

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 07 September 2015*

Agenda item 4: *Forum Officer's report*

- ***Rights of way problem reporting*** – a new problem reporting system has been launched on the Hampshire County Council website - www.hants.gov.uk/rightsofway-reporting. It includes an interactive map which can be used to: 1) view existing problems and furniture (e.g. stiles and gates), request an update or add comments; 2) report problems found on rights of way, submit photographs, receive confirmation emails and updates; 3) track problems, review reports you have made and check their status. A function will also be introduced for volunteers to record survey results and log any work they have done (e.g. where they have put waymarks). Comments on the new system are welcomed.
- ***Hampshire Countryside Access Plan*** – the Countryside Access Plan 2015-2025 was approved by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside on 16 July 2015. The final text is available online: www.hants.gov.uk/access-plans. The Plan will now be formatted as an electronic publication. Printed copies will be made available on request. A summary of the comments made during the consultation on the draft Plan can be found in [Appendix 1](#) of the report to the Executive Member. An 'actions delivery plan' is currently under development and we will be asking for LAF input into various aspects of this when appropriate.
- ***Hampshire Cycling Strategy*** – responses to the consultation have been considered and a report is going to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment on 15 September 2015 to consider any amendments to the draft Strategy and approve the final document.
- ***Hampshire Walking Strategy*** – a draft document is being finalised for public consultation. It is expected that this will be open for comment within the next month.
- ***Salisbury to New Forest cycle route*** – Wiltshire County Council and Hampshire County Council both consulted on the signage of this route. The Wiltshire section (Downton to Nomansland) has been approved and will be implemented. The Hampshire section (Downton to Godshill) was not approved due to concerns raised during the consultation about the suitability of the route.
- ***Lymington-Keyhaven Nature Reserve trails*** – five new waymarked trails are now in place with distances ranging from 1km to 10km. A printed leaflet is available or it can be downloaded - [Running and Walking the Bird Migration Trails](#).