the area.

The remit of the Forum is now widened to advise not only the appointing authority (in our case Carmarthenshire County Council), the Highway Authority and other bodies as may be prescribed by regulations but to advise on the Public Rights of Way Improvement Plans, Wardening, the making of bylaws and long-term exclusions and restrictions on access.

The views of the Forum should be sought on any new regulations under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the management of the new rights of access, the strategic priorities for the public rights of way and cycle networks and all other forms of open-air recreation.

Forum members are committed to attend outside groups if appropriate and are encouraged to do all they can to engage with the public.

All meetings of the LAF are open to the public. Minutes of meetings and other LAF details are available on the Carmarthenshire County Council website at:  
<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/public-rights-of-way/local-access-forum/#.XIPZRWdFCP8>

The National Assembly for Wales regulations requires appointing authorities to prepare an annual report for each LAF for which it is responsible as soon as possible after the end of the financial year. This report incorporates Natural Resources Wales' guidance on the production and content of Local Access Forum Annual Reports.

The annual report will serve several purposes:

- a) A summary record of the previous year's work. Minutes of individual meetings and other documents produced will give greater detail, but the annual report will summarise the LAF's work.
- b) A work plan for the coming year. This will be the plan agreed between the LAF and the appointing authority, in accordance with regulation 16(2)(b). It is acknowledged that changing priorities and pressure of other work may prevent the plan being adhered to in full.
- c) A 'publicity' document. The annual report must, by statute, be made available for public inspection and it must be available for the public to buy.

## **The Year Reviewed**

### **Reporting of the Statutory Function**

This section of the annual report focuses upon the LAF's performance of its statutory function during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. This function, as included in the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 is to advise:

- a) The appointing authority.
- b) Any body exercising functions under part I in relation to land in that area.
- c) If the appointing authority is a National Park Authority, the local highway authority for any part of that land, and
- d) Such other bodies as may be prescribed.

As to the improvement of public access to land in that area for the purposes of open-air recreation and enjoyment of the area.

The bodies mentioned in a) to d) above shall have regard, in carrying out their functions, to any relevant advice given to them by a LAF under this subsection or any other provision of this Act.

The LAF held 3 meetings in the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. These meetings can be summarised as follows:

- 1) 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Carmarthen Leisure Centre
- 2) 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – Special Meeting (Not Fully Minuted) Online Via Microsoft Teams
- 3) 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 – Online Via Microsoft Teams

**Matters Considered by the LAF 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

1. Topic Considered: **New Members / Resignations**

Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Summary: Paul Barrett resigned from the LAF at this meeting (this resignation was subsequently withdrawn and Paul continues as a member of the LAF). Clive Poulton from Carmarthenshire Disability Group attended the meeting to discuss joining the LAF (To date Clive has not joined the LAF). Jane Evans resigned from the LAF at the October meeting.
2. Topic Considered: **National Cycle Network Barrier Removal**

Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Summary: It was confirmed that a number of barriers have been removed from the National Cycle Network and this does not appear to have led to a significant issue of motorbike usage, which had been a concern expressed with regards to their removal.
3. Topic Considered: **Brechfa Windfarm Public Liability / Brechfa Windfarm**

Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Summary: It was confirmed that users of Brechfa Forest were still awaiting confirmation from NRW regarding public liability insurance. Phil Morgan from NRW was to discuss this with Jillie Gardiner. It was discussed under AOB in the March meeting that 2 permissive waymarked trails are being created in Brechfa West.
4. Topic Considered: **Public Access Management in Leisure / Public Rights of Way Management**

Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Summary: A discussion was held regarding capital budgets for the year and the capital financing for the Tywi Valley Path. Stephen Pilliner also confirmed the need to use volunteers as much as possible to assist with the finances. It was confirmed that the Ash Dieback program would concentrate on main roads and not rights of way. There was also a discussion regarding active travel. It was also confirmed that the Tywi Valley Path project was still moving forward with ongoing landowner negotiations, planning and ecology surveys being undertaken.
5. Topic Considered: **County Walks / Walking Promotion**

Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Summary: A discussion was held regarding the County Walks programme and increased marketing of them by CCC during 2020 in the

March meeting. Prior to the July meeting Martin Murray updated LAF members on the progress made and confirmed that the website had been updated and work was ongoing with the County Walks project. At the October meeting the idea of including which routes are suitable for disabled users was discussed. It was confirmed this would be taken back to the team for discussion.

6. Topic Considered: **Access Reform**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020
- Summary: The LAF were updated on the access reform programme and informed that it would be consulted on the proposals at the March meeting. At the July meeting the complicated nature of the consultation was discussed and it was agreed that the LAF would comment that due to the nature and timing of the consultation it was difficult to provide constructive feedback at this time. At the October meeting it was confirmed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the Access Reform had been completed and that feedback and comments from the expert groups has been fed into the process. More information will follow in 2021.
7. Topic Considered: **PRoW Signposting**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Summary: The LAF were informed that 141 rights of way signposts had been installed on the highway in the last 3 years.
8. Topic Considered: **NRW Area Statements**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Summary: David Bleines from NRW discussed the area statements with the LAF.
9. Topic Considered: **LAF Annual Report**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Summary: The LAF Annual report for 2019 was discussed with the LAF.
10. Topic Considered: **Issue Reports**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020
- Summary: Quarterly reports on the number of outstanding issues for both legal and maintenance issues were received and discussed at each LAF meeting. Issue reports have been provided since May 2016, and since this time there has been an upwards trend for both Maintenance (+45%) and Legal (+110%) issues. This trend has continued and accelerated in both areas during 2020. The

