



HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE

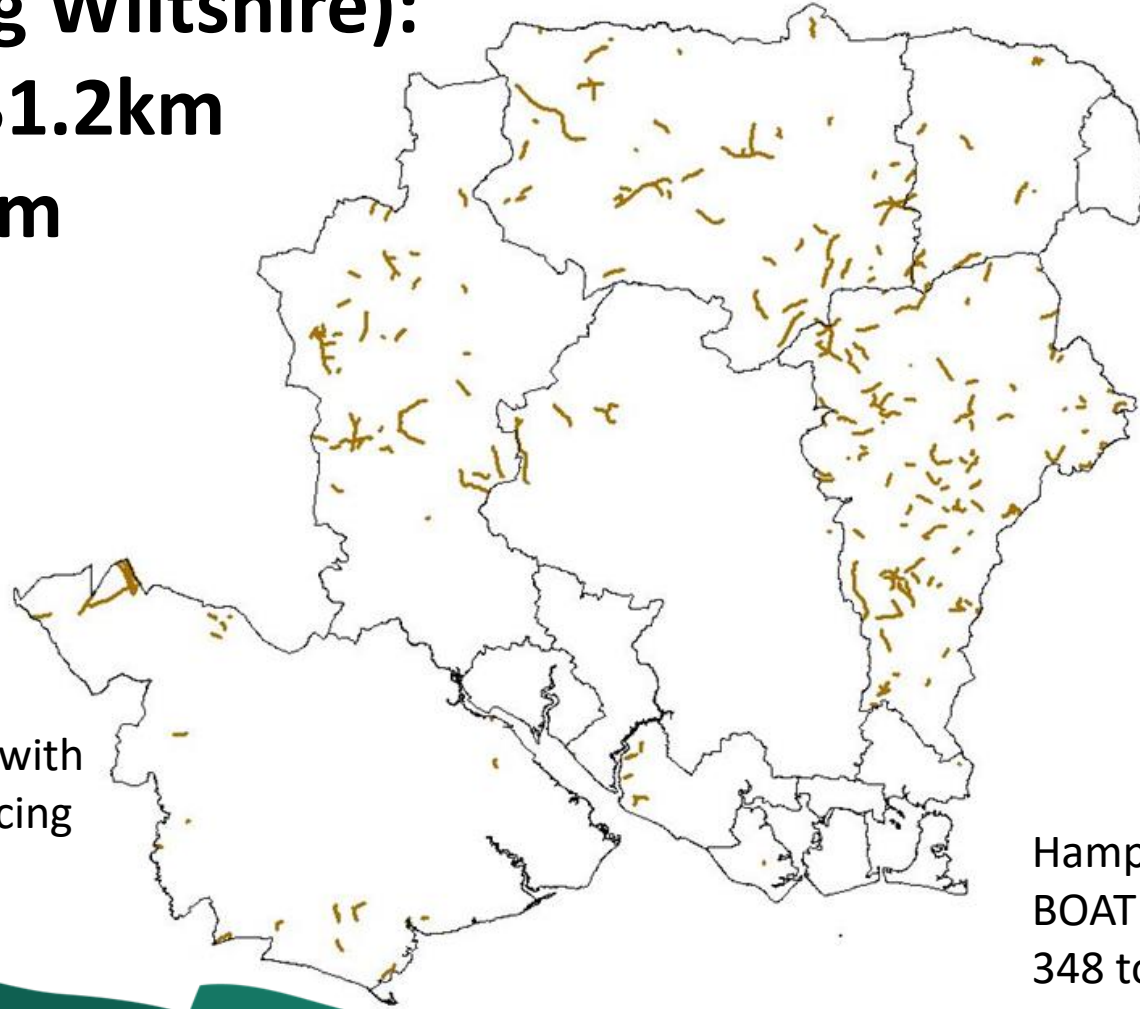
Hampshire is looking to put in place a more dynamic approach to the management of its BOAT (Byway open to all traffic) network.

An approach that will bring our byways into a position where they can be maintained at a sustainable level, that will enable access for all.

# New Forest District and National Park (excluding Wiltshire):

**BOATS - 31.2km**

**RB – 6.3km**



20 Byways – 8 with reported surfacing issues

Hampshire  
BOAT - 178 miles  
348 total

We need a procedure to effectively implement existing byway [HCC Policy](#) and take account of Defra Guidance [“ Making the best of byways”](#)

## **Process to Follow:**

- Issue raised with HCC officers
- Log on [Spreadsheet](#) and in CAMS
- Inspect Route using [Byway Assessment Form](#) and categorise
- Add assessment form link to [Spreadsheet](#)

## Route Category

Each route will be considered on its own merits and given a score following inspection. It will then sit in one of 3 categories;

**Green** (No action required)

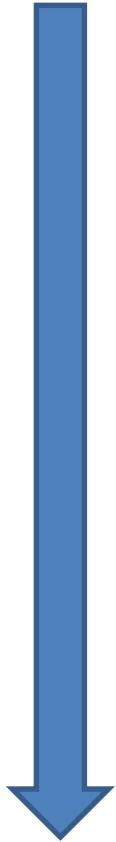
**Amber** (Moderate damage identified. Minor maintenance as required. Monitor for defined period)

**Red** (Significant Damage. Major maintenance required. Voluntary Restraint or Temporary Closure needed. Monitor for defined period)

Parish		
Assessment Date		
BOAT Number/ Local Name		
OS Map		
Grid Reference. From/To	From:	To:
Length and Width at widest point	L:	W:
Length and Width Unsurfaced	L:	W:
	Comments	
Comments/Observations. Please include condition of surface, type, sensitivity to weather and nature of the damage.		Score System
		1-5
Impacts. All classes of user must be considered.		4X4s 1-5 Motorbikes 1-5 Carridges 1-5 Cyclists 1- 5 Horseriders 1-5 Walkers 1-5
Links and proximity to other BOATS To consider possible diversions whilst work is carried out or impacts on other routes.	Possible Diversions whilst work is carried out:	Impacts to other routes Score 1-5
Percentage of route effected. Consider diversions around affected areas		01-20% = Score 1 20-40% =Score 2 40-60% =Score 3 60-80% = Score 4 80-100% = Score 5

HCC Byway Assessment Form

<b>Risk Assessment</b> Brief Explanation of potential risk to public – Please also consider Land Owner impacts (Ecological and Farming issues for example.		1-5
<b>Designations</b> - SSSI/NP etc		0-1
<b>Gradient</b> - Flat, undulating or steep		1-5
<b>Surface Condition justification score</b>	<b>NOTE: Promoted routes add 5 to the final score</b>	<b>Total score:</b>
<b>40-60</b>	Poor- Significant Damage. Voluntary Restraint or Temporary Closure required	
<b>20-40</b>	Deteriorating- Moderate damage. Will require Monitoring	
<b>01-20</b>	Good- Little to No damage. Unlikely to require monitoring	
<b>Assessed By</b>	Sign:	Print:



**STAGE 1 Voluntary Restraint** --Byways that are open, but are at risk of continued deterioration, we will request voluntary restraint.

This will be circulated to user groups and be available on the web.

**STAGE 2 Winter Closures** – Byways that are deteriorating despite voluntary restraint requests – to have a winter closure applied

from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> May with an additional ability to close throughout the rest of the year, on the basis of met office weather warning.

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**STAGE 3 TRO** – Byways that continue to deteriorate despite Winter Closures, in line with existing policy.



