

REVISED INTEGRATED ACTION PROGRAMME FOR BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH

2002-2003

1. Introduction

1.1 The Revised Integrated Action Programme (IAP) for Bridgend County Borough represents a series of projects that implement the objectives of the Countryside Strategy (CS). Its prime purpose is to engender support and input from key partners, internal departments of Bridgend County Borough Council and over two hundred and twenty organisations and individuals which have been consulted on a structure of the Countryside Strategy.

2. Format of the AP

2.1 The Projects contained below are set out in such a way that they complement the five core topic areas contained in Part II of the Revised Countryside Strategy, namely:

Nature Conservation

Landscape conservation and Enhancement

Access and Recreation

Environmental Awareness and Education

Economy and Land Management

2.2 Below each project a cross-reference is made to the corresponding objective(s) contained in the CS. In several instances relevant paragraphs are referred to also. Under project 1 of the Nature Conservation projects, for example it states: 'c.f. NC obj. 1', which represents coming from Nature Conservation (chapter) objective 1. Each of the core topics are abbreviated as follows:- NC- Nature Conservation, LCE- Landscape Conservation and Enhancement, AR-Access and Recreation, EAE-Environmental Awareness and Education and ELM- Economy and Land Management.

2.3 Partners are also listed in an abbreviated form, the abbreviation and full title of the organisation can be found in the report of Consultations Bridgend County Borough CS and IAP Report of Consultations Document.

2.4 Where timetables for individual project development are known, this is given. Otherwise projects are considered to be short-term, medium-term or long term. These references give an indication of the length of time before it is considered that funding will become available to implement them. In addition, it is considered that their inclusion within the IAP may facilitate the identification of partners and funding to implement the project. Other projects have time tabled as On-going. This is where projects cover a number of years. In some instance the project may not be progressed for one reason or another e.g. a lack of on-going funding or the project was a pilot project. Such issues maybe referred to in the Notes section of each project, together with other additional pertinent information.

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Nature Conservation

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MANAGEMENT OF KENFIG NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE (KNNR)

NC1	Carry out practical habitat and species management at KNNR. (c.f. NC01)	Kenfig Trust, CCW, BCBC-Planning, BTCV.	On-going.	Further details from the KNNR Reserve Centre. This includes:- 1. Management of 30 hectares of dune grassland to increase diversity by carrying out scrub clearance and mowing. 2. Management of 20 hectares of humid dune slack to benefit the fen orchid and associated plants and invertebrates.
NC2	Carry out monitoring and data collection works at KNNR. (c.f. NC01,3)	BCBC-Planning, BTO, CCW, NMGW, GBC, GMRG, BDS, BSBI. BCBC-Planning, Volunteers BCBC-Planning, Volunteers BCBC –Planning, BTO, Volunteers	On-going On-going On-going Twice/month	Includes :- 1. Monitoring the effects of mowing and scrub clearance. 2. Monthly counts for the BTO/WWT Wetland Bird Survey. 3. Butterfly transects 4. Moth trapping 5. Monitoring of beach levels / erosion. 6. Survey of the Strandline Beetle <i>Nebria complanata</i> . 7. Water table measurements. 8. Compiling Daily Wildlife records. 9. Produce an annual 'Kenfig Wildlife Report.' 10. Constant Effort scheme to survey breeding birds in reeds and willow next to Kenfig Pool

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NC3	Provide an education and information service based at KNNR	BCBC - Planning, CCW, Education Business	On-going	Includes:- 1. Running school visits

	Reserve Centre. (c.f.EAE03,6)	Partnership, Volunteers, National Watch Club		<p>and guided walks.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Inputting to industry training days held at schools 3. Providing a summer holiday scheme. 4. Holding an annual 'Open Day' (held in June, July, August). 5. Running a children's Watch club once a month 	
NC4	Enhance public access and enjoyment of KNNR (c.f.AR02,3,4,5,7)	BCBC- Planning, CCW, GB, Pencoed College	On-going	<p>The 'mini-nature reserve' project is completed and provides access for the less abled. Tape-recorded interpretative material has being produced for the visually disabled (part of this Authority's 'Best Value' pilot project).</p> <p>GB's Bridleway and Access Study has been completed and identifies equestrian access problems and opportunities throughout the county borough, including Kenfig NNR.</p>	<p>The 'mini-nature reserve' project is completed and provides access for the less abled. Tape-recorded interpretative material is currently being produced for the visually disabled (part of this Authority's 'Best Value' pilot project).</p> <p>GB's Bridleway and Access Study has been completed and identifies equestrian access problems and opportunities throughout the county borough, including Kenfig NNR.</p>
MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL NATURE RESERVES (LNRs) AND OTHER STATUTORY SITES					
NC5	Management of Craig-y-Parcau LNR.	BCBC- Planning, CCW, BTCV	On-going	'Management Plan' currently being updated. On-going management works	

	(c.f.NC01)			<p>being carried out</p> <p>Risk assessment of the site carried out 1999.</p> <p>The revised draft management plan is currently with CCW for comment.</p>	
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NC6	<p>Management of Frog Pond Wood LNR</p> <p>(c.f.NC01)</p>	<p>BCBC-Planning, CCW, Pencoed College, BTCV</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>'Management Plan' currently being updated. On-going management works being carried out</p> <p>Risk assessment of the site carried out 1999.</p> <p>Woodland grant scheme funding has permitted coppicing in the woodland to encourage ash regeneration. Work undertaken by BTCV</p> <p>Pencoed College students and staff have undertaken pond management, which is on-going</p> <p>KNNR staff have provided an 'outreach function' at Village Farm Meadow, by way of mowing and felling work.</p> <p>Review of the management plan is currently in progress</p>
NC7	<p>Declare and establish new LNRs.</p> <p>(c.f.NC016)</p>	<p>BCBC-Planning, CCW</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>2002</p> <p>2002-03</p>	<p>Lock's Common and Newton Burrows (both in Porthcawl) are currently being put forward as potential LNRs, and draft management plans are in preparation. This also forms part of Kenfig NNR's outreach function.</p> <p>The Lock's Common draft management plan has undergone public consultation as part of the process to progress this site to full LNR status.</p>

				An Objective 1 is being resubmitted to WEFO for the establishment of a coastal wardening service. Also a voluntary wardening service is being set up for Lock's Common and Newton Burrows.
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NC9	Support the establishment of a local 'Biological Records Centre' (c.f.NC01,3)	BCBC- Planning GWT, CCW, National Biodiversity Network.	On-going	Heritage Lottery Bid by NBN Consortium.
NC10	Work towards the production of a Geographical Information System (or GIS) which will contain detailed biological records and other environmental data. (c.f.NC01, LCE01)	BCBC- Planning, CCW, GWT, other key partners and consultees, EAW.	On-going	The Authority is progressing with a GIS based on Map Info. It is the intention to build up layers of data on archaeology, nature conservation and landscape to inform land-use policy development. Elements of this will be developed through Landmap process (also see paragraph 9.4.1 of Countryside Strategy).
NC11	Support the work of the voluntary recording community. (c.f.NC01,3)	BCBC Planning, GMRG, GBC, BDS, BSBI, BTO.	On-going	
NC12	Development of Model Planning Conditions for nature conservation. (c.f.NC01)	BCBC- Planning, all key partners.	On-going	
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NC13	Develop policies and proposals to increase the nature	BCBC- all	Initiate in	

	conservation interest of land in Council ownership. (c.f.NC01)	directorates	1998	
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AREA BASED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