reasons for this have been various, including: a significant increase in the number of issues being reported, probably because more members of the public have been wanting to use their local rights of way in 2020 due to lockdown restrictions; Legal Orders have been difficult to process due to contact centres being close for a significant part of the year, and it has been more difficult for staff to get out to make site visits; Maintenance issues have also increased due to rangers being limited in what they are able to do due to travel and work restrictions. At the July meeting the idea of using volunteers to reduce the backlog was discussed. At the October meeting it was confirmed that the number of issues being reported had accelerated during the year. Councillor Hazel Evans commented that this is likely to be because the number of users on the network had increased due to people not being able to travel far and so were exploring their local neighbourhood instead, and that hopefully 2021 will see the use of more volunteers and Community Councils helping to keep the network open. Stephen Pilliner confirmed that having these figures from these regular reports helps Cyngor Sir Gar/Carmarthenshire County Council keep a focus on the health of the Public Rights of Way network and informs relevant strategic plans.

11. Topic Considered: **Update on Specific Issues Relating to Cardi Bach & Pontfelin Gat**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Summary: Members had requested an update regarding issues relating to these 2 projects. In the March meeting it was confirmed that a feasibility study was being looked at by a local group for a multi user route at Cardi Bach. It was confirmed that Pontfelin Gat had been closed by the National Botanic Gardens and that it may be subject to a claim of public rights. The feasibility study for Cardi Bach was also discussed at the July meeting.
12. Topic Considered: **PRoW Staffing**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020
- Summary: It was confirmed at the March meeting that approval had been given for a 2-year fixed term assistant post plus the use of a consultant. At the October meeting it was confirmed that a new Countryside Access assistant was in place and that Caroline Ferguson has been confirmed in post as the Countryside Access Manager.
13. Topic Considered: **Charging Policy**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020
- Summary: It was confirmed at the March meeting that a charging policy had been developed that allows landowners to have pedestrian



gates installed free of charge where they replace more restrictive furniture. It was confirmed at the October meeting that comments received had been incorporated into the document and that it would be going through the Councils approval process.

14. Topic Considered: **Equestrian Strategy**
- Date(s) Considered: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020
- Summary: It was confirmed at the March meeting that the Equestrian Strategy for Carmarthenshire is scheduled to be available in draft in a year. It was confirmed in the October meeting that the formulation of the strategy had been delayed and was now planned for 2021.
15. Topic Considered: **Affects of COVID 19 on the Rights of Way Team**
- Date(s) Considered: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020
- Summary: At the July meeting Caroline Ferguson updated the LAF on the negative impact the pandemic was having on the rights of way team and the way it operates and manages the rights of way. At the October meeting Stephen Pilliner outlined the problems being faced by the rights of way teams and explained that the maintenance team had only been able to respond to critical incidents with the legal team being inundated with landowner issues and obstruction complaints. Hazel Evans commented that this was due to a massive increase in the use of the network during lockdowns and that other services like waste collection had to be prioritised. Caroline Ferguson explained that CAMS was being developed to help organise and manage volunteers from next year and there were 4 rangers currently in post in the maintenance team.
16. Topic Considered: **Tywi Valley Path**
- Date(s) Considered: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Summary: The chair informed the LAF that he had attended an online meeting to discuss the project with CAPITA, Sustrans and Active Travel Wales members also being present. It was confirmed that CAPITA are re doing the feasibility study for the project and were asking businesses about the value of the project to them. It was explained that the chair thought that this study should have been undertaken before the project started.
17. Topic Considered: **Active Travel Consultation**
- Date(s) Considered: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Summary: Consultation on Active Travel maps was discussed at the July meeting. It was confirmed that this consultation was ongoing

until September 2021 and that further consultation should take place in 2021.

- 18.** Topic Considered: **Crychan Forest Resource Plan**
- Date(s) Considered: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Summary: Issues around NRW undertaking consultation on the Crychan Forest Resource Plan were discussed. It was confirmed that further consultation would take place on this in the future.
- 19.** Topic Considered: **Funding**
- Date(s) Considered: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020
- Summary: The LAF were informed that additional funding had been secured for a number of rights of way projects and that further information on these projects would be discussed with the LAF in January.
- 20.** Topic Considered: **PROW Asset Management Plan**
- Date(s) Considered: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020
- Summary: The production of a PROW asset management plan was discussed. This would be similar to the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP), which is a code of practice for the management of the road network. This will help to prioritise right of way by their importance to the network. It was confirmed this plan will be discussed with the LAF in 2021.

