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Access Improvement Grant – Reporting template

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Project title:	Location:
Glyndwr's Way National Trail	Bwlch y Sarnau and Dolanog

Description of works completed:
Bwlch y Sarnau improvements - Stone surfacing of ride to withstand increased use. Dolanog culvert - Remove old bridge and install stone sided culvert over wet flush. October update: Glyndwr's Way National Trail. Bwlch y Sarnau bridleway improvements. • Stone surfacing of a bridleway that is well used by both local people and by people from further afield. • In previous years patching had been carried out to remedy the worse muddy areas, but it became clear that the whole length needed to be stone surfaced and the 'dots joined'. • The bridleway has become popular with mountain bikers as part of an informal cross-Wales route and has seen an increase in cycle use. • The 1km length of bridleway was improved in two phases of work with AIG funding phase 1. • Drainage was reinstated as needed. • Surface was cleared of water and mud. • Terram and stone laid to join the existing sections of stoned surface. • Work complete Glyndwr's Way National Trail. Dolanog culvert • Old and failing bridge removed. • Drainage re-profile to bring water into a single channel. • Stone sided and stone topped culvert installed. • The works started in dry weather in July. Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated and became wet making the job harder and longer. However, it was completed successfully creating a long-lasting structure that will be very low maintenance in the future. Access over the new culvert is easier for all users. • Work complete

Spend breakdown:			
Total	Year 3 / claims		Notes
	October	March	
Budget	£18,000		
Activity 01/04/24 -30/09/24	£15,153.48		
Activity 01/10/24 - March 2025		£	

Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£n/a	
Total spend @ October 2024	£15,153.48		

Variance:
Explanation:

Outputs:
(i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

Bwlch -y -Sarnau
Sustainable, drained and surfaced path for use by people on foot, on horseback and on a cycle. Pleasant year-round use now possible.
Dolanog
Installation of stone sided and surfaced culvert.
Improvements to drainage in the locality resulting in a drier path surface for users.

Photographic evidence – before / during:



1. Bridleway before works. Showing a previously stoned area leading to an un-stoned and damaged area.
2. Bridleway before works. Showing one of multiple total-width deep mud patches.



3. During works. Path surface drained, scraped and shaped. Terram down and stone being laid.
4. Bridge before photo 1.



5. Bridge before photo 2

6. Work with volunteers to temporarily shore the bridge up and keep it usable.



7. Works in progress photo 1

8. Works in progress photo 2.

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):



1. Works finished. A long section entirely stoned.

2. Works finished. A section where new stone patches joined to previously stoned patches.



3. Works finished photo 1.

4. Work finished photo 2.

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Project title:	Location:
Wye Valley Walk Improvements	Mid & South Powys

Description of works completed:
No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Presteigne Phase 2	Presteigne - SO 3147 6401 & SO 3077 6337

Description of works completed:
No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
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Newchurch Area Improvements	Newchurch area SO 2405 5033
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Description of works completed:
- Improvements to the surface of Milton Lane (MA1506) (275m long x 2.5m wide). - Improvements to equestrian routes linking to Milton Hill, working with the local equestrian community October update: - Contractor appointed and awaiting start date on site - Landowner contacted over replacement of gates as part of works. - Area Officer has some additional works in the area in mind, but these will not be progressed until the contractor has completed the surfacing works which will form the bulk of the costs

Spend breakdown:			
Total	Year 3 / claims		Notes
	October	March	
Budget	£33,000		
Activity 01/04/24 -30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 - March 2025		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£n/a	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		

Variance:

Explanation: Add detail

Outputs: (i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

Photographic evidence – before / during:
n/a
Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):
n/a

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Project title:	Location:
South Rads Equestrian Improvements	Glasbury, Clyro, Painscastle community areas

Description of works completed:
Improvements to equestrian routes within Glasbury, Clyro, Painscastle community areas, focusing on improved gates and signage
October update: - Route surveys conducted by volunteers, indicating a need primarily for signage and some remedial improvements to gate infrastructure to enable equestrian use. - Some materials will be purchased over the coming months - Work with volunteer team delayed until spring 2025 due to staff time capacity

Spend breakdown:			
	Year 3 / claims		Notes
	October	March	
Budget	£ 10,858.28		
Activity 01/04/24 -30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 - March 2025		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£n/a	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		
Variance:			
Explanation: Add detail			

Outputs: (i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

Photographic evidence – before / during:
n/a
Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):
n/a

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Project title:	Location:
Promenade / Fenni Field Path Improvement, Brecon	Brecon

Description of works completed:
To install 500m x 1.2m hard standing footpath along an existing Right of Way to connect the existing pathways on the Promenade across the Fenni Field to the Council's boundary.
October update: Waiting for planning permission, submitted August 24.

