

Update for 21st June 2021

Joint Partnership Delivery Plan

We have been updating a lot of our signage and interpretation with up-to-date key messaging and brand change, focusing on the caring for the forest messaging and responsible behaviours. Alongside this has been the proactive deployment of temporary signage giving clear instructions and the continuing updating of our brand signage at car parks and thresholds.



We have also recruited x3 new Seasonal Rangers to be visible "boots on the ground" for the Summer. Their focus will be prolonged presence at hotspot locations to enforce/deter unwanted/antisocial behaviours.

Current Closures

Ground nesting birds continuing....

From 1 March - end of July, special quiet zones established around critical breeding locations. So far, monitoring is proving a good year with successful breeding at a number of locations.

Cycle routes – Longslade Bridges

We are finally in a position to apply for planning permission for the replacement of these bridges. Its been a long few years with C-19 budget cuts, bridge specification and design complications, recruiting a district Civil Engineering Manager. The intention is to get a submission in over the next few months and undertake the works this Autumn/Winter.

Cycle Map

In case you haven't seen it, the New Forest cycle route map has recently been revised/updated. It is presented in a clearer way, includes more linking information from villages/railway stations, has up-to-date key messaging inc the NF code and information about the inclusive cycling project PEDALL. An electronic version is on our website and we have just printed 10,000 copies for joint distribution between ourselves and the NPA.

Other work...

We have just completed the installation of a new trail at the Reptile Centre. This consists of interactive sculpture and infrastructure to get people to engage with their surroundings and senses.

Hatchet Pond – The works to for the redesigned car park have been put on hold for a year and will be picked up again this Autumn. We are taking this to planning next month. The intention is to complete the works early next year.