NC14	Carry out work related to the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. (c.f.NC01)	Members of 'GBAG'	On-going	<p>This currently includes:-</p> <p>The preparation of a number of species and habitat action plans for short and middle list priorities and those species and habitats that are locally important.</p> <p>Support for Butterfly Conservation's Regional Action Plan for Wales and the implementation of an action plan for Lepidoptera in Bridgend.</p> <p>Volumes 1 and 2 of the Bridgend Biodiversity Action Plan have been prepared, which are being progressed as supplementary planning guidance.</p> <p>This project can be cross-referenced to Issue NE/10 of the LEAP. Also EAW are committed to working closely with partners of GBAG as highlighted in the LEAP, Page 7 under Biodiversity Action Plans.</p>
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NC15	Support the work of the 'Glamorgan Heritage Coast Project' (c.f.NC01)	BCBC-Planning, VGC	On-going	See Notes for NC7 above.
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NC16	Support the work of the Coed Cymru Woodland Project.	BCBC-Planning	On-going	This includes both BCBC sites and those in private ownership.
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	(c.f.NC01,9)			
NC17	Management of Coed Iestyn Woodland. (c.f.NC01,9)	GWT, Mid Glamorgan Probation Service, Pencoed College, Pencoed Town Council,	On-going	The management is based on a partnership agreement, which Pencoed College uses for practical education work. The Probation Service also undertake practical works.
NC18	Management of Trafalgar Wood, Porthcawl	Woodland Trust, BCBC Planning, Porthcawl Town Council	On-going	Development of management objectives through community involvement.
NC19	Woodland Project Pencoed. (c.f.NC01,9)	Dunraven Estate, Pencoed College, Pencoed Town Council,	On-going	This project has received Millennium funding through Dunraven Estates. Pencoed Town Council are currently pursuing Cyd Coed funding to undertake further management works. Millennium funding through Dunraven Estate has also been agreed in principle for a nature Reserve feature at Heol-y-Cyw (see EAE3)
NC20	Management of The Wilderness, and Pwll y Waun, Porthcawl	BCBC Planning & Leisure & Legal, Services, EAW, local angling group	On-going	
NC21	Support local agri-environment schemes. (c.f.NC011)	BCBC-Planning, CCW, WO	On-going	KNNR staff are currently giving advice and support to the Sker Farm Habitat Scheme e.g. ragwort control.
NC22	GWT Nature Reserve Management Plan Strategy. (c.f.NC01)	GWT	1999-on-going	Outlines the on-going progress of nature reserves in the old Glamorgan area that come under the control of GWT.

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NC23	<p>Development and production of a 'Coastal Zone Management Plan' for the County Borough</p> <p>(c.f.NC04, LCE01, ELM09)</p>	BCBC-Planning, CCW and key partners.	On-going	<p>The Authority supports 'Arfordir', a grouping of local authority officers involved in the Coastal Zone Management. Support is also provided to 'Green Sea Initiative'. This is a joint venture involving more than 30 organisations to protect and improve the marine environment around Wales.</p>
NC24	<p>Investigate the opportunities for setting up a countryside management service.</p> <p>(c.f. all NC0s,)</p>	All key partners	2002-03	<p>An Objective 1 bid is being prepared For a Bridgend County Borough Countryside Management Service.</p>
NC25	<p>Carry out improvements to river corridors.</p> <p>(c.f.NC012, LCE02,5, AR06, EAE03)</p>	BCBC-Planning, EAW, Keep Wales Tidy, Otters and Rivers Project Wales	On-going	<p>These include litter clearance, access improvements and habitat creation. EAW have created wetlands at Waterton and tree management along river corridors. The Clean Rivers Project (part of Keep Wales Tidy), work in partnership with local organisations and residents to achieve improvements to the River Ogmore.</p> <p>A Riparian Habitat Action Plan has been prepared for the area, including a project to submit an Objective 1 bid for sustainable fisheries. Other initiatives identified in this Plan will be subject to funding being secured.</p> <p>Friends of the River Ogmore has been set up to consider increasing the biodiversity interest in Bridgend town area as well as trying to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Other initiatives the group is involved with is bank repair works at Newbridge fields and</p> <p>See Neath, Port Talbot and Bridgend LEAP issue NE/13, produced by the Environment Agency Wales. This considers the merits of considering the designation of 'buffer zones' along river corridors.</p>

NC26	Develop a Strategy to protect and manage the Ogmore River Estuary. (c.f.NC04,12)	BCBC- Planning, BTO, EAW, JNCC, CCW, VGC	On-going	This will include the collation of nature conservation data and the examination of threats and opportunities.
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NC27	Develop a strategy for the selection and management of road verges of biodiversity interest. (c.f.NC01)	BCBC- Planning, GWT, Education and Leisure	On-going	This project seeks to enhance the biodiversity of the roadside verges of the County Borough.
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NC28	Provide a nature conservation input into land reclamation schemes. (c.f.NC01,5)	BCBC- Planning, WDA, FA	On-going	See 'Landscapes Working for Bridgend County Borough'. Also see Ogmore Catchment Management Plan and Local Environment Agency Plan for Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend (produced by the Environment Agency)
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NC29	Develop policies for the management and control of invasive plants and weed species. (c.f.NC01)	BCBC- Planning, EAW, FA, BHS,	On-going	<p>These plants include Japanese Knotweed, Sea Buckthorn, Rhododendron, and Himalayan Balsam and ragwort.</p> <p>EAW provides advice and have prepared publications on the control of Japanese knotweed and Himalayan Balsam. This forms part of EAW's contribution to a co-ordinated approach to the control of these species "and links with Issue NE/12 of the LEAP Action Plan.</p> <p>BHS operate an annual 'Ragwort Pulling Week'.</p>
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GENERAL

NC30	Draw up a list of 'Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation' (or SINC). (c.f.NC03)	BCBC- Planning, GWT	On-going	A completed list is held on GIS along with associated ecological information. The database is constantly being reviewed and update on both a regular basis, and as and when new information comes to light.
NC31	Support nature conservation fora and working-groups. (c.f. all NCOs).		On-going	Support and input is currently being provided to the 'Glamorgan Biodiversity Advisory Group'.
NC32	Support pollution control initiatives. (c.f.NCO1)	BCBC- Planning, EAW	On-going	Two oil booming sites were validated in 1999. These two points would completely protect the estuary in the event of an accident. Relevant LEAP issues that relate to pollution prevention are NE/23, NE/24, NE/26, NE/27, NE/31, NE/34, NE/ 35 and NE/36.
NC33	Support the 'Trees of Time and Place' Initiative. (c.f.NC01)	Various	On-going	An initiative aimed at growing trees from seed. GB continues to support the Rockwool Tree Nursery Initiative, which collects local indigenous seed and growing it on prior to planting on local projects
NC34	Support for community based projects to protect species of local interest including birds of prey (c.f. NCO1)	BCBC- Planning, EAW, Police Wildlife Liaison Officer, RSPB.	On-going	
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NC35	Progression of Cyd coed bids	BCBC, Town and Community Councils, Coed Cymru, RCT, local	2002-2005	Cyd Coed is an objective 1 bid initiative that is concerned with providing funding for woodland and woodland related works. In the Bridgend area a number of woodlands have been put forward

		community groups		including Pencoed Millennium Wood, Coed Iestyn Wood, Aberkenfig Community Woodland. Other sites are also being considered for inclusion within this initiative.
NC36	Pond Survey for Bridgend County Borough	NMGW, EAW, BCBC Planning	2002-2003	Work has commenced on this project, which is being jointly funded by the three partners.

