

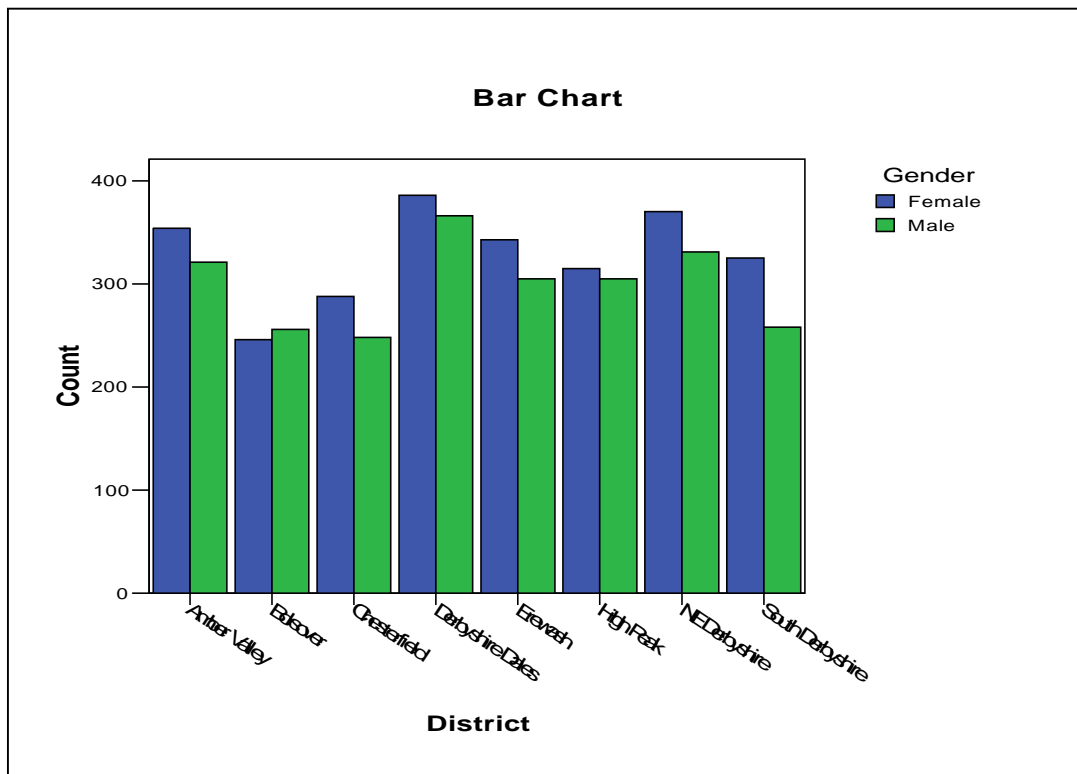
DERBYSHIRE CITIZENS PANEL SEPTEMBER 2004 SURVEY REPORT OF RESULTS ON COUNTRYSIDE QUESTIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The September 2004 survey was sent to 8000 members of the Citizens Panel's across the county, 5049 responded. The response rates varied across the districts from 50% in Bolsover to 75% in Derbyshire Dales. A copy of the Derbyshire Dales Citizens' Panel questionnaire is included in Appendix A, the same questions were used across all districts in the County.
- 1.2** The main aim of the survey was to find out residents' views on the countryside and to find out how the network of paths and trails are used.
- 1.3** 52% of respondents were female across the county and 48% were men. The district/gender structure of the respondents (where it is known) is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Respondents by District and Gender

District	All respondents	Males	Females
Amber Valley	675 (13.5%)	321 (13.4%)	354 (13.5%)
Bolsover	502 (10.0%)	256 (10.7%)	246 (9.4%)
Chesterfield	536 (10.7%)	248 (10.4%)	288 (11.0%)
Derbyshire Dales	752 (15.0%)	366 (15.3%)	386 (14.7%)
Erewash	648 (12.9%)	305 (12.8%)	343 (13.1%)
High Peak	620 (12.4%)	305 (12.8%)	315 (12.0%)
North East Derbyshire	701 (14.0%)	331 (13.8%)	370 (14.1%)
South Derbyshire	583 (11.6%)	258 (10.8%)	325 (12.4%)
Total	5017 (100%)	2390 (100%)	2627 (100%)

