

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 7th December 2020*

Agenda item 4: *Forum Officer's Report*

a) Forum Officer's Report – *report from Adam Vasey, National Park Access Ranger*

The England Coast Path

- I walked the course of the CCG route with NE staff to clarify infrastructure details. This 2 mile section will stretch from Ashlett to Calshot.
- We are currently designing interpretation panels which will explain about the fragile beauty of the New Forest Coastal landscapes and indicate areas of excepted land.
- Current time estimates are that we will establish this section of the coast path in early 2021 but no certain dates have been given yet as this will depend on the planning inspectors report.

Accessibility Functionality

- We have updated our popular walking app to carry the New Forest Code and other messages about taking care of the forest. In addition we carried out accessibility upgrades
- We have commissioned a small accessibility project to ensure the NFAF website is compatible with accessibility functions of smart phones and laptops.

New Signage for the National Park

- Signposts for the Lepe Loop are in production and we expect to have these new signposts installed before Christmas.
- Signposts for the Historic Routes project are under production and will be delivered to HCC for installation.
- We have designed a series of waymarkers which will be added to the wooden signs which mark our promoted route network (see below).