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Landscape Conservation And Enhancement

No.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	notes
LANDSCAPE SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT				
LCE1	Carry out landscape review and assessment in conjunction with the preparation of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP). (c.f. LCE01,3)	BCBC - Planning, CCW and Key Partners	On-going	This will need to review existing landscape designations such as 'Landscape Conservation Areas', Glamorgan Heritage Coast, Merthyr Mawr and Kenfig (Landscapes of Outstanding Historic Interest in Wales) and Bedford Ironworks.
LCE2	Development of LandMap project	CCW, BCBC. RCT, Caerphilly CBC, Town and Country Planning Association	On-going	CCW have made funding available to digitise landscape features, including nature conservation, geological and cultural features set out in a series of layers. This initiative is known as LandMap. BCBC, RCT and Caerphilly CBCs have set up a consortium as a means of best using available funding and consultants have been commissioned to undertake the various layers. In addition the consortium have employed a co-ordinator from Town and Country Planning Associates to oversee this work.

LCE3	Undertake a series of Conservation Area appraisals (c.f. LCE01,3)	BCBC - Planning, Cadw	On-going	An appraisal of Bridgend Town Centre for Conservation Area designation was undertaken in 1998. This was formally designated in April 1999 An appraisal of Maesteg Town Centre was undertaken in March 2000. Maesteg Town centre was formally designated in February 2001. A series of reappraisal of existing conservation areas is on-going.
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LCE4	Carry out a re-survey of Listed Buildings (c.f.LCE03)	Cadw, BCBC-Planning	On-going	Cadw has virtually completed its re-survey of Bridgend County Borough. Work is currently progressing on the last Community (Bridgend Town Centre).
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LCE5	Survey and safeguard historic buildings at risk (c.f.LCE03)	BCBC-Planning, Cadw	On-going	
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LCE6	Work towards the production of a GIS that will contain listings of Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings, Ancient Monuments, Buildings of Risk/Buildings of Local Importance. Information to include grants and planning histories. (c.f. LCE01,3)	BCBC-Planning, Cadw	On-going	Elements of this will be developed through Landmap process (also see paragraph 9.4.1 of Countryside Strategy). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cadw has supplied a list of buildings of local importance to the Authority. Data to be inputted; • Conservation areas and listed buildings are already on GIS; • Additional data capture is pending • Work has commenced on providing SAM site location details on a GIS base.
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				See also Nature Conservation Project NC10.
LCE7	Carry out a survey/review of RIGS/geological sites (c.f. LCE07)	BCBC - Planning CCW, NMGW, SWGS	On-going	RIGS stands for 'Regionally Important Geological Sites'

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ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION

LCE8	Implement projects identified in 'Landscapes Working for Bridgend County Borough' (c.f. LCE01,2)	WDA, Key Partners Sustrans Others	On-going On-going 1999-On-going 1999 – 2001 2001-2002	<p>'Landscapes Working for Bridgend County Borough' . (LWBCB) is a County Borough wide document, commissioned by the WDA and originally Ogwr Borough Council. It seeks to promote both economy and environment simultaneously and is set out in a number of volumes including a strategy, design guidelines and an action programme.</p> <p>Discussions between the WDA and BCBC departments are underway to discuss new schemes coming forward for implementation.</p> <p>BCBC are currently progressing a soft landscaping scheme for planting and maintenance of areas along the valley floor and sides which have been re-profiled by the land reclamation scheme in the area. The project will be funded by the WDA and tenders have been sought</p> <p>Final phases of Environmental Improvements to Village Farm Industrial Estate to be undertaken using National Assembly for Wales' Welsh Capital Challenge funding. Previous phases employed Strategic Development Fund and WDA Environmental Programme funding. All phases have benefited from BCBC and</p>
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				<p>private sector contributions. Potential schemes are being prioritised in line with available budgets. A 5 year maintenance contract is to be actioned at the end of the financial year. Remaining budget being ALLOCATED IN 2002-03.</p> <p>Implementation of schemes targeting Llynfi and Garw valleys employing WDA and sources of grant secured by GB and continuing.</p>
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				<p>The intention for LWBCB is that it will be progressed as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) which will inform both comments on planning applications and the development of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP).</p> <p>In terms of visual impact on the landscape - see NC18</p>
LCE9	<p>Support and carry out small-scale tree planting schemes</p> <p>(c.f. LCE02,5)</p>	<p>key partners</p> <p>Community Groups</p>	On-going	<p>GB has been involved with planting in the upper Garw Valley as part of the Garw Valley green Strategy. Also at the Brynna Llangynwyd (Woodland Trust Woods on your Doorstep).</p> <p>Also see NC33 Trees of Time and Place Project and EAE3 Woodland Planting Project at Brynteg Comprehensive School</p>
LCE10	<p>Provide advice on land reclamation</p> <p>(c.f. LCE01)</p>	key partners	On-going	
LCE11	<p>Carry out work relating to 'Tree Preservation Orders' (TPOs)</p>	<p>BCBC</p> <p>Planning</p>	On-going	<p>Unfortunately at the present time there are no resources available to reassess existing TPOs.</p>

	(c.f. LCE01, NC01)			
LCE12	Carry out work relating to the 'Hedgerow Regulations' (c.f. LCE01, NC01)	BCBC - Planning, NMGW, key partners	On-going	The NMGW were commissioned to undertake a hedgerow survey in 1999. This has been carried out to provide an overview of the condition of hedges in the County Borough and to afford hedges greater protection when threatened by development.

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LCE13	Develop a Conservation Strategy for the built environment (c.f. LCE03)	Key Partners	On-going	This Strategy will address all aspects of the conservation and enhancement of the built environment, townscape and built heritage in the County Borough.
LCE14	Development of Sites and Monuments Record	GGAT, BCBC-Planning, Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments in Wales		Currently GGAT holds records of c2000 archaeological sites and monuments in SE Wales.
LCE15	Development of a list of historic buildings of local interest	BCBC-Planning, local civic trusts, local historical societies, Cadw	On-going	To inform policy EV38 of the Unitary Development Plan. Draft document prepared May 2002. Work is progressing on consultation and a photographic survey.