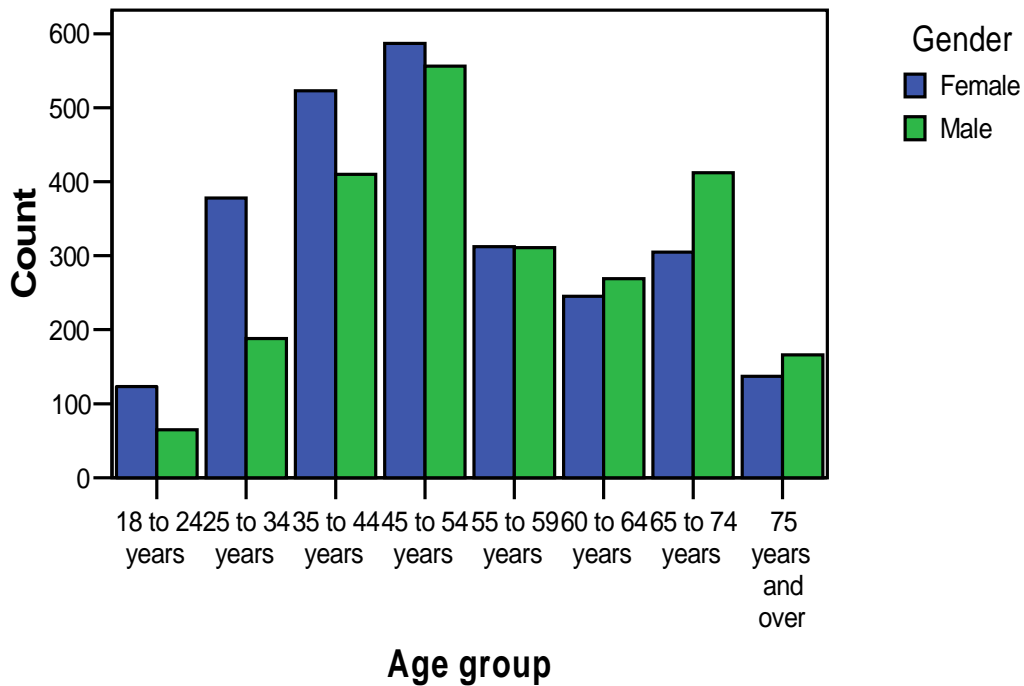


1.4 The most responses (23%) came from the 45 – 54 age group, with only 4% from people aged 18 – 24 years. The age/gender structure of respondents (where it is known) is summarised in table 1.1 overleaf.

Table 1.1 - Respondents by Age and Gender

Age	All respondents	Males	Females
18-24	188 (3.8%)	65 (2.7%)	123 (4.7%)
25-34	566 (11.3%)	188 (7.9%)	378 (14.5%)
35-44	933 (18.7%)	410 (17.2%)	523 (20.0%)
45-54	1143 (22.9%)	556 (23.4%)	587 (22.5%)
55-59	623 (12.5%)	311 (13.1%)	312 (12.0%)
60-64	514 (10.3%)	269 (11.3%)	245 (9.4%)
65-74	717 (14.4%)	412 (17.3%)	305 (11.7%)
75+	303 (6.1%)	166 (7.0%)	137 (5.2%)
Total	4987 (100%)	2377 (100%)	2610 (100%)

Bar Chart



2. RESULTS

2.1 Question 1 – How do you make use of the countryside within Derbyshire? (Please X all that apply)

2.1.1 Walking/Rambling was the most popular activity, 70.7% of county respondents selected this. Next was Scenery/Views, which was selected by 61.5% of respondents, closely followed by Visiting Attractions chosen by 58.7%. The least favourite activities were Horse Riding (3.2%) and Off-road Driving (2.5%). Table 2 below provides details of respondents' by gender.

2.1.2 Results from the districts' panel members showed that walking/ rambling was popular with Derbyshire Dales members (80.6%) and respondents from High Peak (73.2%) choose this pastime and least popular with Bolsover respondents (61.3%). Countryside scenery/views was popular with the panellists in Amber Valley (67.1%), Chesterfield and Derbyshire Dales where 66.4% of respondents choose this. Visiting attractions was particularly popular with Amber Valley respondents where 70.7% choose this.