- Submitted with SUDs and biodiversity plan
- Creation of 1.2m x 500 hardstanding pathway to enhance existing public greenspace – installation to follow planning approval.

Spend breakdown:

Total	Year 3 / claims		Notes
	October	March	
Budget	£ 46,679		
Activity 01/04/24 -30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 - March 2025		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£n/a	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		

Variance:

Explanation: Add detail

Outputs:

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Photographic evidence – before / during:

n/a

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

n/a

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Project title:	Location:
Disabled Access Ramp into the Recreation Ground, Llangattock	Llangattock

Description of works completed:

No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Offa's Dyke Park improvements	Knighton

Description of works completed:
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Project title:	Location:
Volunteer Handbook for Publishing on Internet	Powys

Description of works completed:
To produce a handbook to facilitate and support community-based volunteer groups to manage their PROW and Greenspaces more effectively, to include; MoA, Guidance on Legislation, Standard Letters, Info on procedure, Furniture installation info. The handbook will be produced by an external consultant and managed by PCC staff. Nov update: - Structural drawings (installation standard for different pieces of path furniture e.g. pedestrian gate) prepared in year 1 are being translated and Welsh versions created. - Stakeholder engagement around requirements/content are being planned - countryside volunteer working group, Local Access Forum and others. March update: - Stakeholder engagement is nearing completion (Jan-March 24), with feedback around requirements for the document sought from the Local Access Forum, Volunteer working Group, all 220 existing volunteers, members of the Countryside Access team and other key individuals. - Feedback is collated and planning / delivery of the content will follow in 23/25. October 2024 update - Staff time is being utilised in year 3 to prepare requirements /content for the handbook and engage with stakeholders. - The third party contract will be in place shortly – to assist with the development of content based upon identified need/requirement.

Spend breakdown:			
Total	Year 3 / claims		Notes
	October	March	
Budget	£ 12,883.63		
Activity 01/04/24 -30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 - March 2025		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£n/a	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		

Variance:
Explanation: Add detail

Outputs:
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Outputs are being achieved in that drawings are being prepared of furniture installation as an easy to use reference document to include in the handbook.

The countryside stakeholder working group (now renamed the countryside volunteer working group) is meeting regularly and has been shown the first draft designs. Their input will be sought in spring 2024 around the content of the handbook.

Photographic evidence – before / during:

Photographic evidence and link will follow on completion

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

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Project title:	Location:
Cilcenni Improvements	Cilcenni, Powys

Description of works completed:

No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Severn Way Improvements	North & Mid Powys

Description of works completed:

Survey entire section of SW in Powys to build action plan for improvements:

Replacing stiles with gates, subject to landholder agreement

Replacing signage

Surface improvements

PPO orders based on previous prep work

October update:

- 1.1m KG x 9, 1.5m BW x 3, 12ft Gate within gate x 1
- Still to analyse survey data
- Still to analyse survey data but don't expect any surface improvements
- Some prep work done for PPO's along the length of SW - can't see files immediately to hand but CL is on the case.

Spend breakdown:

Total	Year 3 / claims		Notes
	October	March	
Budget	£42,000		
Activity 01/04/24 -30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 - March 2025		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£n/a	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		

Variance:

Explanation: Add detail

Outputs:

(i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

Outputs

- Replacing stiles with gates/kissing gates
- Refreshed and improved signage.
- Installing modern standard bridge.
- Route realignment.

Outcomes

- Increased accessibility along recreational trail./ Accessible to more people and less reported faults.
- Clear signage meaning easier route navigation.
- Bridge creating improved access.

Photographic evidence – before / during:

Photographic evidence to follow

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

Photographic evidence to follow

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Project title:

Location:

Trewern community access improvements	Trewern
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Description of works completed:
No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Dolfor Lock Bridge	Dolfor Lock Bridge, Montgomeryshire Canal, Newtown, Powys.