	Conservation Areas			above.
LCE20	Set up a Building Preservation Trust	LPA act as initiating agent for local historic/civic		Grants available from Heritage Lottery Fund (Building Preservation Trusts) for one-off expenditure to safeguard, conserve or enhance a heritage asset for the benefit of the public. BCBC will act as initiating agents for prospective applicants. Progress in Maesteg Town Centre.
LCE21	Designation of Maesteg Town Centre Conservation Area	Cadw, local Civic Trust		Designated February 2001.
LCE22	Launch of Bridgend Town Improvement Grant Scheme and the extension of Porthcawl TIG Scheme			Both now in place and can benefit environmental improvement schemes in addition to individual building improvements.
LCE23	Promotion of Greening the Valleys	BCBC, CCW, EAW, FE, Forestry Commission, GB, Keep Wales Tidy, Other	On-going	This initiative is far reaching and seeks to promote best practice assisted by a series of guidelines prepared by partners. Greening the Wales is an all Wales initiative for Valley areas and the partners given above only refer to those relevant to the Bridgend area.
LCE24	Provision of information and advice on all archaeological and heritage matters to the general public.	GGAT, BCBC	On-going	
LCE25	Launch of Maesteg Town Improvement Grant Scheme/Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme.	BCBC, Heritage Lottery Fund, Cadw	Projected for Spring 2002	THI officer to be appointed June 2002.

Access and Recreation

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (INCLUDING 'ACCESS - FOR ALL' ROUTES, LONG DISTANCE WALKS AND RIDES)				
AR1	Review the management of recreational routes. (c.f. ARO 2,3 ELM09)	BCBC -Planning, (and EDU), Highways, Leisure, BTCV, WTB, Local Authorities, Groundwork Trusts. Ramblers Association (RA)	By March 2001 and On-going	<p>These routes include the 'Ogwr Ridgeway Walk', the 'Sky to Sea Walk' and the 'Glamorgan Heritage Coast Footpath'.</p> <p>Ogwr Ridgeway walk leaflet to be revised by Planning. Sky to Sea walk leaflet also needs revision.</p> <p>GB and RA have established a number of shorter circular walks throughout the county borough.</p> <p>Planning will be carrying out a review of all these routes as part of an audit of access and recreation facilities (see project AR35). This review will consider improvement, maintenance and marketing.</p> <p>BHS has highlighted the need for long distance routes for horse riders to be established.</p> <p>A proposed Bridgend circular walk has been presented to Highways.</p>
AR2	Production of an access Newsletter (c.f. ARO2, EAE06).	BCBC-Highways. RA, BHS, GB.	Long-term	<p>Project to be progressed through a forum/working group.</p> <p>No resources identified currently. It has been suggested at the Integrated Action Programme (Access and Recreation) review meetings that this project</p>

				be extended to access as a whole and produced by a number of groups not just BCBC – Highways and Transportation. In the absence of a newsletter consideration could be given to regular press statements concerning access in the county borough.
AR3	Production of leaflets / booklets / posters that publicise access opportunities within each community council area	BCBC-Highways, GB. RA, BHS, Community Councils.	On-going. Long-term	GB have produced a series of leaflets promoting circular (or community) Walks. Planning are intending to carry out a review of these walks as part of an audit (see project AR35). Highways have longer term plans to promote PROWS within individual Community Council areas. This depends on the revision of the definitive map. However, no resources identified at the current time.
AR4	Provide access to the definitive map via remote terminals in libraries, tourist information centres and other strategic locations. (c.f. ARO2, EAE06).	BCBC-Highways.	Medium – Long Term	Dependent on production of new definitive map (see AR8). Map could also usefully be promoted through exhibitions, leaflets, the press and other strategic tourist locations.
AR5	Establish a system to monitor and deal with complaints relating to PROW (c.f. ARO2).	BCBC-Highways. RA, BHS.	On-going.	A database to monitor complaints was completed in January 1999. A part-time Rights of Way inspector responds to and deals with complaints. BCBC Highways Department is also developing a new complaints form.
AR6	Identify and progress a rolling programme of	BCBC-Planning, Highways, GB.	On-going.	Both GB and the RA have carried out surveys. Highways are intending to draw up a programme of

	<p>PROW surveys. (c.f. ARO2).</p>	<p>Pencoed College, RA, BHS</p>	<p>By March 2001</p>	<p>surveys every April to gather information for Performance Indicators. Highways have an on-going programme of assessing 5% of PROWs over a 20 year cycle.</p>
				<p>Community councils and other groups could have more of a role in this project.</p>
				<p>GB to carry out surveys in the Upper Llynfi Valley and Cefn Cribwr.</p>
<p>AR7</p>	<p>Identify and progress a rolling programme of improvements to the local PROW network. (c.f. ARO2).</p>	<p>BCBC-Planning, Highways, GB.</p>	<p>2000-On-going</p>	<p>A working group is required to progress this project, since a rolling programme is crucial for setting priorities.</p>
		<p>RA , BHS,</p>	<p>March-2001-On-going</p>	
		<p>Pencoed College,</p>		<p>GB are currently carrying out a 'Special Places' project. This aims to identify places of interest in the countryside and improve access to them from the Celtic Trail and Community Routes. This involves the upgrading of PROWS and other paths. GB will be completing a programme of improvements in the Upper Llynfi Valley, Garw Valley and Cefn Cribwr by March 2001. In conjunction with these improvements, GB will also carry out a programme of awareness raising events and produce promotional and/or interpretational material.</p>
		<p>Community Councils</p>		
		<p>CCW</p>		
		<p>Landowners</p>		
				<p>It is important that BCBC is informed of what works organisations are undertaking. Otherwise, if they have not taken the correct precautions they will be liable for future maintenance.</p>

AR8	Maintain the PROW definitive map and statement (c.f. ARO2).	BCBC- Highways, Legal, Landowners.	On-going End 2000	A new definitive map and statement is currently being produced. Definitive Map to be placed on a Geographical Information System. (GIS). Current map held at BCBC's Morien House offices.
				Investigation of applications for claimed rights of way under 'Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981'. First batch of 9 applications to be completed by the end of 2000. Remaining 34 to be determined as soon as possible.
AR9	Ensure the effective maintenance of all PROW (c.f. ARO2).	BCBC- Highways, Legal, Landowners, Local Groups,	On-going. Medium – term	Agency agreements with 8 local Community Councils are already in place. Three others are in the process of signing up.
		Countryside User Groups, GB, Community Councils.		Highways aim to get remaining Community Councils to sign agency agreements.
		Pencoed College		Voluntary groups such as community service offenders and Pencoed College, could become more involved with this work.
AR10	Make orders for diversion/ extinguishment/creation of PROW as requested under Highways and/or Planning legislation (c.f. ARO2).	BCBC- Planning, Highways.	On-going.	
AR11	Implement Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act (2000).	All	On-going	This is an on-going initiative. BCBC has received funding from NAW. This funding will be used to create two new posts within the Authority to facilitate the implementation of the

CROW Act.