Table 2 – Use of the Countryside

	All respondents	Males	Females
Walking/Rambling	3545 (70.7%)	1706 (71.4%)	1839 (70.0%)
Walking the dog	1357 (27.1%)	619 (25.9%)	738 (28.1%)
Cycling	1198 (23.9%)	624 (26.1%)	574 (21.9%)
Horse riding	163 (3.2%)	66 (2.8%)	97 (3.7%)
Off roading	126 (2.5%)	63 (2.6%)	64 (2.4%)
Scenery/views	3085 (61.5%)	1488 (62.3%)	1597 (60.8%)
Children's activities	1317 (26.3%)	568 (23.8%)	749 (28.5%)
Picnic	1893 (37.7%)	821 (34.4%)	1072 (40.8%)
Nature study	640 (12.8%)	340 (14.2%)	300 (11.4%)
Health	909 (18.1%)	480 (20.1%)	429 (16.3%)
Attractions	2944 (58.7%)	1333 (55.8%)	1611 (61.3%)
Events	1732 (34.5%)	772 (32.3%)	960 (36.5%)
Sport/Leisure	764 (15.2%)	427 (17.9%)	337 (12.8%)
Don't make any use	228 (4.5%)	107 (4.5%)	121 (4.6%)
Other	129 (2.6%)	72 (3.0%)	57 (2.2%)

2.2 Question 2 – How often do you walk, ride or otherwise use the network of paths and trails in Derbyshire?

2.2.1 Over 45% of all respondents used the paths at least once a week. Just over 24% use the paths at least once a month and nearly 23% said they used paths several times a year, whilst only 5.5% used them less than once a year or less. Table 3 and Chart 1 which follow identify respondents' choices.

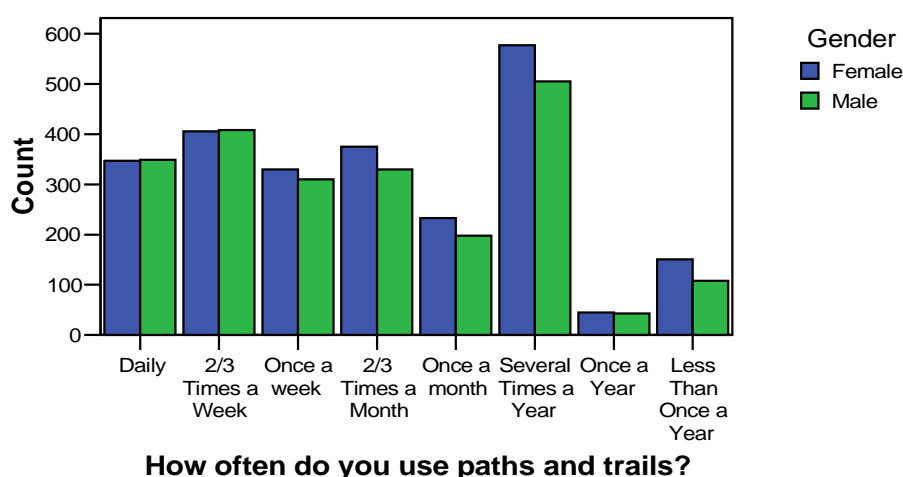
2.2.2 In Derbyshire Dales and High Peak 58.1% and 53% respectively said they used the paths at least once a week, but for Erewash panellists this figure was 39.3%. Almost 33% of panellists in North East Derbyshire used the paths at

least once a month. However in Bolsover 9% of panellists used the paths only once a year compared to 2.2% in Derbyshire Dales.

Table 3 – Frequency of use of paths and trails

	All Respondents	Males	Females
Daily	696 (14.8%)	349 (15.5%)	347 (14.1%)
2/3 times a week	814 (17.3%)	408 (18.1%)	406 (16.5%)
Once a week	640 (13.6%)	310 (13.8%)	330 (13.4%)
2/3 times a month	705 (15%)	330 (14.7%)	375 (15.2%)
Once a month	431 (9.1%)	198 (8.8%)	233 (9.5%)
Several times a year	1082 (22.9%)	505 (22.4%)	577 (23.4%)
Once a year	88 (1.9%)	43 (1.9%)	45 (1.8%)
Less than once a year	259 (5.5%)	108 (4.8%)	151 (6.1%)
Total	4715 (100%)	2251 (100%)	2464 (100%)

Chart 1



2.3 Question 3 – How do you usually get to these paths and trails?

2.3.1 Nearly 35% of all respondents walked to the paths or trails, whilst 60% travelled to them by car. However less than 1% of people used the train, just

over 1% used the bus and 2.7% used a bicycle. Table 4 shows the mode of getting to the trails below.

2.3.2 Within the districts 46% of the respondents in High Peak walked to the paths and 48.7% used the car. In Chesterfield and Erewash only 28% walk to the paths and trails. In Amber Valley, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire around 66% use the car to get to the trails and paths.