### **Other Chair / Deputy Chair / LAF Activities**

List of other engagements carried out by the Chairperson / Deputy / Other LAF Members in pursuance of the aims of the forum during 2020:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Attended</b>	<b>Nature of Attendance</b>	<b>Attended By</b>
25/02/20	South West Area Statements Meeting with NRW	South West Wales LAF's Asked to Attend	Various LAF Members
08/06/20	Towy Valley Path Stakeholder Meeting	LAF Chair	Mark Hadley (Chair)
08/12/20	Chair / Vice Chair Meeting with Stephen Pilliner & Caroline Ferguson	To discuss LAF matters and proposed projects.	Karen Burch, Stephen Pilliner, Caroline Ferguson

### **LAF Committees / Other Meetings**

LAF regulation 13 allows for the establishment of committees of a LAF. The Forum established the following committees / attended the following meetings in 2020:

No other meetings were attended by LAF members in 2020.

### **Presentations to the LAF**

The following presentations were given to the LAF in 2020:

No presentations were given to the LAF in 2020.

## **Work Plan 2021**

Regulation 16(2)(b) requires that a LAF annual report includes a programme of works which have been agreed between the forum and the appointing authority, which the forum plans to undertake during the next twelve months. The following items are included for 2021:

### **1. Items expected to be referred to the LAF by other bodies:**

It is anticipated that the LAF will discuss the following items with CCC in 2021:

- Active Travel Projects.
- Towy Valley Cycleway Project.
- Planning – issues relating to rights of way / access to the countryside.
- Grant Improvement Works Programme.
- Carmarthenshire County Council Countryside Access Legal and Maintenance Department Staffing Structures.
- Updates at each meeting with regards to outstanding maintenance and legal issues.
- Future rights of way projects.
- The work undertaken by the teams responsible for country parks / other access area within Carmarthenshire.
- Public Rights of Way Asset Management Plan.
- The use of Volunteers to assist the rights of way teams.
- CCC Equestrian Strategy.
- Promoted Routes.
- Monitoring of the ROWIP and its implementation.
- Access to Inland Water.
- Recruitment of disabled users, landowners, and cyclists onto the LAF.
- Public Service Boards.

### **Welsh Assembly Government and Natural Resources Wales**

It is anticipated that the following items will be referred to the LAF by the Welsh Assembly in 2021:

- Access Reform
- Area Statements

The following are matters that NRW and WAG anticipate that they will refer to LAF's during the year. This is for guidance only and may change to reflect work priorities. **It should not be taken as definitive.** In addition, Local Authorities and National Park Authorities will refer matters to LAF's. LAF members themselves should also be encouraged to put forward agenda items:

- Engagement with other organisations.
- Publicising the LAF and its work.
- Influence – Monitoring the impact of advice and recommendations.
- Work Plan for the year.
- Membership.
- Role and governance of the LAF.
- Look at support for LAF's.

### **Proposed Meetings in 2021**

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic it was decided at the January 2021 meeting that the next meeting will be arranged after each meeting has been held with no set proposals for 2021.

It is hoped to have 4 meetings throughout 2021.

# Appendices

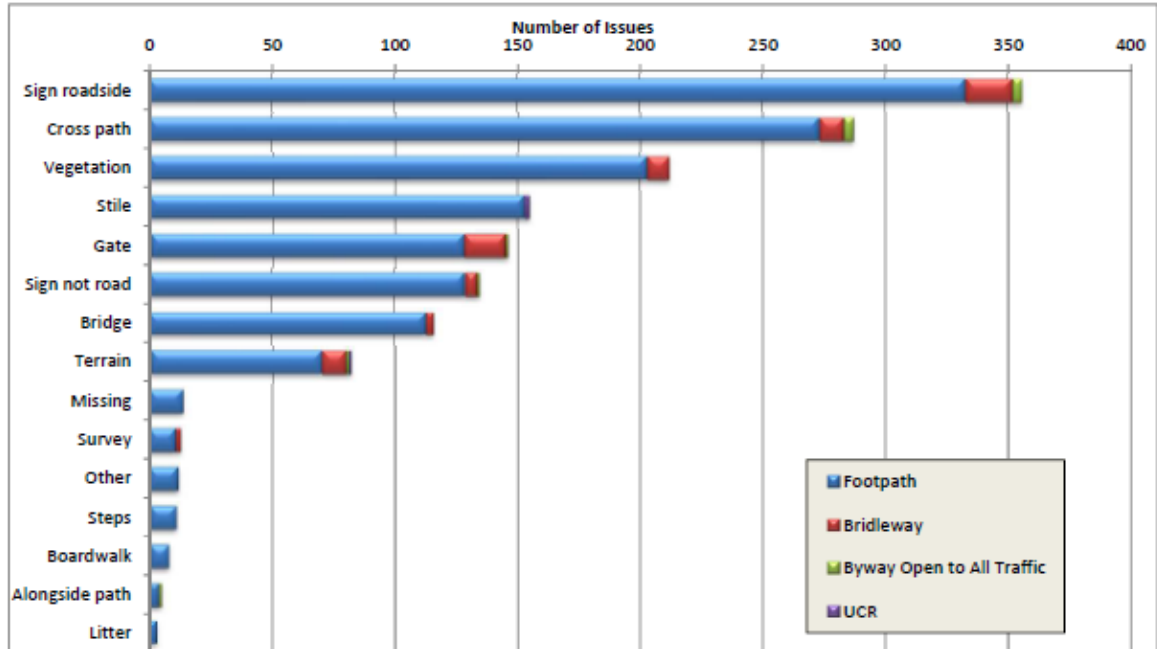
## Appendix 1 Outstanding Maintenance and Legal Issues Reports

Reports for:

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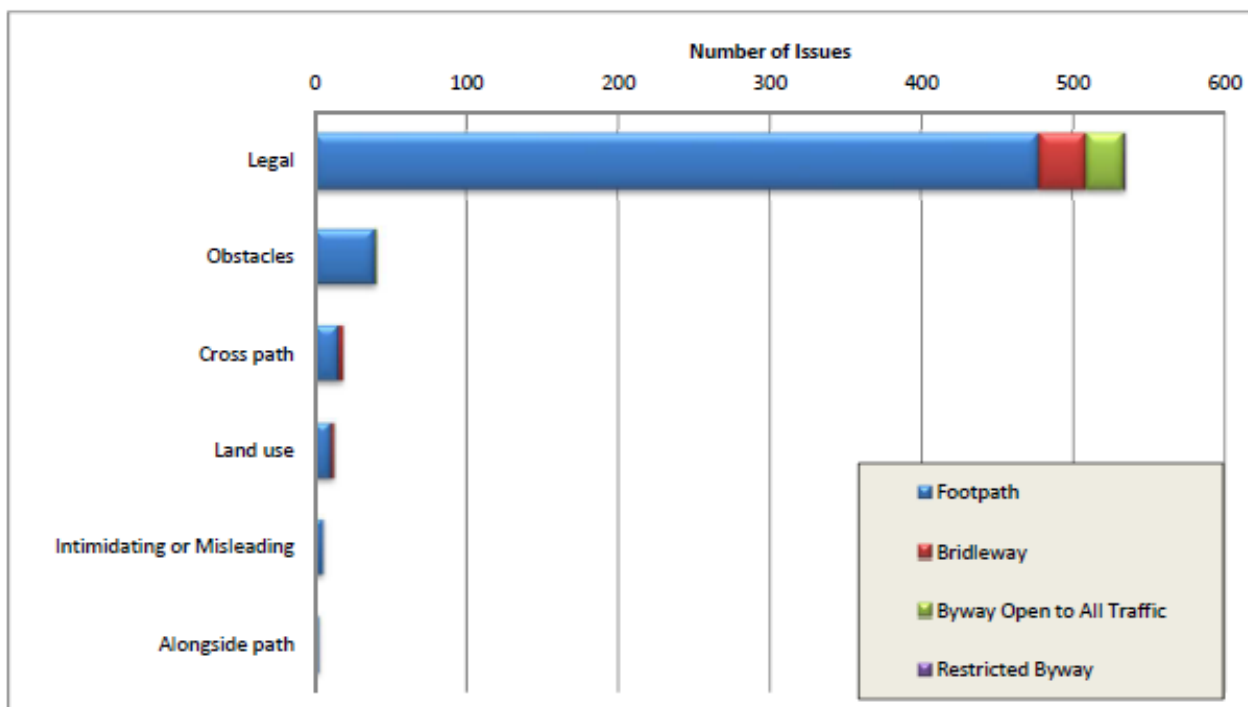
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	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway Open to All Traffic	UCR	
Sign roadside	333	19	4		356
Cross path	273	10	4		287
Vegetation	203	9			212
Stile	153			2	155
Gate	128	17	1		146
Sign not road	129	5	1		135
Bridge	113	3			116
Terrain	70	10	1	1	82
Missing	14				14
Survey	11	2			13
Other	12				12
Steps	11				11
Boardwalk	8				8
Alongside path	4		1		5
Litter	3				3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1555</b>



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Responsibility = Legal	Legal
MaintStatus Desc = Unresolved	Unresolved

Number of Issues	RouteStatus				
MaintTypeGroup	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway Open to All Traffic	Restricted Byway	Grand Total
Legal	478	31	25	1	535
Obstacles	40		1		41
Cross path	16	3			19
Land use	11	2			13
Intimidating or Misleading	6				6
Alongside path	3				3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>617</b>