AR12	Ensure landowners and occupiers carry out their responsibilities in respect of PROW. (c.f. ARO2)	BCBC, Highways. NFU, FUW, CLA Landowners, RA.	On-going	Rights of Way Inspector liaises with landowners as problems arise. Proposed new legislation (AR11) could be relevant to this project.
AR13	Improve 'Access for All' facilities at Bryngarw Country Park (cf. ARO3,5,7).	BCBC-Leisure, Planning, Social Services. CCW Fieldfare Trust, BT, Bridgend College, RA, GB	On-going	Also see 'A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'. Work is currently in progress to improve disabled access and access for the visually impaired. BHS are concerned that there is no access within the park for horses. A review of provision for the visually impaired has been carried out under the Authority's Best Value project.
AR14	Improve 'Access for All' facilities at Bedford Park, Waun Cimla. (cf. ARO3,5,7).	CCW Fieldfare Trust, BT, Bridgend College, RA, GB	On-going	RA have been assessing sites suitable for 'access for all' with a group from Bridgend College. GB's 'access for all' promotional leaflet needs re-printing. Also see 'A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'. BHS has identified a number of bridleway improvements.
AR15	Improve 'Access for All' facilities at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend. (c.f. ARO3,5,7).	CCW Fieldfare Trust, BT, Bridgend College, RA, GB	On-going	Also see a Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr. A circular 'Access for All' route could be developed

				<p>linking Bridgend Station, Newbridge fields and Craig-y-Parcau Local Nature Reserve. Will need to examine the relationship of this project to the Bridgend Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and the Porthcawl Cycle Study.</p> <p>BHS has identified a number of bridleway improvements.</p>
AR16	<p>Develop 'Access for All' facilities at Parc Slip Nature Park, Tondy</p> <p>(c.f. ARO3,5).</p>	<p>CCW</p> <p>Fieldfare Trust, BT, Bridgend College, RA, GB</p> <p>GWT</p>	On-going	<p>From 'A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'.</p> <p>Adjacent Celtic Trail now complete. This may have created more access for all opportunities.</p> <p>Need for disabled toilet facilities in the new building of Parc Slip.</p>
AR17	<p>Develop 'Access for All' facilities at Pyle (in conjunction with the existing short circular walk).</p> <p>(c.f. ARO3,5).</p>	<p>CCW</p> <p>Fieldfare Trust, BT, Bridgend College, RA, GB</p>	On-going	<p>From 'A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'.</p>
AR18	<p>Develop 'Access for All' facilities at suitable locations in conjunction with the Community Route network.</p> <p>(c.f. ARO2,3,5).</p>	<p>CCW</p> <p>Fieldfare Trust, BT, Bridgend College, RA, GB</p>	On-going	<p>From 'A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'.</p> <p>It may be possible to incorporate this project into GB's Special Places Programme.</p> <p>GB are committed to providing access for all facilities at Tondy Heritage Park.</p> <p>RA has undertaken a project with Bridgend College Learning Difficulties Unit as a</p>

means of assessing walks for the less abled in the county borough.

AR19	Develop and enhance circular routes for riding at:- - Kenfig Burrows - Merthyr Mawr/Newton Down - - Ogmore Forest - Cefn Hirgoed - Garw Fechan (c.f. ARO 2,3)	BCBC, Planning, Highways, GB, BHS, RA.	On-going	From A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr. cover development of circular routes for horse riding and cycling. BHS would like to promote a quiet roads policy.
				Circular routes have been identified in the upper Garw Valley that include Garw Fechan. Improvement and modifications to highways are required to enable horse riders to gain easier access to these routes.
				A formal agreement has been reached between the BHS and FE over the use of their land for access.
				GB have identified a horse riding link to the Coed Morgannwg Way
				BHS has identified problems with waymarking at KNNR.

CYCLING AND COMMUNITY ROUTES

AR20	Develop mountain bike routes / trails at:- - Pennsylvania Wood - Parc Cefn Machen - Ogmore Forest - Garw Fechan (c.f. ARO 2,3)	BCBC, Planning, GB, Highways, Transportation, Leisure, Local Cycling Clubs. NPT, RCT,	Medium	From 'A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'. 1. Pennsylvania Wood has been sold. 2. GB have waymarked a bridleway link between the Ogmore Valley Community Route and the Rhondda Community Route. 3. Routes due to be established at Garw Fechan for mountain biking.
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GB are planning to develop

extensive cycling facilities in conjunction with the Tondu Heritage Park.

Routes have been identified in the Upper Garw Valley.

A cross border mountain bike route, is also included in the Rhondda Cynon Taff Integrated Action Programme (5.5.239). GB have identified a project for a horse route from Bridgend County Borough to the Coed Morgannwg Way (from the Bridgend Access Strategy) which is also included in the Rhondda Cynon Taff Integrated Action Programme (5.5.229).

AR21	Review the management of Community Routes.	BCBC, Planning, GB, Highways, Transportation, Leisure, Local Cycling Clubs. NPT, RCT,	On-going	The Strategy will be prepared on and reviewed on an annual basis. It will address the future management and maintenance of the network of community routes/cycle routes. These will be linked to the Local Transport Plan prepared by BCBC.
		Forest Enterprise, Bombs		Review to include all existing routes.
				ROW inspector and Celtic Trail Rangers to be involved.
AR22	Preparation of a County Borough-wide Cycling Strategy	BCBC-all Directorates, GB, South Wales Cycle Route Consortium, Sustrans	On-going	The Strategy will be prepared and reviewed on an annual basis.
	(c.f. ARO2,3 ELM08)			No progress on this has been made to date. Discussions are required to identify what the Strategy might include and how it can be taken forward.
				A link needs to be made between this project and the Local Transport Plan.
AR23	Prepare and implement a Porthcawl Cycle Study.	BCBC - Planning, Highways, Leisure, GB.	On-going	GB have produced a draft final study. An Officer Steering Group needs to be set up to progress implementation.
	(c.f. ARO 2,3 ELM08)		By December 2000	Cycle route between Coney

				Beach and Rest Bay being implemented.
AR24	Assistance with the development of the National Cycle Network, particularly the Celtic Trail (c.f. ARO2, 3,5,6 ELM08,9).	BCBC- Planning, Highways, Leisure, Sustrans, WTB, CCW, GB, WO, South Wales Cycle Route Consortium, Artworks Wales.	On-going.	An 'Officer Working Group' has been set up to co-ordinate the implementation of the National Cycle Network and the local community Route Network. This is attended by officers from Bridgend County Borough Council and Groundwork Bridgend. The following groups have been established to assist in the development of the Celtic Trail:- - Marketing and Promotion group (includes GB) - Steering Group (includes GB) - Maintenance Sub-Group - Co-ordination team Bridgend section of Celtic Trail should be complete by the end of 2000 (apart from the alignment of route around Blackmill).
AR25	Implement Community Route. Sarn to Bridgend (c.f. ARO2,3,5,6 ELM08,9).	BCBC- Planning, Highways, GB, Landowners.	October 2000	Sarn to Bridgend section planned for construction by October 2000. A trail guide is available for this route also.
AR26	Implement Community Route. Bedford Park to Tondy (c.f. ARO2,3,5,6 ELM08,9).	BCBC- Planning, Highways, GB, Landowners.	On-going	Route completed July 1999. Legal status as PROW still to be resolved. GB have prepared trail guide in association with BCBC.
AR27	Implement Community Route. Tondy to Sarn (c.f. ARO2,3,5,6 ELM08,9).	BCBC- Planning, Highways, GB, Landowners.	On-going	Planning consent in place. Negotiations with landowners are on-going. Part of route constructed. Due for completion end 2000.

