

TRAIN STATIONS ACTION PLAN

GREENBANK

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Car Park	Cut back trees and bushes running along pavement and embankment so visibility is improved over the fencing	Steve Christie	Oct	Nil APB members volunteering day	This would really improve the station and desperately needs doing. Northern contractors do not do vegetation work unless there is a H&S issue eg platform obscured. 25/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and this action was completed.
	Crown trees, trim bushes, remove weeds from small plot of land next to access steps to Manchester bound platform Place a new bin at the top of the steps on pavement	Northern Rail Steve Christie	Oct	Nil APB members volunteering day	As above 25/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and this action was completed. 25/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the following week a new bin was installed by Street Scene and is being well used. The emptying of the bin has been scheduled in to the Council bin route.
	Mark out parking bays to allow for increased number of users	Chris - Northern	Within the next six months?	£10's	This is being done by Northern contractors 25/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the following week the car park bays were marked out by the Rail

					Network.
	Better signs needed at entrance to car park from Northwich and Weaverham directions	Mark Simmons	Dec	£10's APB funding?	12/12/11 – site visit by Mark Simmons/Martin Howard to look at location of the signs and costing. To ask N&RN APB for the funding on 26/01/12
	Create slip road to car park after island from Weaverham using white line markings.	Mark Simmons	Dec	100's APB funding?	12/12/11 – site visit by Mark Simmons/Martin Howard to look at feasibility. Martin to request via Highways
Safety <i>(Chester bound shelter options. Need to use natural surveillance from houses)</i>	Remove brick shelter; or Remove seating to prevent youths gathering; or Open up side walls to create visibility; Block off access to rear of shelter; Clean & paint the inside of the shelter Investigate the use of a Mosquito device as a deterrent	Sally Buttifant & Northern Rail	Within the next six months?	1000's	CCTV has been requested for this station to deter low level ASB. Non-drying paint suggested for the shelter roof. Seating is important for passengers and the shelter is an important feature of the station. Mark to write to Northern on behalf of APB to support use of CCTV 09/01/12 – funding has been identified for the installation of the CCTV with a contribution from Ward Councillors 26/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the shelter was cleaned and painted by Street Scene To monitor the ASB figures after the installation of CCTV before investigating the use of

					a Mosquito device
	Litter on the track	Sally Buttifant & Northern Rail		Nil	Sally has requested extra track clearances from 2 to 4 per year by using less clearances at another station where it is not needed
Platform attractiveness	Cut back tree and bushes on Chester platform Create a larger flower planting bed	Steve Christie	Oct 2011	Nil APB volunteering day	Station would benefit from this work 25/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the trees and bushes were cut back.
	Cut back bushes and remove grass & weeds along path down to Chester bound platform. Possible use of low height bushes along fencing of the footpath to Chester bound platform Possible wild flower meadow?	Steve Christie	Oct 2011	Nil APB volunteering day £10's	This is Rail network land and is cleared once per year. Fruit & nut trees have been planted along the edge of the field so no grass cutting must take place. Trees need checking when the vegetation dies back. 26/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the grass and weeds were cut back. No action has taken place yet No action has taken place yet
	Use of planters / hanging	Sally Buttifant	March 2012	£10's	There are already 2 planters

	baskets on both platforms				cared for by volunteers. Only plastic hanging baskets can be installed and this is not appropriate without CCTV. Funding for CCTV has now been identified for CCTV
	Re-paint hand rails and step edging in yellow on steps leading to Manchester bound platform	Chris – Northern Rail	Oct 2011	Nil	Rail contractors are carrying out painting tasks down the Line so this should be done. Hand rails have now been painted by the Rail Network. 26/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the step edges were painted by Street Scene
	Use info boards to cover over the new bricks used to block up old doors on church building / Manchester bound platform; or Possible artwork project for the line might address this issue.	Sally Buttifant		£100's	Hartford High School and College are interested in producing the art work. This needs following up
	Replace the 2 plastic bags holders with wire baskets to prevent bags being torn open	Sally Buttifant – Northern Rail	Nov 2011	Nil	Wire baskets have been ordered.
Other	Create 'Friends of the Station' group	Sally Buttifant / Mark Simmons	Nov 2011	Nil	The church on the station are friends of the station but it would be good to get more

					volunteers involved
	Approach Mid-Cheshire College to see if students can use station for projects	Mark Simmons		Nil	The High School and College have been approached and are keen on using the station for projects. This needs following up.
	Ask Mid-Cheshire teachers if they want use their volunteer hours at the station	Mark Simmons		Nil	No action yet
	Hold an APB clean up event to tackle issues. WVHT to organise a resident clean up; Probation team to clean and tidy the play area;	Georgia Winstanley Steve Christie			25/11/11 – Multi-agency clean up took place and the clean up issues were completed. WVHT undertook a clean up with a few residents during the multi-agency day.