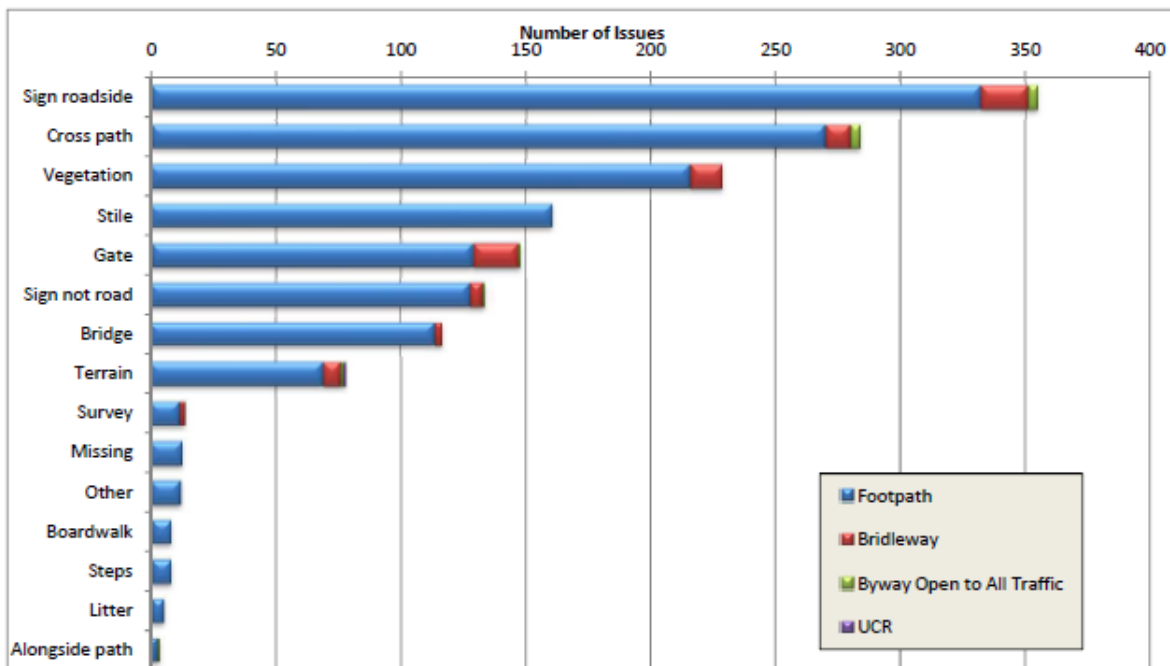


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**B. June 2020**

Responsibility = Maint	Maint
MaintStatus Desc = Unresolved	Unresolved

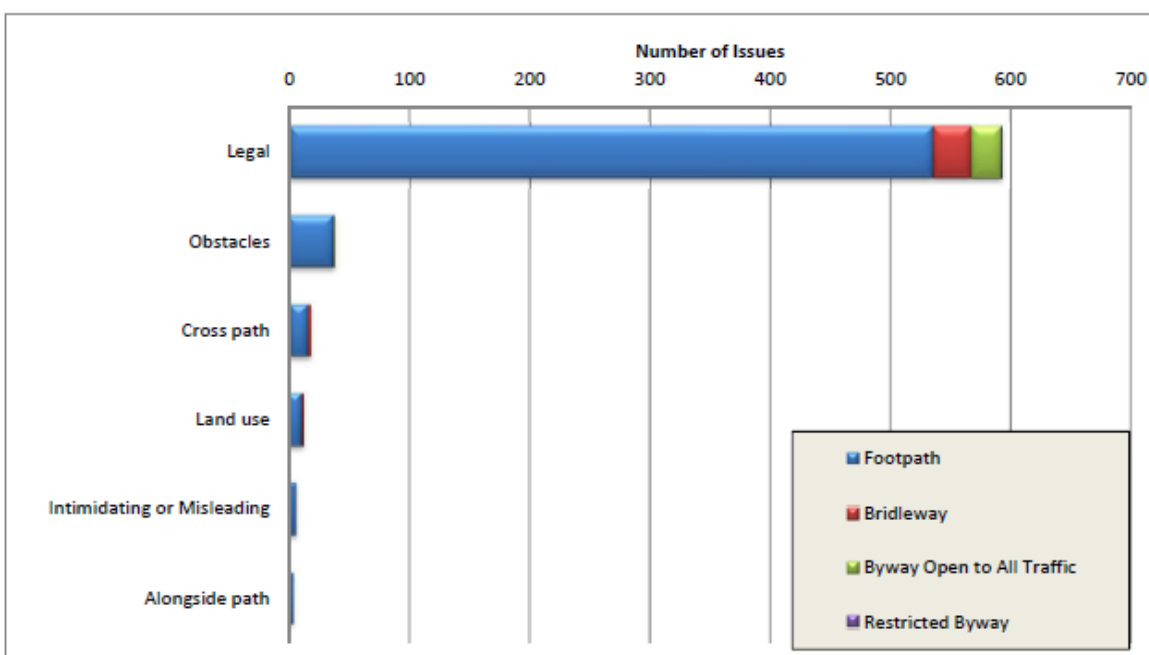
Number of Issues	RouteStatus				Grand Total
	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway Open to All Traffic	UCR	
Sign roadside	332	19	4		355
Cross path	270	10	4		284
Vegetation	216	13			229
Stile	161				161
Gate	129	18	1		148
Sign not road	128	5	1		134
Bridge	114	3			117
Terrain	69	7	1	1	78
Survey	12	2			14
Missing	13				13
Other	12				12
Boardwalk	8				8
Steps	8				8
Litter	5				5
Alongside path	3		1		4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1480</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1570</b>