AR28	Implement Community Route. Brynmenyn to Pencoed.	BCBC- Planning, Highways, GB, Landowners.	On-going April 2001	Legal position in respect of Common Land and freeholders proving difficult to resolve. This is being investigated by BCBC Legal and Property Department.
	(c.f. ARO2,3,5,6 ELM08,9)			Brynmenyn to Bryncethin to be completed.
				Bryncethin to Pencoed Section on hold subject to above note.
				Lower Garw Valley Community Route: estimated completion May 2001; links existing route in Upper Garw Valley to Bryngarw Country Park and Celtic Trail; associated village centre works at Pontyrhyl and Llangeinor part funded by Garw Valley Community Council and Barclays Site Savers
				And
				Ogmore Valley Community Route Surveys: GB liaising with consultants carrying out user and resident surveys along the OVCR as CCW Transport Advisory Service project, 00-01.
AR29	Implement Community Route Garw Valley	BCBC – Planning, Highways, GB, Landowners	On-going	Upper Valley Route complete as far south as Pontycymmer.
				Lower Garw Valley Route now under construction. This links upper Garw Valley to Bryngarw Country Park and Celtic Trail.
				Remainder of route to be developed in conjunction with the railway line.
AR30	Implement Community Route Upper Llynfi Valley	BCBC – Planning, Highways, GB, Landowners	By end 2000	Northern section of route programmed for completion 2000.
AR31	Implement Community Route Ogwr Fach	BCBC – Planning,	On-going	Progress delayed, awaiting final resolution of line of route.

Highways, GB,

Landowners

COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION

AR32	Management of Bryngarw Country Park (c.f. ARO7, NCO1, EAE06)	BCBC-Leisure, Planning, Coed Cymru	On-going.	Management plan for the park currently being drawn up.
AR33	Management of Bedford Park, Waun Cimla. (c.f. ARO7, NCO1, EAE06)	BCBC-Leisure, Planning.	On-going	Further potential for access for all to be incorporated in the revised plan.
AR34	Examine opportunities to establish new Country Parks in the County Borough particularly around Bridgend (c.f. ARO7)	BCBC – all directorates, GB	On-going	There is potential for a new Country Park in the Garw Valley. This would incorporate part of the Llangeinor Ridge, Garw Fechan Woodland Park and reclaimed land in the upper valley in BCBC ownership.
AR35	Examine opportunities to improve and develop existing recreational facilities within the countryside of the County Borough. (c.f. ARO7)	BCBC Planning Leisure GB	On-going By March 2001	These include facilities for walking, horse riding, cycling, 'access for all' facilities, information and interpretation provision, accommodation, picnic areas, car parks and toilets. Planning are currently carrying out an audit of all these facilities. This will enable a programme of improvements to be identified. GB and Cefn Cribwr Community Council progressing work on paths in the Cefn Cwsc area as part of their 'Special Places' project GB are suggesting that it

would be useful to draw up an interpretation strategy for the county borough.

Potential for youth hostels in the valleys has been identified.

GB are planning to develop a strategy for interpretation and information provision for the community route network.

GENERAL

AR36	Establish an access and recreation working group. (c.f. ARO1).	BCBC-Leisure, Planning, Highways, CCW, GB.	On-going	From ' A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'. The Countryside and Rights of Way Bill will require local authorities to establish local access forums. IAP (Access and Recreation) meetings have been held to discuss how to progress the development of a working group.
AR37	Investigate options for running special transport schemes to enable all sections of the Community to gain access to the countryside (c.f. ARO5 ELM03).	BCBC – Transportation, Planning, Highways, Leisure, GB.	On-going	Highways operate a bus Service to the Brecon Beacons. Links with the local Transport plan need to be made. This project also links to
AR38	Examine opportunities for maximising the access and recreation potential of land in Council ownership. (c.f. all AROs).	BCBC - Planning, Leisure, Property.	On-going	Linked to AR35 (audit). A programme of improvements have been drawn up for the old watercourse, Coytrahen.
AR39	Develop a network of 'Cross urban routes' in the urban areas of Bridgend,	BCBC - Planning, Transportation,	Long-Term	From ' A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr'. This

	<p>Pencoed, Porthcawl, Pyle and Maesteg.</p> <p>(c.f. ARO2,3,5,6 ELM08).</p>	<p>Highways, GB.</p> <p>RA, BHS</p>		<p>Strategy envisaged a network for walkers, cyclists and horse riders that would consist of routes across these urban areas providing safe links directly onto PROWs.</p> <p>RA are already involved with a walk linking all the major communities in the county borough. This has been surveyed and submitted to BCBC Highways, which in turn are seeking funding for implementation.</p> <p>A Cycling Strategy and the extension of Community Routes network would help complete this project. The 'Local Transport Plan' currently being prepared by Highways could provide the means to progress this project.</p>
AR40	<p>Conduct and commission research to determine how the countryside of the County Borough is currently being used for access and recreation.</p> <p>(c.f. all AROs).</p>	<p>BCBC Planning, GB, CCW.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>GB are currently carrying out a Bridleways and Access Study. GB are also working with CCW's Transport Advisory Service on a Community Route user and household survey in the Ogmere Valley. Time tabled for year 2000/2001.</p> <p>This project links with Issue NE/38 of the LEAP Action Plan produced EAW.</p>
AR41	<p>Review existing local policies and Strategies that relate to access and recreation.</p> <p>(c.f. all AROs)</p>	<p>BCBC, Leisure, Highways, Planning, GB, BHS, Sports Council</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>BCBC Leisure have recently produced a Sport and Recreation Strategy..</p>
AR42	<p>Consider the need to provide facilities for trail biking and off road</p>	<p>Auto Cycle Union, Land Access and Recreation</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Currently sensitive sites such as Kenfig NNR are subject to illegal motorcycling on the Reserve. Identifying</p>

vehicles.,

Association.

specific sites for off road vehicles may help to mitigate this problem.

There may be suitable sites on the eastern side of the Ogmore Valley.

AR43 Develop 'Walking the Way to Health'

CCW, BCBC Planning, Leisure, Highways, GB, RA, British Heart Foundation.

On-going

This project aims to get more people walking to benefit their health.

GB are currently carrying out a Walking the Way to Health project in Betws this year with CCW and BHF support.