Table 4 – Mode of Transport

	Total	Males	Females
Walk	1509 (34.7%)	716 (34.6%)	793 (34.9%)
Car	2597 (59.8%)	1235 (59.6%)	1362 (59.9%)
Taxi	6 (0.1%)	4 (0.2%)	2 (0.1%)
Bicycle	116 (2.7%)	66 (3.2%)	50 (2.2%)
Motorcycle	9 (0.2%)	5 (0.2%)	4 (0.2%)
Bus	52 (1.2%)	21 (1.0%)	31 (1.4%)
Train	6 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)	3 (0.1%)
Off Road Vehicle	18 (0.4%)	10 (0.5%)	8 (0.4%)
Other	32 (0.7%)	11 (0.5%)	21 (0.9%)
Total	4345 (100%)	2071 (100%)	2274 (100%)

2.4 Question 4 – Which of the following types of Derbyshire’s countryside do you enjoy walking, riding, or cycling in? (Please X all that apply)

2.4.1 Respondents enjoyed many aspects of the Derbyshire countryside, most popular were Country Parks, Fields and Riverside Paths all attracting over 56% of respondents’ choices – the least popular being Water features (43.8%) such as Lakes and Ponds and Nature Reserves (37.2%). Table 5 overleaf details the results.

2.4.2 Respondents in Derbyshire Dales enjoyed Fields the most (74.3%), while Erewash respondents (69.8%) enjoyed canal side paths and country parks (66.5%). Respondents in Amber Valley also enjoyed using the Country Parks (61.9%), in the High Peak over 59% preferred the hills. Water features were popular with Chesterfield panellists, 50.5% chose this option. Hills were the least popular in Bolsover and South Derbyshire, only 31.7% and 32.8%

respectively chose this. Nature reserves were least popular with panellists in North East Derbyshire (28.4%).

Table 5 – Types of Countryside Enjoyed

	Total	Males	Females
Trails/ greenways	2762 (55.1%)	1374 (57.5%)	1388 (52.8%)
Riverside paths	2833 (56.5%)	1410 (59%)	1423 (54.2%)
Canal side paths	2575 (51.3%)	1248 (52.3%)	1327 (50.5%)
Other water features	2197 (43.8%)	1038 (43.5%)	1159 (44.1%)
Parkland/Country parks	2851 (56.8%)	1305 (54.6%)	1546 (58.9%)
Nature Reserves	1868 (37.2%)	912 (38.2%)	956 (36.4%)
Woodland	2506 (50.0%)	1216 (50.9%)	1290 (49.1%)
Fields and meadows	2839 (56.6%)	1380 (57.8%)	1459 (55.5%)
Hills/Moors	2259 (45.1%)	1149 (48.1%)	1110 (42.3%)
Other	119 (2.4%)	51 (2.1%)	68 (2.6%)

2.5 Question 5 – Which one of the following types of Derbyshire’s countryside do you most enjoy walking, riding or cycling in? (Please X one box only)

2.5.1 Hills were enjoyed by 19% of respondents, just over 18% chose fields and 16% country parks, but just under 4% enjoyed nature reserves. More women most enjoyed country parks (18.9%) compared to 13.3% of men, while more men than women preferred hills, 21.2% of men compared to 16.9% of women. Table 6 overleaf shows the results.

2.5.2 There were variations within the districts, in Amber Valley almost 27% preferred the fields and in High Peak over 30% preferred the hills. In Derbyshire Dales and High Peak only 6% choose country parks. Of all the districts Chesterfield (7.6%) least liked visiting trails and paths.

Table 6 – Aspect of Countryside most enjoyed

	Total	Males	Females
Trails/ greenways	537 (12.6%)	270 (13.2%)	267 (12.1%)
Riverside paths	330 (7.8%)	157 (7.7%)	173 (7.8%)
Canal side paths	393 (9.2%)	202 (9.8%)	191 (8.7%)
Other water features	219 (5.1%)	107 (5.2%)	112 (5.1%)
Parkland/Country parks	688 (16.2%)	272 (13.3%)	416 (18.9%)
Nature Reserves	163 (3.8%)	65 (3.2%)	98 (4.4%)
Woodland	293 (6.9%)	132 (6.4%)	161 (7.3%)
Fields and meadows	782 (18.4%)	392 (19.1%)	390 (17.7%)
Hills/Moors	807 (19%)	434 (21.2%)	373 (16.9%)
Other	44 (1.0%)	20 (1.0%)	24 (1.1%)
Total	4256 (100%)	2051 (100%)	2205 (100%)

2.6 Question 6 – Do you make use of paths and trails as much as you would like?

2.6.1 Over 73% respondents said they did not make as much use of the paths and trails as they would have wished. This figure for women was almost 76%, for men it was 70.5%.