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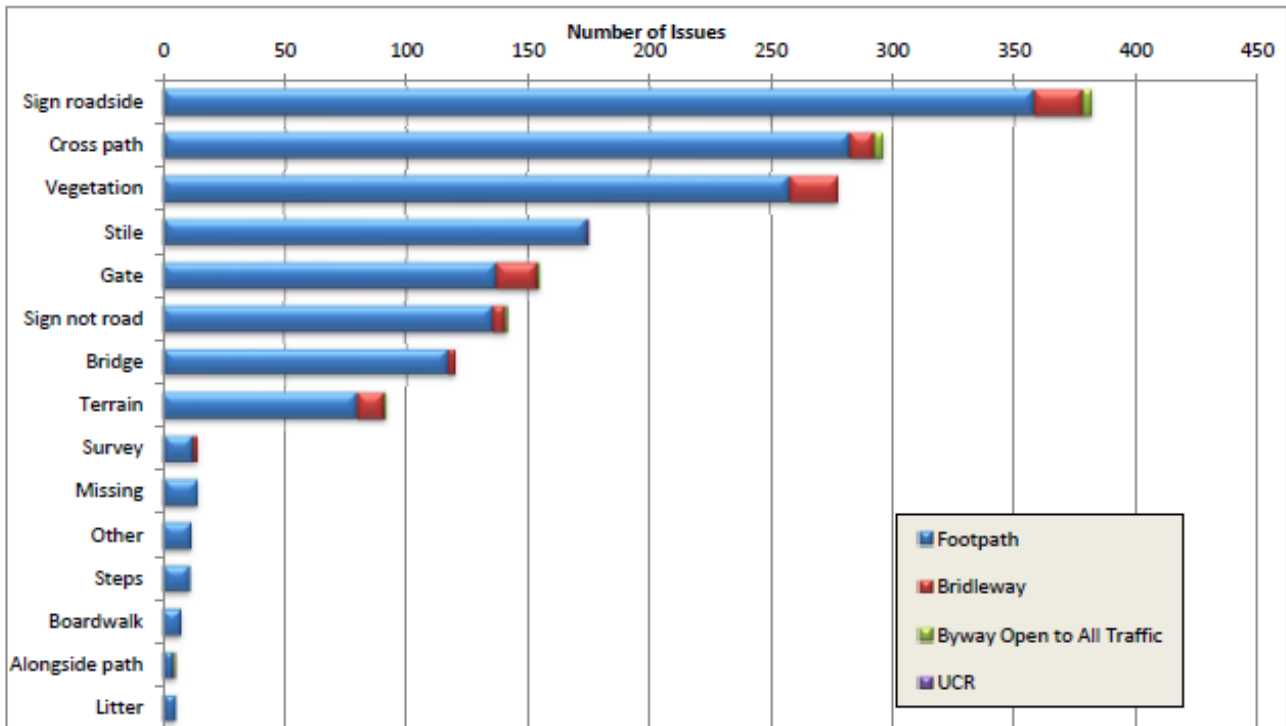
Number of Issues	RouteStatus				Grand Total
	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway Open to All Traffic	Restricted Byway	
Legal	535	32	25	1	593
Obstacles	38		1		39
Cross path	15	3			18
Land use	11	2			13
Intimidating or Misleading	6				6
Alongside path	3				3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>672</b>



**C. September 2020**

Responsibility = Maint	Maint
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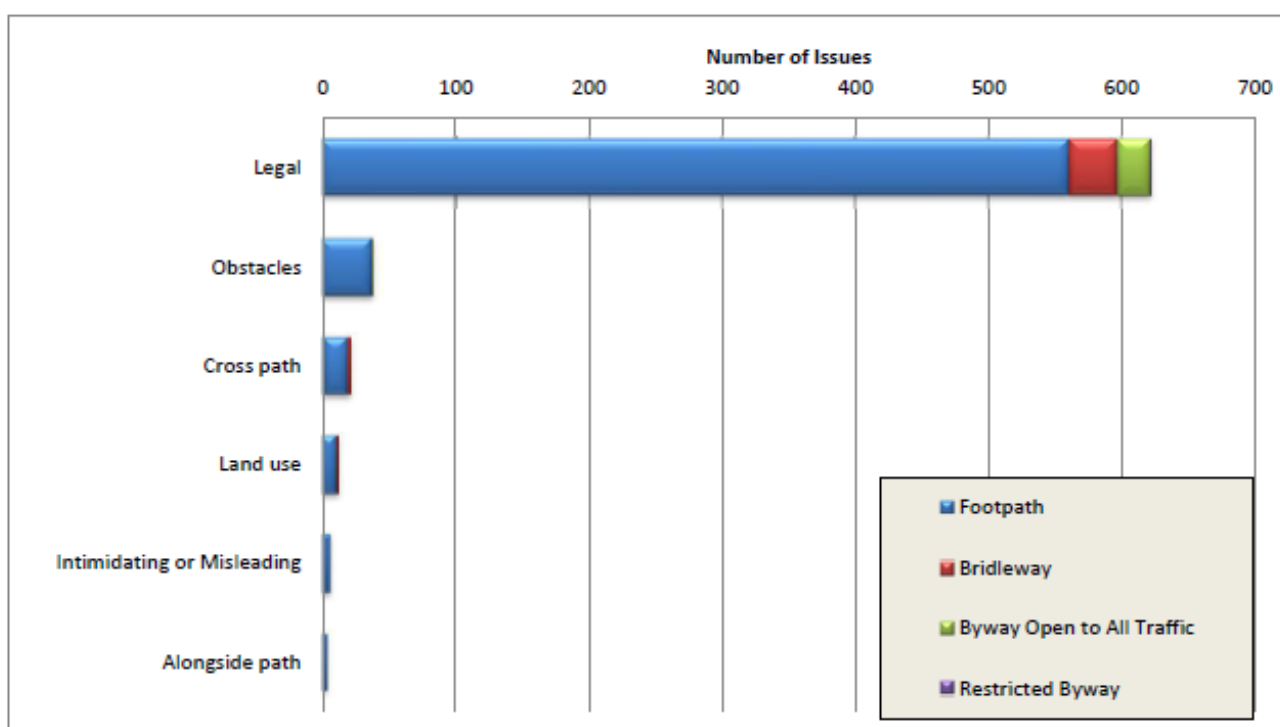
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	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway Open to All Traffic	UCR	
Sign roadside	358	20	4		382
Cross path	282	10	4		296
Vegetation	258	20			278
Stile	174			1	175
Gate	137	17	1		155
Sign not road	136	5	1		142
Bridge	117	3			120
Terrain	80	11	1		92
Survey	12	2			14
Missing	14				14
Other	12				12
Steps	11				11
Boardwalk	8				8
Alongside path	4		1		5
Litter	5				5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1608</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1709</b>