Description of works completed:
- To renovate a Montgomery Canal Bridge, Dolfor Lock. - Phase 1 – to involve engineering design investigations prior to preparing a full report and costings for the bridge renovation. Nov update: - Engineering design report is being compiled ahead of 31 Dec 2023 - Ecological survey requirements being investigated in line with the above. March update: - Engineering Design report being prepared in readiness for next years work programme. - Ecological – updated PEA during mid-winter. Further in-depth surveys (bat, great crested newts) will take place April-June. - Site meeting needed with engineer and other interested parties in April/May, following distribution of completed report. October update: - Still awaiting engineering report/Bill of Quantities to be produced by Engineering Design team. - Have discussed project with our Built Heritage Officer who has provided some input to the renovation specification. One such element is that the work will require the use of lime mortar. As this process needs to be undertaken outside frost conditions it is likely that the practical work would not be completed until the weather permits in 2025. - Ecological surveys completed and paid for. -

Spend breakdown:			
Total	Year 3		Notes
	Nov	March	
Budget	£ 57,755.68		
Activity 01/04/24 – 30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 – March '25		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		
Variance –			
Explanation:			

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Outputs:

(i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

The project is at the stage of engineering investigation so outputs have not yet been achieved. These will be (in Year 3):

- Bridge renovated and improved.
- Legal diversion of footpaths brought into effect, with a new footpath being created over the bridge.

Photographic evidence – before / during:

Photographic evidence will follow on completion of works.

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

Photographic evidence will follow on completion of works.

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Project title:	Location:
Rivers Wye and Usk information enhancement. Locations at canoe access and egress points to each river	River Wye, between Glasbury and Hay on Wye

Description of works completed:

There are two parts to this project, being:

1) Production of information materials to support a Concordat Management arrangement for canoe launching at Upper Glas-y-Bont common, Glasbury:

- This element is linked to the outcomes of a Habitat Regulations Assessment which is being carried out and funded by the Council.
- A draft report to inform the Habitat Regulations Assessment has been prepared and sent out for consultation to stakeholders. The responses are being reviewed and discussions are under way around a Concordat management framework.
- The South Wales Outdoor Activity Group is preparing the content of the information materials, on the basis of the content of the Code of Conduct that was in place previously and the draft report to inform the Habitat Regulations Assessment. Initial drafts of information have been prepared for discussion with other stakeholders.

2) Upgrade and replace existing signage at other access and egress points on the Rivers Wye and Usk:

- This piece of work is not progressing at the current time.

October update:

- The draft educational package prepared by SWOAPG has been shared with key stakeholders and was well received. However, the Concordat arrangement as a basis

for access downstream of Glasbury Bridge for travel to Hay on Wye has been put on hold. Agreement has not been reached around the matter of water level indicators. These remain important to key stakeholders; however they are not considered to be a viable environmental measure for protection of the key species, with a more targeted 'closed season' approach suggested instead.

- It is now proposed that the Habitat Regulations Assessment be concluded on the basis that canoe launching be reinstated for activity upstream of Glasbury Bridge only i.e. in from of the common. This is considered important as the common is well used as a recreational area and both casual canoeing and formal skills training on the river are popular pastimes.
- This would need to be supported by environmental measures and signage on the common. Commercial operators would still need Council permission to ensure that use of the area is effectively managed and meets environmental requirements, being located within the SSSI and Special Area for Conservation. We would welcome a discussion as to whether this would still be regarded as eligible spend under the Access Improvement Grant. Please note that the Habitat Regulations Assessment itself has not been funded from the grant; it has been funded through core revenue budgets. The spend to date wholly relates to work carried out by SWOAPG to develop information materials for the proposed Glasbury to Hay Concordat.

Spend breakdown:

Costs to cover South Wales Outdoor Activity Group staff time in initial review and exploration of the content of information materials to support a Concordat management arrangement (initially year 1)

Total	Year 3		Notes
	Nov	March	
Budget	£ 5,395.41		
Activity 01/04/24 – 30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 – March '25		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		

Variance –
Explanation:

Outputs:

(i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

The outputs will be:

- 1 information sign installed at Upper Glas-y-Bont common to reflect sustainable canoe launch management arrangements
- Web based materials available for paddlesport operators, guides and group leaders with information around the access arrangements between Glasbury and Hay
- Web based materials available for hire clients, group members, independent paddlers, etc. with information around sustainable paddling between Glasbury and Hay
- 1 online training course developed for delivery to canoe operators using Glasbury to Hay section of the River Wye

Work is under way to develop the content of these materials based on the content of the draft Habitat Regulations Assessment and stakeholder discussions.

