

## New Forest National Park Authority - Access Updates

### **New Forest Access Forum**

Members of the Access Forum sign up to a three-year term. For all but three of our members this term is ending and we will start the recruitment for members to serve from June 2021 to June 2024.

There is no limit on the number of terms people can serve in the forum and I would encourage all our current members, whose terms are ending, to reapply for a position on the New Forest Access Forum.

Three members whose terms are **not** up are our three newest; Richard Shirley, Julian Shepard and Richard Manley. All of whom will have served their terms by June 2022

We will start the recruitment process in March and hope to have newly appointed members by the annual meeting in June. All details and documents will be available from the webpage and we will email out application forms to all existing members, unless they specifically ask us not to.

### **England Coast Path**

We are hoping that the Calshot to Gosport section will be approved by March 2021. We can then work to establish the two mile section over the summer period (depending on COVID regulations).

The estimate for approval of the 26-mile section from Highcliffe to Calshot is 2022. Once the route is decided we will then have 18 months to install the infrastructure.

### **The 2026 deadline for claiming rights of way.**

The deadline for claiming rights of way is still set at January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. Several routes across the New Forest have been submitted. They can be seen via this weblink; [Right of way claims \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com).

The routes across Crown Land are more difficult to claim and must use common law rather than the modern legislation making it much more unlikely for a claim to be successful.

### **PEDALL get three more years of funding**

PEDALL, the New Forest Inclusive Cycling scheme, has received funding from the Heritage National Lottery Fund to continue their work for the next three years.

**PEDALL** provides cycling sessions for people who face a barrier to accessing cycling on the New Forest off road cycle network. [PEDALL inclusive cycling in the New Forest National Park](#)

## **The Lepe Loop**

We have installed 16 signs along the Lepe Loop as part of the Mend Our Mountains project which is funded through the British Mountaineering Council. The final stage is to install a trailhead at Lepe Country Park which we're hoping to install soon but that is dependent on COVID regs.



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