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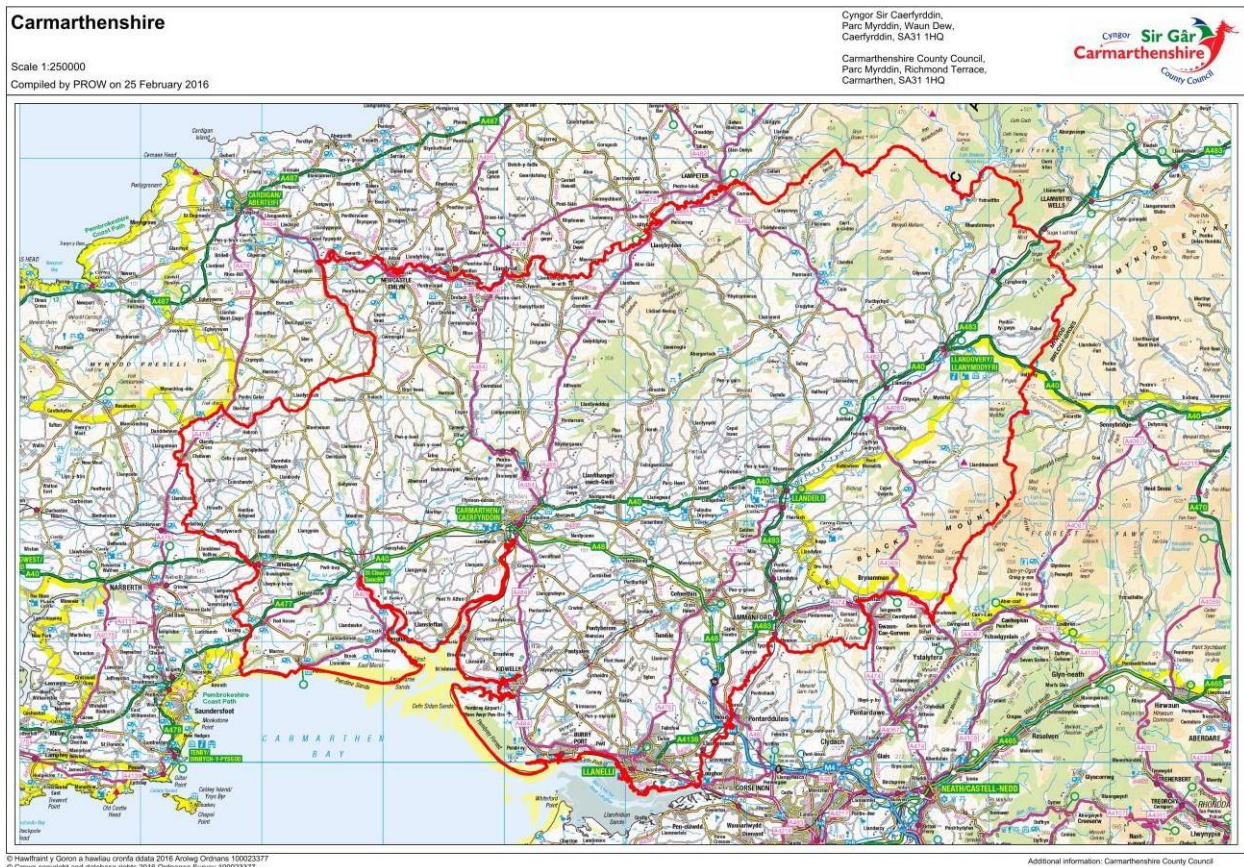
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	Footpath	Bridleway	Byway Open to All Traffic	Restricted Byway	
Legal	561	36	25	1	623
Obstacles	38		1		39
Cross path	18	3			21
Land use	11	2			13
Intimidating or Misleading	6				6
Alongside path	3				3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>705</b>



## **Appendix 2 – Appointing Authority Details**

<b>Name of Appointing Authority:</b>	Carmarthenshire County Council
<b>Area Covered by LAF:</b>	The whole of Carmarthenshire except that part which lies within the Brecon Beacons National Park.
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**Appendix 3 – Map of Local Access Forum Area**



### Appendix 4 – Membership / Recruitment Details

In accordance with Regulation 3 of the Countryside Access (LAF) (Wales) Regulations 2001, all members of a forum are appointed for three years from the date of the first meeting of a three-year cycle that a forum exists for.