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Environmental Education and Awareness

No.	Project	Partners	Timetable	Notes
Projects with Schools				
EAE1	Environmental Education Strategy for Bridgend County Borough. (C.f. EAE01,3)	Brecon Beacons National Park, BCBA, BCBC, BTCV, CSV, EAW, Education Business Partnership, Eco-Schools, ESIS, FE, GB Glamorgan Heritage Coast, GWT, NFU, Pencoed College, Prince's Trust Cymru, RSPB	September 1998 April 1999 April 2000- March 01 and updated periodically	To accommodate this project a partnership of local environmental education organisations called Bridgend Environmental Education Partnership (BEEP) has been established. Through BEEP a Conference for head teachers, governors and parents was held in 1999. BEEP also promotes and encourages Eco-Schools registration and awards and has set up Sustainable Grants Awards Scheme. BBEP has also set up a website (see EAE2 below).
EAE2	Establish Website on the internet (c.f. all	BEEP	Launch held 10 April 2000 – On-	Environmental education website for schools in Bridgend County Borough set up by BEEP The web address is:

	objectives)		going	www.bridgend.gov.uk/english/beep GB website developed to promote achievements of pupils participating in GB organised schools project e.g. Green-IT. Web address groundworkwales.org.uk
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NO.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
EAE3	Develop links with local schools and colleges to promote countryside awareness and involve pupils in practical works as part of education process (c.f. EAE03,4 ARO2)	BEEP, Heol-y Cyw Primary School, Brynteg Comprehensive, Bridgend Technical College, Coychurch Higher Community Council, Heol-y-Cyw Common Conservators, Pencoed College, Dunraven Estates. GB	June 1999-on-going June 1999-on-going June 2000-On-going	<p>Like project NC19 above, this project has resulted from the offer of Millennium funding from Dunraven Estates for an environmental project involving community input.</p> <p>The nature reserve project at Heol-y-Cyw Common is being developed using designs prepared by primary school students. Management Team set up comprising partners and implementation to commence in 2001.</p> <p>Develop nature/recreation area at Bridgend Residential unit with input from students. Work commenced on the project August 2001</p> <p>Close involvement of schools in projects in the Garw Valley Green Strategy and Tondy Industrial Heritage Park.</p> <p>Pencoed College students are given work placements at a number of sites in the County Borough including Kenfig NNR and GB.</p> <p>GB contribute to Pencoed College's Countryside management work programme. GB also have contributed to Bridgend College's Leisure and Tourism Course and taken students on work placements.</p>

				Following the offer of CCW for a biodiversity monitoring project with a local educational establishment, BCBC Planning has set up a project with Bridgend College Special Needs Department to monitor Frog Pond Wood LNR.
EAE4	Annual work programme with schools. (c.f. EAE06)	GB	On-going	Working with schools to promote sustainability in local community
EAE5	Millennium Tile Project. (c.f. EAE06)	GB	2000-On-going	Working with all schools in County Borough to create public artwork.
PROJECTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY				
EAE6	Promote environmental messages as part of EAW "Environment Live	EAW	September-November 2000 – on-going	Notes 80+ schools being visited in Wales, three in Bridgend Maesteg, Ynysawdre and Pencoed."
EAE7	Production of Community self help guidance. (c.f. EAE06)	Prince's Trust Cymru, CSV, BCBC, NPT, VGC, GB	May 1999-On-going	Publication of Local Action Local Help-A Guide to developing your own community project.
N0.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
EAE8	Carry out and give support to programmes and 'campaigns' designed to raise environmental awareness (c.f. EAE02)	Key Partners	On-going	Includes:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Spring Clean Week • the 'Walk To School' Campaign • 'Don't Choke Britain' Campaign • 'Real Nappies' Campaign • A programme of countryside • Walking the Way to Health events in and around

				Bridgend. Consultation on LA21 Strategy
EAE9	Promote general safety awareness for cyclists and horse riders "and walkers" . (c.f.EAEO2)	BHC, CTC, Sustrans, Ramblers Association	On-going	Other user groups to be included as this project progresses.
EAE10	Develop theatre, arts and develop projects (c.f.EAEO3)	GB	2000- On-going 1999, 2000- On-going	<p>Story Telling project in Llynfi Valley area as a means of developing local culture awareness and identity.</p> <p>GB has established a 3 year Arts Lottery funded 'Arts for All' project working with the community developing and implementing environmental art. This aims to promote local identity and provide information for a visitor map of the area.</p> <p>BCBC along with other organisations have taken part in the European Candle exchange project involving biodiversity and arts. The exchange has been the Polish town of Suprasal. This project is now being progressed through a Porthcawl Friends of Susprasal friendship agreement.</p>
EAE11	Conduct 'planning for real' exercise in conjunction with the development of the UDP and other environmental strategies (c.f.EAE1,4)	<p>BCBC Ogmere Valley Officer Working Group, GB, Sustainable Communities Campaign (SCP).</p> <p>GB, Barclays Bank.</p>	January 2000-On-going	<p>Planning for Real event held in winter of 1999 as part of Ogmere Valley Consultation study. Results inputted to the successful bid to SCP. Consultations took place in the Garw Valley on several Green Strategy projects and in the Llynfi Valley on the Oakwood estate as part of a project funded by Barclays Bank</p>
N0.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes

EAE12	Promote awareness of the importance of energy efficiency conservation (c.f. EAE02,6)	BCBC – Planning, Technical, GB	On-going	<p>Various projects held with schools e.g. GB's Esso Young Energy Savers project with 5 schools every year.</p> <p>Bio-Mass heating project launched for local industry in Bridgend</p>
EAE13	Promote awareness of the importance of recycling and waste reduction (c.f.2,6)	BCBC – Planning, Technical, EAW, GB	On-going	<p>Waste Management Strategy and Recycling Strategy being prepared.</p> <p>GB delivers the UK Wastesavers project with 6 schools every year.</p> <p>Develop 'nappies project' to promote use of reusable nappies.</p> <p>This links with Issue NE/42 in the LEAP Action Plan.</p>
EAE14	Produce leaflets on LA21, environmental and countryside issues (c.f.EAE06)	Key Partners	On-going	<p>Various newsletters and leaflets have been produced on a wide range of issues including biodiversity, LA21 and access to the countryside. Some of which are undergoing review. GB have produced several editions of GreenScene newsletter which promoted conservation volunteering in the County Borough</p>
EAE15	Carry out 'Environment Watch Project-Bridgend' (c.f. EAE03)	BCBC Planning, BTCV, CSV, GB, local foods group, community groups, Porthcawl Town Council.	On-going	<p>The farmers market is a regular fixture in the Bridgend area, a schools pack has been prepared and work is being undertaken to progress the allotment action plan.</p> <p>Other elements of Environment Watch project include the enhancement of the Wilderness Lakes at Porthcawl through community participation and a Pocket Park being developed at Kenfig Hill Primary School which will benefit both the</p>

				school and wider community.
N0.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
EAE16	Promote dissemination of countryside and environmental information through local information points (c.f.EAEO6)	GB, "RA," and key partners	On-going	<p>From A Strategy Promoting Countryside Access in Ogwr. Local Information Points currently display access related information in post-offices and other public places throughout the County Borough.</p> <p>Public information leaflets on the countryside and environment are distributed through these information points.</p> <p>GB undertake regular re-stocking of local information points with existing and newly published leaflets as required "as and when new leaflets are produced.</p> <p>Information points have been used to advertise the Bridgend Farmers' Market and distribution point for local foods directory.</p>
EAE17	Carry out an environmental awards scheme (c.f.EAEO3)	BCBC, ESIS, GB, GWT, EW, EECW	On-going	This scheme will offer small awards to encourage schools and voluntary organisations to design community projects to help raise environmental awareness. Also see EAE1-Pilot 2000-Sustainable Grants Awards Scheme.
EAE18	Support BTCV's training for community groups and volunteers in practical conservation and leadership skills (c.f.EAEO3,6)	BTCV, GB, RA	On-going	<p>GB undertake regular practical access skills for volunteers as part of 99/00 programme</p> <p>Training weekend held as part of BTCV conservation volunteering holiday weekend at Kenfig NNR and Frog Pond Wood Local Nature Reserve February 1999.</p> <p>GB runs volunteer group with</p>

