

## Countryside Service in the New Forest:

The Countryside Service had a stand at the New Forest Show (the stand won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for best stand!) and we were able to highlight the width and breadth of our work.



## Access Management in the New Forest:

### BOAT Review

The South Access Team have undertaken the review of the BOATs included in phase 1 – these included Ringwood 84, Sway 9, 15 and 16, Whitsbury 14b and 501 and Milford on Sea 501. The Access Team is currently in the process of considering what the next steps will be in regards to these routes in relation to the wider Hampshire network of BOATs. Phase 2 of the review will be undertaken before the end of the financial year.

### Definitive Map

Fordingbridge 68 Diversion – order to be made

Fawley DMMO FP 26 upgrade to BW - confirmed

Calshot Spit DMMO – addition of FP between 4 and 46 - confirmed

New Milton DMMO FP Chestnut Avenue and Farm Lane North (FP703) – order made

## Volunteers

Ria, Community Engagement Ranger, has run 2 volunteer path warden training sessions (With Adam V) with approximately 20 new volunteer path wardens just in the NF area. Some of these volunteers will be trained in the use of brushcutters in addition to the standard warden training. We are specifically looking for wardens to cover the Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley, Fordingbridge and northern parishes.

## 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. 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 seasonal vegetation program for this year is halfway through with the contractors running a little behind schedule however 87 paths have been cut since June – approximately 64km. Further 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> .

## New Forest Mitigation

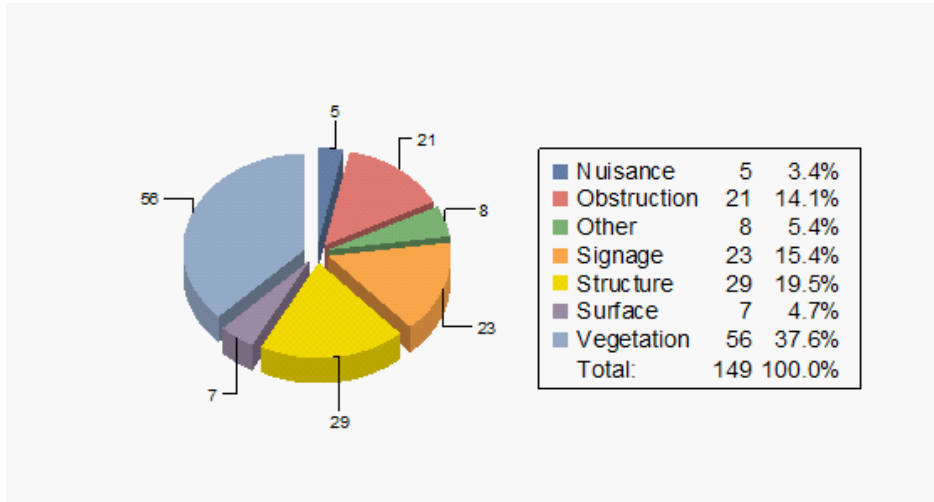
- **Buttsash Woodland Walk** (Hythe & Dibden), the latest Mitigation Project to be completed was officially launched on 24<sup>th</sup> July by Cllr Heron, followed by a walk through the woods to see the improved paths (new surfacing, ramp in place of steps and vegetation clearance), replacement boardwalks and new signage. Please see link to NFDC website article about the launch: <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/19108/Buttsash-Woodland-Walk-reopens-in-time-for-the-holidays>
- **The next project**, currently at feasibility stage, is in Ringwood, where two sites are planned to be delivered together as one project: Avon Valley / Blashford Lakes walk from the town centre and Castleman Trail / Crow walking routes. Both involve making improvements to the rights of way network, with a combined budget of £110K of Mitigation Project funding.
- **Other priority projects**, currently being progressed through the design / feasibility stages, are Fordingbridge – Tinkers Cross / Puddleslosh Lane walking routes including part of the Avon Valley Path and Fawley & Blackfield – Dark Lane / Saxon Road walking route.

## Stats

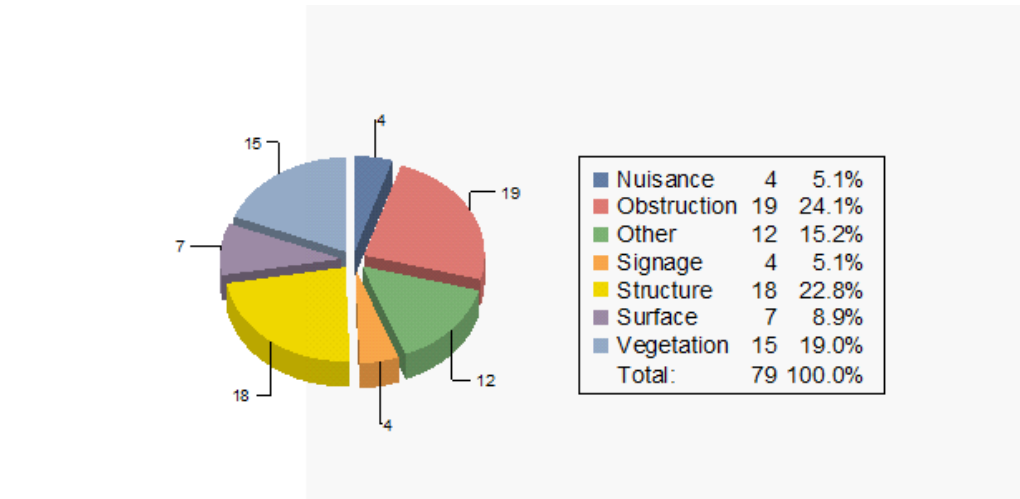
Results from The Countryside Access Management System (CAMS)

	April -May 2019 Received	April – May 2019 Resolved	June to date Received	June to date Resolved
Total number of Issues in the NF parishes	76	59	149	79
Total Number of Vegetation cutting jobs in NF Parishes	-	36	-	87
Total Number of Issues across South Area	267	212	360	258
Total Number of Issues across Hampshire	756	633	1100	940

**Types of Issues Reported in the NF Area between June 2019 and today (22/08/19)**



**Types of Issues Resolved in the NF Area between June 2019 and today (22/08/19)**



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