NORTHWICH

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Car Park (Lack of natural surveillance)	Remove branches obscuring the lighting		Feb 2012	Nil	Check Land ownership and responsibility
	Trim/remove bushes and weeds on verge between car park and petrol station		Feb 2012	Nil	Check Land ownership and responsibility
	Crown some trees located on verge between car park and petrol station		Feb 2012	Nil	Check Land ownership and responsibility

	Clean and/or replace light shades for car park lights		Apr 2012	?	Check Land ownership and responsibility
Safety	Paint footbridge steps edging with yellow paint	Chris – Northern Rail	Apr 2012	Nil	This should be done by the rail contractors
Platform attractiveness	Remove weeds from behind the Chester bound platform				This area is out of bounds to the public and work cannot be carried out without closing the line
	Jet spray lower walls to station building on Manchester bound platform to remove dirt staining	Sue Fernandes / Northern	Apr 2012	Nil	CWAC could do this if Northern give permission
	Flower tubs and/or hanging baskets on Chester bound platform	Mark Simmons / FONTS		£10's	This has not been done because the platform is much narrower. There needs to be 1 and 1/2 m clearance to track edge. Check possibility of hanging baskets and if Friends group can do this
	Plant wild bushes and flowers on land behind Chester bound platform to improve appearance and reduce constant maintenance			£100's	This area is out of bounds to the public and work cannot be carried out without closing the line
	Re-paint footbridge	Northern		£1000's	This needs to be undertaken by Northern as the tracks will need to be closed.
	Remove rust from footbridge steps	Chris, Northern Rail		£100's	The surface has been reported by Northern as a fault
	No Disabled ramp from Middlewich Rd to Chester bound platform			£10,000's	Passengers who cannot get across the bridge should phone Northern customer

					services for advice & assistance (Greenbank is an accessible station)
Other	Paint step edging yellow on steps up to Middlewich Road.		Apr 2012	£10's	This should be done by the rail contractors
	Paint railings on steps leading up to Middlewich Road		Apr 2012	£10's	This should be done by the rail contractors
	Erect sign post outside train station exit to point users towards bus stops and attractions. Other signs / coloured flags needed along the route to bus stops and attractions. Add a large map to platform with attractions shown and 'you are here'	Mark Simmons		£100's APB funding	
	Town centre direction signs along Chesterway and via Victoria Rd /Vickersway	Mark Simmons		£100's APB funding?	2 additional blue signs have been placed on lamp posts on Station Rd indicating the walking route to the town centre

HARTFORD

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Maintenance	Remove old felled tree branches, bushes and litter from verge in lower car park			Nil	
Safety	Tree crowning to one			Nil	

	tree between pavement and car park				
	Tree pruning around light column at rear of main car park			Nil	
	Remove panels surrounding bike store? Or Replace with clear perspex			Nil Or £100's	
	Lighting required along path leading to Liverpool bound platform			£1000's	
Platform attractiveness	Spray/Remove weeds from outside of overhead footbridge			Nil	This area is out of bounds to the public and work cannot be carried out without closing the line. No APB action as the footbridge is due for replacement by Network Rail in Q1 of 2012
	Remove weeds and plant bushes on Liverpool bound verge between platform and path			Nil	
	Planters and hanging baskets for both platforms			£10's	This has not been done because the platform is much narrower. There needs to be 1 and 1/2 m clearance to track edge. Check possibility of hanging baskets
	Re-paint footbridge and footbridge steps			£100's	This area is out of bounds to the public and work cannot be carried out without closing the line. No APB action as the

					footbridge is due for replacement by Network Rail in Q1/12
Other	Survey car park users to ascertain origin of travel	Mark Simmons		Nil	
	Create 'friends of station' group				
	Increase Car park capacity?			£10,000's	
	Possible reduction in staffing	Mark Simmons			Write to London – Midland suggesting improvements and how valued staff are in keeping station safe

LOSTOCK

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Safety	Remove glass and rubble from behind Chester bound platform	Chris, Northern Rail		Nil	This should have been done as part of the new car park and shelter works. Northern are chasing contractors to get it done.
	Replace glass windows in shelter with clear Perspex	Chris, Northern Rail		£100's	CCTV has been requested to deter low level vandalism
Maintenance	Repair fence on Chester bound platform			?	
	Remove waste bin from current location and replace near shelter on Chester bound platform	Chris, Northern Rail		Nil	
Platform Attractiveness	Cut back weeds along Chester bound platform	Sally Buttifant / CWAC		Nil	Some trimming has been done by the CWAC team but it

					needs cutting back
	Cut back grass and weeds around planters on Manchester bound platform	Sally Buttifant / CWAC		Nil	
	Cut back trees covering lighting by shelter			Nil	
Other	Friends group	Mark Simmons		Nil	Approach Parish Council again, Sally did get Parish support for one off clean up

