

## 6. Results of Assessment

6.1 From the findings of Chapters 2 to 5 we have reached the following conclusions about user needs and the PROW network which has enabled us to identify where action is needed:

### Chapter 2 - User Needs

- The principal needs of walkers and cyclists focus on either everyday or recreational use;
- Equestrian users, mainly horse riders, need routes for recreation;
- Motorised users have their own recreational priorities;
- People with a mobility problem have particular needs;

### Chapter 3 - Rights of Way in Our Area

- Footpaths make up the majority of the PROW network but the pattern of paths is variable;
- Continuing demand for Modification and Public Path Orders;
- In addition to PROW there is a range of other access opportunities for walkers including parks, Access Land, commons and town and village greens; for everyday walking there are other local links;
- The network of bridleways and byways is more limited;



- Off-road provision for cyclists is dominated by the Bristol to Bath Railway Path and other sections of the National Cycle Network.

### Chapter 4 - Review of Other Documents and Information

- The JLTP and a range of other policy documents seek to encourage more walking and cycling;
- Management plans for the AONBs and the FoA seek to provide for recreational walking, cycling and horse riders;
- Access has to be balanced with protecting natural and heritage assets.

### Chapter 5 - Involving the Public

- Continuity of routes is important, including use of roads where necessary;
- Maintenance of the network is essential;
- Safety and personal security are concerns on some routes;
- Deficiency of routes for cyclists and horse riders;
- Easier access needed to some routes; health benefits should be promoted;
- Information and signage often inadequate;
- Four priority themes emerged: Improving Maintenance and Safety; Signing Routes; Providing Information; and Enabling Local Travel.

*What do you think of these results?*

*Let us know by filling in the questionnaire at the end!*