Upgraded signage installed at 8 launch points on rivers Wye and Usk – as noted above, this element is not progressing at the current time.
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Photographic evidence – before / during:
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None – Information materials under production.
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Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

N/A

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Project title:	Location:
Builth Wells Circular	Builth Wells

Description of works completed:

No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Llechfaen Path Improvements	Llechfaen, Powys

Description of works completed:

No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Aberllefenni bridge – upgrade from footbridge to bridle bridge	Aberllefenni

Description of works completed:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrading the current footbridge to a bridleway bridge. The river is the county boundary between Powys and Gwynedd; the public right of way leading to the bridge on the Powys side is a bridleway. The bridge is Powys County Council's responsibility. - To date, a bridge specification has been drawn up, quotes received and the contractor selected. Negotiations with the landowner for access across their land to upgrade the |
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bridge are drawing to a conclusion. An ecological survey and report are being prepared due to the proximity to an SSSI and ordinary watercourse consent is being sought for the removal of the existing footbridge. The spend in 2023-24 was less than expected as the abutments to the bridge did not require work.

Nov update:

- A bridge specification has been drawn up, quotes received and the contractor selected.
- Negotiations with the landowner for access across their land to upgrade the bridge are being finalised.
- An ecological survey and report are being prepared due to the proximity to an SSSI and ordinary watercourse consent is being sought for the removal of the existing footbridge.

March update

- Bridge kit has been purchased and contractor appointed for installation during May '24, to align with Ordinary Watercourse consent dates.
- Awaiting for consent to cross the land from NRW.

October update

- Bridge installed during October 2024, following a lengthy process in gaining NRW assent. Contractor costs were allocated in 2023/24.
- Some additional minor expenditure due, for rails alongside the bridge ramps.
- The balance will cover costs of a smaller bridge a short distance from this site. Quotes for materials currently being sought.

Spend breakdown:

Total	Year 3		Notes
	Nov	March	
Budget	£ 4,146		
Activity 01/04/24 – 30/09/24	£0.00		
Activity 01/10/24 – March '25		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£	
Total spend @ October 2024	£0.00		

Variance –
Explanation:

Outputs:

(i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

The outputs will be:

- Bridge installed, with upgraded access to include cyclists and horse riders
- Signage enhanced

Photographic evidence – before / during:

Photographic evidence will follow on completion of the project

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

Photographic evidence will follow on completion of the project





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Project title:	Location:
Llanbrynmair Community Project	Pennant, Llanbrynmair, Powys

Description of works completed:
No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Cwm Biga Footbridge	Cwm Biga, Staylitttle, Powys

Description of works completed:
No planned activity in year 3

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Project title:	Location:
Tredustan bridge (additional in yr 3)	Tredustan, Brecon

Description of works completed:
Replacement of 12m bridge that would open up a community circular and complement the installation of five gates under a separate funded project (SPF work being undertaken in 2024)

via a Ramblers partnership project)

October update

- Bridge installation 16 October 2024. Contractors on site during storm and a flash flood which caused the river to break its banks.
- The bridge became submerged but thankfully has remained intact. Surround ground has, in part, washed away and requires additional work to reinstate.
- Bridge work complete.
- Balance of budget will cover new drainage requirements, that have arisen following the storm.

Spend breakdown:

Total	Year 3		Notes
	Nov	March	
Budget	£ 17,600		
Activity 01/04/24 – 30/09/24	£6,876.33		
Activity 01/10/24 – March '25		£	
Staff 01/04/24 - March 2025		£	
Total spend @ October 2024	£6,876.33		

Variance –
Explanation:

Outputs:

(i.e. section 7 of the workplan.)

The outputs will be:

- Bridge installed and improved access to community routes via complementary project

Photographic evidence – before / during:



Images during installation when a flash flood caused the river to break its banks whilst the contractors were on site.

Photographic evidence – after (not needed if an uncompleted multiyear project):

Photographic evidence will follow on completion of the project