CUDDINGTON

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Safety	Cut back trees and bushes on steps leading from Chester bound platform			Nil	
	Concealed entrance signs warning of station car park exit/entrance				
Maintenance	Cut back weeds and bushes in car park			Nil	
	Re-paint inside of Chester bound shelter	Sally Buttifant		£10's	Hopefully this will be done as part of a NEET project along the line

ACTON BRIDGE

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Car Park <i>(Lack of natural surveillance)</i>	Trim bushes and tree on the verge at the side of the station building				
	Car park needs a surface of tarmac and parking				

	bays marking out				
	Car Park could be extended in to the service area to help reduce car numbers at Hartford <i>(train service would need looking at to see if this was compatible)</i>				
Safety	Two mirrors to be placed opposite the car park entrance to improve visibility on exiting				
	Concealed entrance signs warning of station car park exit/entrance				
Platform attractiveness	Use of planters would improve the visual attractiveness <i>(maintenance?)</i>				
	Disabled ramp from and to platforms			£10,000's	Passengers who cannot use this station are requested to phone customer services for advice & assistance (Hartford is an accessible station)
Other	Erect 'train station' sign posts on main road prior to the station	Mark Simmons		£100's APB funding	Request for funding to go to APB 26 th January
	Direction signs to local attractions and Northwich	Mark Simmons		£100's APB funding?	

FRODSHAM

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Contact Janet Briggs North Cheshire Rail Users Group 01928 732142					
Car Park	<p>The main car park owned by CWAC is busy on market days. Some litter needs clearing. Need to check cleaning schedule.</p> <p>The area outside the official CWaC car park is well used and provides overspill but requires re-surfacing, marking out and lighting.</p>	Debra Brown / Street Scene			<p>Litter reported to Street Scene</p> <p>Some remedial work will be scheduled for April 2012</p>
Safety Old sidings (sheds) buildings	<p>CWAC own the sheds and surrounding small area of land which is railed off. Need to discuss with Asset management future use of old sidings buildings and land. The main gates need repairing to prevent easy</p>				

	<p>access. This area needs to be cleaned up on a regular basis (litter used to be cleaned and cut back by VRBC)</p>				
Station Shelters	<p>There are shelters on both platforms; Short-term the Manchester bound shelter needs weather proofing by replacing the missing windows. Long-term the shelter could possibly be replaced with a larger one as it is well used at busy time approx 25-30 users in morning.</p> <p>The public telephone in the Manchester bound shelter could possibly be removed.</p> <p>The Chester bound shelter ideally needs visibility through the sides of the shelter e.g. windows</p>				
Platform	<p>One end of the Manchester bound platform needs to be</p>				

	brought up to the same height as the rest of the platform.				
Recycle areas	<p>The main CWAC owned car park is adjacent to the waste management site which has two areas.</p> <p>Number of recycling bins could possibly be reduced? (between the car park and the waste management site)</p>				
Litter especially around the CWaC owned car park and 'sheds' building	<p>The contracted waste management site needs to be cleaned up by site operators on a regular basis.</p> <p>The general recycle unit area needs to be cleaned and maintained.</p>				
Renovation and Painting	<p>The station house is due to be renovated by NWR this year. Future use needs to be discussed further.</p> <p>The stairs and walk way structure could be re-painted.</p>				

Adjacent land – Old Builders yard site	Proposals identified (by regeneration team) to redevelop this site into hotel/motel accommodation (like Travel Lodge) Consideration needs to be given to access and car parking. How far has this got?				
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HELSEBY

ISSUE	ACTION	LEAD PERSON	TIME SCALE	RESOURCES	UPDATE (RAG)
Contact Frank Thomas Parish Cllr					
Car Park Cars parking on street	Car parking for rail users needs extending				Richard Flood / Christine Gardner awaiting feedback re NWR response to issue On LTP?
Platform - Height	Platform requires adaptation for people with disabilities / wheelchair users by installation of a				Is this on the LTP?

Litter bins – plastic bags at risk of ripping	Harrington Hump Install wire baskets				
Other - CIS	This is currently being installed	NWR	January 2012	NWR	
Buildings empty and boarded up	Explore possible alternative use				

OTHER OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Night Time visit required at stations to check lighting – Maintenance, Brightness etc.

NOTES

APB members volunteering day – Sue will support the day and co-ord for risk assessments etc

Would rail providers give free travel tickets in return for voluntary work?

Tesco funding scheme?

Approach garden centres to adopt a station

Get support from Alison Kelly at Place Marketing & from Marketing Cheshire

Community Payback teams could be asked to do some projects

Schools could be asked to do artwork projects