

HCC Countryside Access (South Access Team) – report from Alison Perry May 2019

1. England Coast Path:

The HCC Access Team is continuing to work with Natural England (NE) on 3 sections of the ECP - Calshot to Gosport, Gosport to Portsmouth and South Hayling to East Head.

We believe Gosport to Portsmouth should be published by NE on 20th June and detailed infrastructure costings are being finalised for the Calshot to Gosport in readiness for its publication on 17th July 2019.

Discussions concerning infrastructure implementation will commence soon.

2. New Forest Mitigation Partnership:

Since November 2018 two projects have been completed. One at New Milton and the other at Buttsash Woods, Hythe. The opening event for New Milton took place in early March (see below).



The works at New Milton took place during autumn and winter 2018, followed by the works at Buttsash Woods which were completed during Winter and Spring 2019.

Please see project reports for further details.

The next Mitigation Projects are currently all at design stage and hopefully will be approved to proceed to works on site this summer / autumn. The locations are as follows, in priority order:

1. Totton & Eling - Wally Hammond Way / Bartley Park walking routes
2. New Milton - Gore Road / Old Milton walking route
3. Holbury, Fawley & Blackfield - Dark Lane / Saxon Road walking route
4. Ringwood - Castleman Trail / Crow walking routes

5. Fordingbridge - Tinkers Cross / Puddleslosh Lane walking routes

3. Network management:

The team have been working hard in an attempt to reduce the backlog of over a 1000 unresolved issues across the South Area – some of these issues are old and now out of date, some are signposting and vegetation issues which can be completed either by the Ranger Team or the Path Wardens and the remaining are those issues that require more input to resolve (along with the few long-standing surfacing/obstruction issues).

As a way to resolve some of the issues we have been fortunate to have help from the other Area Ranger Teams who join with the South Ranger Team to undertake an issue blitz.

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. 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.

The South Area Team lost the Assistant Ranger in mid-March. We have recruited to replace this post and we hope the new starter will join us in Mid-June. The ACAM position continues as part-time.

The seasonal vegetation program for this year has been confirmed – information on the paths and approximate dates are found here under ‘programmed work outside of priority guidelines’ <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem> .

Countryside Access Management System Information

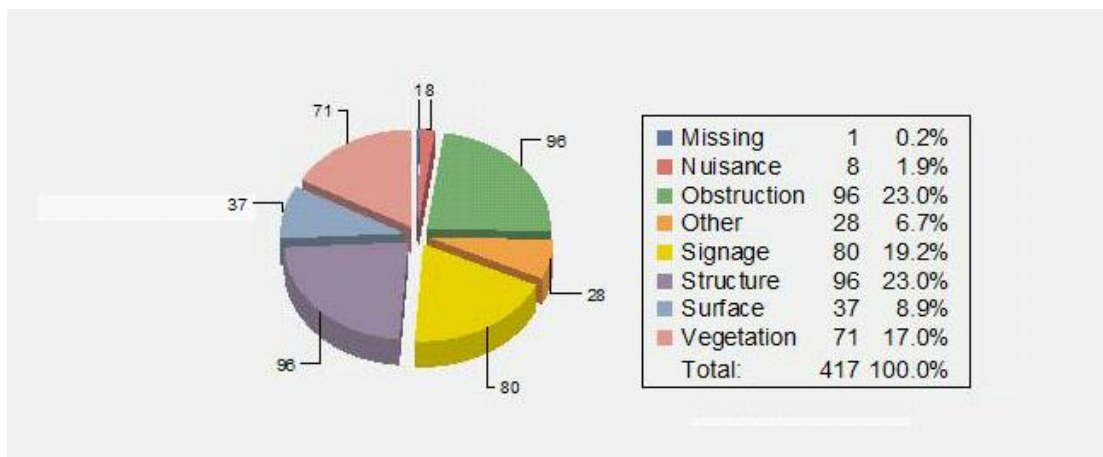
Results from The Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) for April 2018-March 2019

	Received	Resolved
Total number of Issues in the NF parishes	417	398
Total Number of Issues across South Area	1119	1094
Total Number of Issues across Hampshire	3562	3306

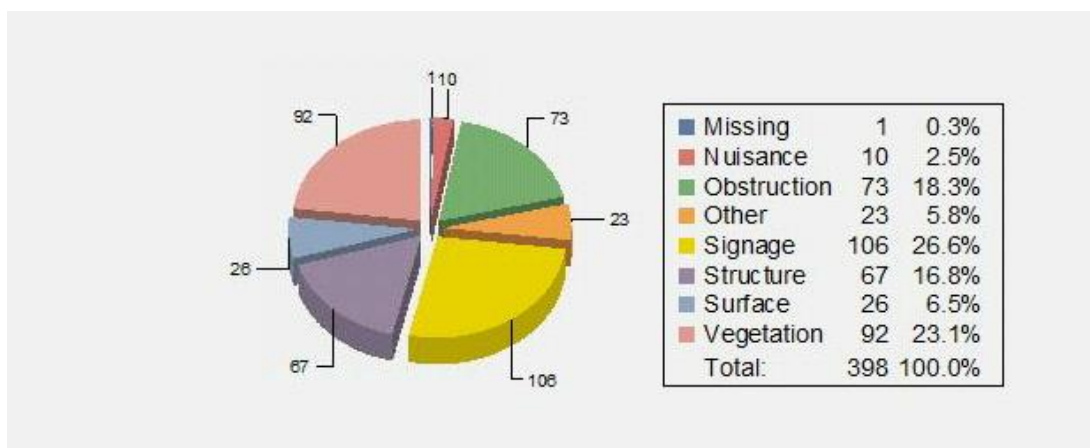
Results from The Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) for April 2019- To Date

	Received	Resolved
Total number of Issues in the NF parishes to date	68	49
Total Number of Issues across South Area to date	222	189
Total Number of Issues across Hampshire to date	632	542

Types of Issues Reported in the NF Area In 2018-19



Types of Issues Resolved in the NF Area In 2018-19



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