2.6.2 Almost 78% of the panellists in South Derbyshire, 76.8% in Erewash and 76.2% in Chesterfield felt they did not make use of trails as much as they would like. However, only 33% in High Peak and 22.4% in South Derbyshire said they did make use the trails. The districts' respondents choices are detailed in Table 7 below.

Table 7 – Use of Countryside

	Yes	No	Total
Amber Valley	162 (26.2%)	457 (73.8%)	619 (100%)
Bolsover	115 (27.6%)	302 (72.4%)	417 (100%)
Chesterfield	112 (23.8%)	359 (76.2%)	471 (100%)
Derbyshire Dales	196 (29.2%)	475 (70.8%)	671 (100%)
Erewash	131 (32.2%)	434 (76.8%)	565 (100%)
High Peak	186 (32.9%)	379 (67.1%)	565 (100%)
NE Derbyshire	158 (27.1%)	425 (72.9%)	583 (100%)
South Derbyshire	113 (22.4%)	392 (77.6%)	505 (100%)
Total	1173 (26.7%)	3223 (73.3%)	4396 (100%)

2.7 Question 7 –What stops you or puts you off walking, riding or otherwise using network of paths and trails

- 2.7.1** Time is a key consideration with over 40% stating that they did not have enough time, whilst less than 1% said it was too expensive. Nothing stopped 19.5% of the respondents from using the trails and paths, but for 10% limited mobility was a problem. For 23.2% of respondents litter/dog fouling was an issue, as was obstructed paths (26.3%). Just over 11% of women thought that it was too dangerous compared to 3.8% of men. Results for this question are detailed in the Table 8 overleaf.
- 2.7.2** Within the districts almost 50% of Erewash respondents said they did not have enough time, in Amber Valley this figure was 42.7%, for Bolsover panellists it was just under 34%. Obstructed paths were highlighted by panellists in Amber Valley (29.3%) and Bolsover (28.7%). Litter/dog fouling was seen as a problem by Chesterfield and High Peak panellists (27%). Lack of information was cited by Bolsover (21.4%) and South Derbyshire panellists (21.2%)

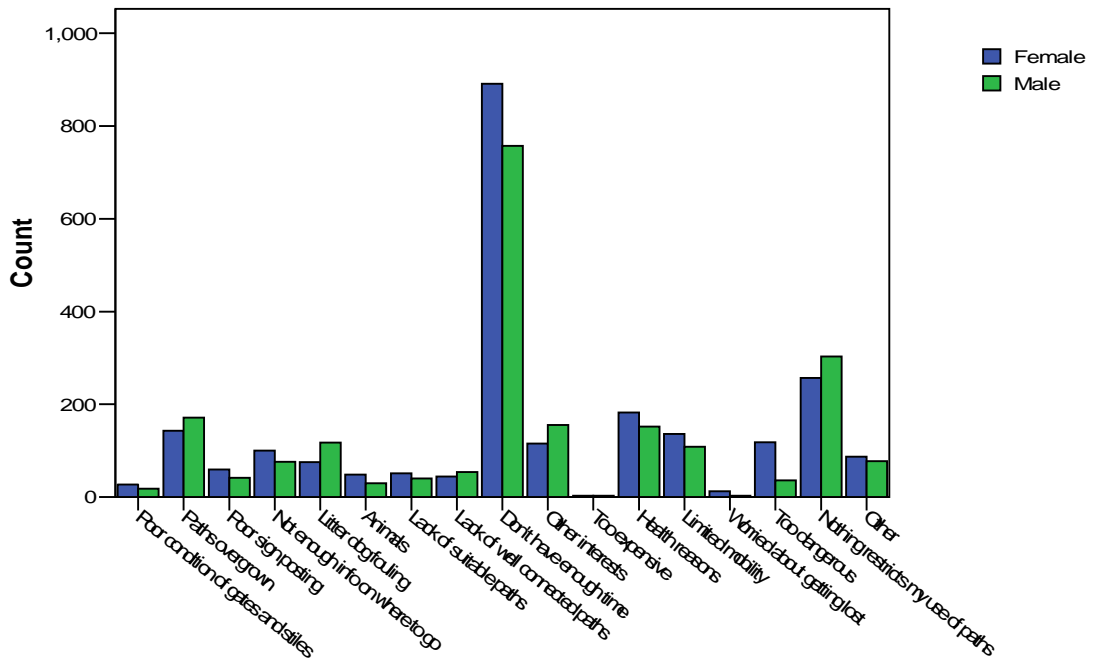
Table 8 – What stops you using the Countryside