				Bridgend RA on 3 rd Thursday of the month to undertake practical conservation work.
EAE19	Support projects to raise understanding and awareness for the geology of the County Borough (c.f.EAEO3,6)	Geologist Association South Wales Branch	On-going	A leaflet of a guided geological trail exists at Porthcawl. GASWB would be willing to develop further interpretative materials on local geology, providing a funding partner could be identified.
N0.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
EAE20	Carry out work to raise environmental awareness and understanding amongst Council Members and staff (c.f. all objectives)	BCBC all Directorates Planning, LA21 Officer	1996-1998 1998-1999 Feb 1999 March2000 On-going	A series of seminars was held with staff to raise awareness. A series of seminars were held for local Members to raise awareness LA21 'Framework for Action' document prepared. Environmental Toolkit prepared for Best Value.
EAE21	Work with Community Council to produce a map of the features of a value within their area. To include nature conservation, archaeology, landscape and local distinctiveness (c.f. EAEO1,3,4)	Key Partners, Community/Town Councils.	On-going	Draft maps are being completed for Porthcawl, Bridgend, St. Brides Minor, Newcastle Higher and Coity based on a parish map basis. Also see EAE1-development of Parish/Town maps with schools-pilot project at Porthcawl and EAE 7. GB are carrying out consultations with public regarding interpretative features including maps as part of Special Places project in Upper Llynfi and Upper Garw Valleys and in the Tondu-Pyle Community Route are.
EAE22	Clean Rivers project. (c.f. NCO12, EAEO2, EAEO6).	Keep Wales Tidy Campaign	On-going	Actively engaged in raising awareness of environmental issues amongst all sectors of the community, particularly river pollution and biodiversity.

				Training workshops for voluntary river care groups in biodiversity and survey skills are programmed.
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Economy and Land Management

NO.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
ELM1	Support subscription farming (c.f. ELMO 1,3)	SA	On-going	Local groups share risks and responsibilities of farming
ELM2	Support the development of Community Orchards (c.f. ELM01,3)	Common Ground, CSV, Woodland Trust	April 2000-on-going	A way of saving old orchards or planting new ones. Could be development as part of the 'Allotment Project'. Also see EAE14- Local Foods for Local People Project
ELM3	Support city/urban farms (c.f. ELM01,3)	NFCF, CSV	To be investigated	
ELM4	Support community gardens and allotments (c.f. ELM01,3)	NFCF, NSALG, SA, CSV	On-going	Gardeners growing their own produce on spare land or waste ground and sharing resources. Also see EAE15- Local Foods for Local People Project
ELM5	Support and encourage environmentally friendly farming practices (c.f. ELM01)	NAWAD, SA, WDA	On-going	This includes organic farming the reduced use of fertilisers and pesticides. Also promote farm diversification where possible.

ELM6	Support and encourage environmentally friendly forestry practices (c.f. ELM01)	FE, FA, Coed Cymru.	On-going	
ELM7	Encourage the use of Home grown/sustainable Timber. (c.f. NCO9, ELMO1, ELMO5)	BCBC, Coed Cymru	On-going	This is currently being investigated.
N0.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS				
ELM8	Support composting schemes (c.f. ELM03)	BCBC - Technical, NSALG	On-going	This could be developed as part of 'Environment Watch-Bridgend'. Also see EAE15- Local Foods for Local People Project
ELM9	Support renewable energy schemes (c.f. ELM03)	New and Renewable Energy Enquiries Bureau, GB	On-going	An 'eco-valley' partnership project has been set. It aims to set up renewable energy projects within the community. Also see EAE12.
ELM10	Promote the construction of 'Green Homes' (c.f. ELM03,4)	Environment Trust -Green Homes, HECA	On-going	This would also include promotion of renewable energy projects in existing homes, such as water heating, green roofs etc..
ELM11	Promote permaculture projects (c.f. ELM012)	NFCF, CSV NSALG SA	On-going	This could be developed as part of 'Environment Watch-Bridgend'. Also see EAE15- Local Foods for Local People Project

ELM12	Support the development of 'Eco-villages' (c.f. ELM03,4)	Global Eco-Village Network	On-going	This could be developed in the Ogmore Valley as part of the Sustainable Communities Programme.
ELM13	Support projects that promote waste reduction and re-cycling (c.f. ELM03,5)	EAW, GB BCBC - Technical	On-going.	GB and EA are currently undertaking a 'waste management evaluation' project. Project approval has been given to GB with funding from EAW, ERDF and TEC for supporting a collaborative project for Environmental Business Clubs, known as 'Bridgend Business Environment Association'. Launch held 8 June 2000. Also see ELM8 andEAE12.
N0.	Projects	Partner(s)	Timetable	Notes
ELM14	Support the work of The Princes Trust-Cymru (c.f. ELM05)	Prince's Trust-Cymru, key partners	1997-2000 and On-going	Princes Trust-Cymru have produced a detailed work programme for the period 1997-2000
ELM15	Develop 'Eco-Design' Guidelines (c.f. ELM04)	key partners	On-going	This project is intended to develop guidelines to persuade developers to incorporate environmental 'best practice' principles', in line with Greening the Valleys.
LOCAL ECONOMY PROJECTS				
ELM16	Support and develop 'LETS'/credit unions. (c.f. ELM03)	To be identified.	To be investigated	A mechanism would need to be established so that all parties involved could fully take advantage of the LETS.
ELM17	Support the aims of the Economic Development Action	key partners	On-going	

	Plan (EDAP) (c.f. ELM05,6)			
ELM18	Support the production of a Sustainable Tourism Strategy for BCBC (c.f. ELM09)	BCBC Education & Leisure Highways GB	2001-On-going	BCBC has prepared a draft Tourism Strategy that is based on the principles of supporting the local economy while minimising adverse effects on the environment.
ELM19	Support and encourage operators of caravan and camp sites to adopt environmentally friendly operating practices (c.f. ELM05)	National Caravan Council Ltd.	To be investigated	This includes looking at issues such as nature conservation and waste-disposal/reduction.

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ELM20	Develop an anti-poverty strategy for the County Borough (c.f. ELM03)	BCBC - all directorates	To be investigated	The Council has become a member of the Wales Anti-Poverty Association.
ELM21	Conduct a 'Community Development Audit' (c.f. ELM03)		On-going	This could be developed as part of a Community Plan, which BCBC is currently developing.
ELM22	Support the development of 'tele-cottages' (c.f. ELM03)	RDC TCA WDA	To be investigated	Tele-working helps create livelihoods for those living in remote areas.

ELM23	Support community shops and pubs (c.f. ELM03)	RDC WDA VIRSA	To be investigated	These could be set up either where no such facilities currently exist or where existing facilities are under threat of closure
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