At the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the following members were elected onto the LAF for the next 3-year term:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Appointed to LAF</b>	<b>Date LAF Membership Terminated</b>	<b>Brief Background Details / Interests</b>
Mark Hadley (Chair)	14 / 06/18	N/A	Tourism, Walking, Motorised Access
Karen Burch (Vice Chair)	14/06/18	N/A	Equestrian Access, Tourism
Caroline Ferguson (Interim Secretary)	14/06/18	N/A	Interim Countryside Access Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council
Martin Murray	14/06/18	N/A	Carmarthenshire County Council, Public Rights of Way Development Officer Communities
Jillie Gardiner	14/06/18	N/A	Equestrian Access, Tourism
Glyn Evans	14/06/18	N/A	Farming
David Stacey	14/06/18	N/A	Cycling, Countryside Management, Agricultural Environment
Jane Evans	14/06/18	22/10/20	British Horse Society
Richard Leggett	14/06/18	N/A	Walking, Carmarthen Ramblers
Geoffrey Williams	14/06/18	N/A	Walking, Youth Hostels, Cambrian Way
Gerald Brown	14/06/18	N/A	Farming
Paul Barrett	14/06/18	N/A	Walking, Llanelli Ramblers
Mo Rapley	14/06/18	N/A	Trail Rider, Walking
Michael Jones	14/06/18	N/A	Biodiversity, Ecology, Land Use for Recreation

No new members were elected onto the LAF during 2020

The LAF Members attended the following LAF meetings in 2020:

<b>Name</b>	<b>12/03/20</b>	<b>09/07/20</b>	<b>22/10/20</b>
Mark Hadley (Chair)	Yes	No Register	Yes
Karen Burch (Vice Chair)	Apologies	No Register	Yes
Caroline Ferguson (Interim Secretary)	Yes	No Register	Yes
Martin Murray	Yes	No Register	No
Jillie Gardiner	Yes	No Register	Yes
Glyn Evans	Yes	No Register	No
David Stacey	Yes	No Register	Yes
Jane Evans	No	No Register	Resigned
Richard Leggett	Yes	No Register	Yes
Geoffrey Williams	Yes	No Register	Yes
Gerald Brown	Yes	No Register	No
Paul Barrett	Apologies	No Register	Yes
Michael Jones	Apologies	No Register	No
Mo Rapley	Yes	No Register	Yes

Key

Yes	Attended meeting
Apologies	Apologies of non-attendance received
No	Did not attend meeting & no apologies received
N/A	Person was not a LAF member at this meeting.

A number of advisors / members of the public have attended LAF meetings throughout the year as shown in the table below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Meetings Attended</b>
Stephen Pilliner	CCC Head of Transportation and Highways	12/03/20, 22/10/20
Lucy Pugh	CCC Acting Countryside Access Officer	12/03/20
Rob Williams	Trail Riders Fellowship	12/03/20
Nigel Bailey	Walking Well St Clears	12/03/20
Clive Poulton	Disabled User	12/03/20
Philip Morgan	NRW Team Leader Land Management	12/03/20
David Bleines	NRW People & Places Officer, South West	12/03/20
Councillor Hazel Evans	Executive Board Member for Environment	22/10/20



**Appendix 5**

**LAF Annual Report Distribution List**

CCC Website  
CCC Libraries  
CCC Customer Care Centres  
Community Councils  
CCC Members  
CCC Chief Executive & Directors  
Carmarthenshire Tourist Association  
Ceredigion Ramblers Association  
Pembroke Ramblers Association  
Llanelli Ramblers Association  
Dinefwr Ramblers Association  
Carmarthen and District Ramblers Association  
Lampeter Ramblers Association  
Carmarthenshire Riders  
British Horse Society  
Green Lane Association  
Treadlightly  
Trail Riders Fellowship  
Welsh Trail Riders Association  
Auto Cycle Union  
British Motorcyclists Association  
Sustrans Cymru  
Natural Resources Wales  
Farmers Union of Wales  
National Farmers Union  
National Trust  
Open Spaces Society  
Byway & Bridleways Trust  
British Driving Society  
Cyclists Touring Club  
LARA (Land Access & Recreation Association)  
Canoe Wales  
Brecon Beacons LAF  
Pembrokeshire LAF  
Ceredigion LAF  
Powys LAF  
Neath & Port Talbot LAF  
Swansea LAF

## **Appendix 6**

### **Further Reading**

#### LAF Annual Reports

All appointing authorities are required by statute to produce annual reports. These can be obtained from the relevant LAF secretary. Agendas, minutes and other papers are also available for individual LAF meeting at:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/public-rights-of-way/local-access-forum/#.XIPZRWdFCP8>

#### Government Act

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; The Stationery Office Ltd (2000).

#### National Assembly Wales

The Countryside Access (Local Access Forums) (Wales) Regulations 2001;  
The Stationery Office Limited (2002).

Guidance for Local Authorities on Public Rights of Way (October 2016)

#### Natural Resources Wales

LAF Guidance 1: The Establishment of Local Access Forums – Advice and Best Practice Guidance (2002).

LAF Guidance 2: The Role Duties and Functions of Local Access Forums (2002)

## **Appendix 7**

### **Glossary**

The list below shows the full definitions for the acronyms used throughout this annual report:

LAF	Carmarthenshire Local Access Forum
CCC	Carmarthenshire County Council
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
ROWIP	Rights of Way Improvement Plan
AOB	Any Other Business
PROW	Public Rights of Way
CAMS	Countryside Access Management System
HAMP	Highways Asset Management Plan
LARA	Land Access and Recreation Association