	Total	Male	Female
Poor condition of stiles/gates	476 (9.5%)	231 (9.7%)	245 (9.3%)
Obstructed paths	1321 (26.3%)	638 (26.7%)	683 (26%)
Poor sign posting	790 (15.7%)	369 (15.4%)	421 (16%)
Not enough information	849 (16.9%)	349 (14.6%)	500 (19%)
Litter/dog fouling	1116 (23.2%)	550 (23%)	616 (23.4%)
Animals	439 (8.8%)	197 (8.2%)	242 (9.2%)
Lack of paths near home	488 (9.7%)	203 (8.5%)	285 (10.8%)
Circular routes	713 (14.2%)	325 (13.6%)	388 (14.8%)
Not enough time	2025 (40.4%)	929 (38.9%)	1096 (41.7%)
Other interests	851 (17%)	438 (18.3%)	413 (15.7%)
Too expensive	27 (0.5%)	10 (0.4%)	17 (0.6%)
Health	616 (12.3%)	276 (11.6%)	340 (12.9%)
Limited mobility	504 (10%)	237 (9.9%)	267 (10.2%)
Getting lost	167 (3.3%)	40 (1.7%)	127 (4.8%)
Too dangerous	384 (7.7%)	90 (3.8%)	294 (11.2%)
Nothing restricts use of paths	977 (19.5%)	532 (22.3%)	445 (16.9%)
Other	316 (6.3%)	155 (6.5%)	161 (6.1%)

2.8 Question 8 – What is the main reason why you do not use the paths and trails as much as you would like.

2.8.1 Almost 37% of respondents said that lack of time was the main reason they did not use the paths as much as they would like, but 12.5% said nothing stopped them. Nearly 13 % did they did not use the paths because of limited mobility or health reasons. Just over 4% do not use them as they consider that they are unsuitable of not well-connected, 7% thought the paths were overgrown. Chart 2 illustrates this below.

Chart 2



What is the main reason why you don't use paths and...

2.9 Question 9 – Which of the following are your main priorities for improving access to the paths and trails? (please cross a minimum of three boxes only)

2.9.1 Just over 45% of all respondents thought that that links that create circular routes were a priority. A further 32% considered that the creation of new paths would be a good thing, Just over 28% of all respondents thought that attractive routes would be good for the local economy and tourism. A fifth of all respondents choose routes in conjunction with public transport. The results are detailed in the Table 9 overleaf.

2.9.2 Between 45% and 50% of all the district respondents thought that circular routes were a priority, 50% of South Derbyshire panellists agreed with this. Just under 17% in South Derbyshire choose routes in conjunction with public transport but in High Peak it was popular with 27% of respondents. Just over 20% of Bolsover respondents considered routes for people with mobility problems a priority. Bolsover respondents (34%) also thought that routes that support the economy were a priority.

Table 9

	Total	Male	Female
Creation of new paths	1431 (32.1%)	701 (33.1%)	731 (31.2%)
New paths for horse riding	121 (2.7%)	50 (2.4%)	71 (3%)
New paths for cycling	726 (16.3%)	360 (17%)	366 (15.7%)
Paths for horsedrawn or off road vehicles	102 (2.3%)	68 (3.2%)	34 (1.5%)
Links for circular routes	2016 (45.2%)	1002 (47.2%)	1014 (43.4%)
Safer road crossing points	454 (10.2%)	217 (10.2%)	237 (10.1%)
Routes in conjunction with public transport	950 (21.3%)	418 (19.7%)	532 (22.8%)
Routes from population centres	747 (16.8%)	350 (16.5%)	397 (17%)
Routes for local journeys	693 (15.5%)	307 (14.5%)	386 (16.5%)
Routes for mobility/sighted problems	705 (15.8%)	291 (13.7%)	414 (17.7%)
Nature conservation	846 (19%)	408 (19.2%)	438 (18.7%)
Support local economy	1265 (28.4%)	625 (29.5%)	640 (27.4%)
Health initiatives	377 (8.5%)	175 (8.3%)	202 (8.6%)
Events and guided walks	363 (8.1%)	121 (5.7%)	242 (10.4%)
Other	210 (4.7%)	126 (5.9%)	84 (3.6%)

APPENDIX A