

Countryside Service in the New Forest

Definitive Map

Fordingbridge 68 Diversion – objections received so order being submitted to PINs.

Fawley DMMO FP 26 upgrade to BW – now on definitive map

Calshot Spit DMMO – addition of FP between 4 and 46 – now on definitive map as Fawley 515.

New Milton DMMO FP Chestnut Avenue and Farm Lane North (FP703) – objections received so order being submitted to PINs

New Milton DMMO - investigation to add a bridleway between Portnalls Farm and Irongate

Ringwood DMMO - investigation to add restricted byways west of Kingston Great Common

Volunteers

HCC and NFNPA are working in partnership and conduct monthly group tasks on the rights of way to improve access into the forest and also to improve the footpath networks to take pressure off the open access land by providing better routes for local walkers to use.



We have run 4 tasks since starting in Summer 2019.

Volunteers in Ringwood



Cutting back a footpath



The trained path wardens using their power tools

The 1st task of 2020 took place on Tuesday 5th February and involved clearing vegetation from a promoted route in Netley Marsh.

Future Task Dates - 2020

March 19th – continuation/completion of vegetation cutting in Netley Marsh

April 18th - Saturday session, replacing a ditch crossing in Milford on Sea

May 20th - promoted NF routes vegetation cutting

June (TBC) - promoted NF routes veg cutting

July (TBC) - a weekend session resurfacing a path in Hale

We currently have 28 active Path Wardens working in the New Forest area and look to work with the New Forest Ramblers and Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society.

We have also organised power tools training for NF path wardens which will take place on 16th and 31st March 2020 at Royal Victoria Country Park.

Stiles to Gates

This year we have the opportunity to provide funding (for structures) to farmers and landowners to increase accessibility to the network via a stiles to gate project. We have 5 confirmed stiles to gates in the NF area – Sopley, Breamore, Hyde and 2 in Ringwood. If you are interested in helping out or have an idea of where we could help fund a change from stiles to gates please contact either Helen or Alison.

Summer Vegetation Cutting

The Countryside Service are pulling together the 2020 summer vegetation cutting schedule following the returns from the parishes. Thank you to all the parishes that sent in their returns. We now have to appoint a contractor to undertake the work – there are a few minor changes but most parishes are able to get the paths they've nominated on the list.

New Forest Mitigation

The New Forest Mitigation Project is currently focusing on recreational walking routes projects in Ringwood – 3 projects to be delivered together: Avon Valley / Blashford Lakes walk from town centre, Castleman Trail / Crow walking routes and Poulner Lakes access and biodiversity improvements.

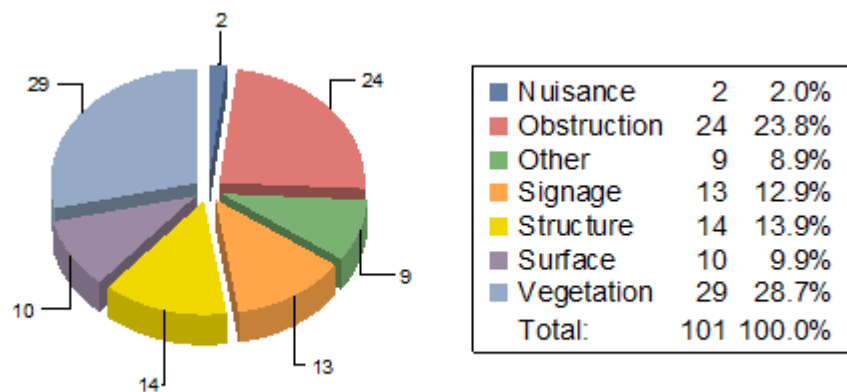
All are at design / feasibility stage and discussions with landowners / stakeholders are in progress; the aim is for these projects to be delivered during spring / summer 2020.

Stats

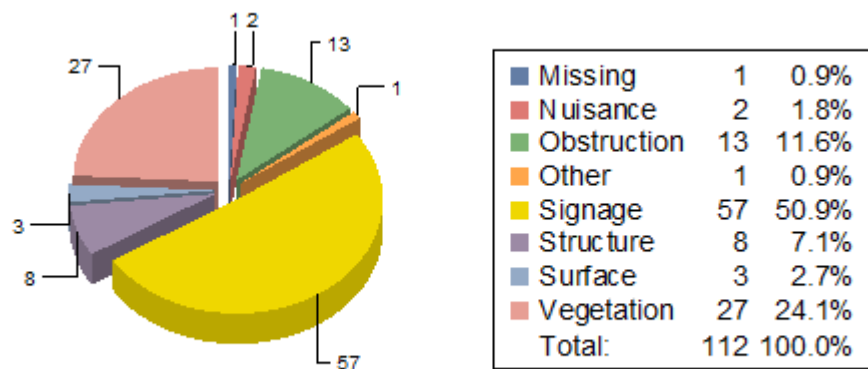
Results from The Countryside Access Management System (CAMS)

	Sept - Nov 2019 Received	Sept - Nov 2019 Resolved	Dec to date Received	Dec to date Resolved
Total number of Issues in the NF parishes	148	278	101	112
Total Number of Vegetation cutting jobs in NF Parishes	-	47	-	9
Total Number of Issues across South Area	369	587	228	237
Total Number of Issues across Hampshire	989	1189	750	828

Types of Issues Reported in the NF Area between Dec 2019 and today (13/02/20)



Types of Issues Resolved in the NF Area between Dec 2019 and today (13/02/20)



Outstanding Issues in the NF Area by Type (to date)

