

## National Park Access Updates September 2022

### **England Coast Path**

Coast access rights were established along the Calshot to Gosport section on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. The NPA has established the first three miles of this section, adding signs, gates and interpretation boards. The Planning Inspectorate will inspect the Highcliffe to Calshot section at the end of 2022 and start the process of addressing the objections during 2023.

### **The New Forest Walking and Cycling Festival 2022**

We are preparing for this year's festival. The 2022 dates are 15 October to 6 November. We will have a good mix of guided walks and cycle rides across the National Park with a variety of themes and topics including walks lead by local artists.

### **Volunteer Access Work**

The Access Surveyors are continuing their access land parcels during the summer before completing the November section of their ease-of-use path survey. The Path Clearance Crew has been busy with its usual programme of path clearance and we have conducted two days of power tool training for interested volunteers.

### **Accessibility Work**

We are working on accessibility improvements in-line with potential DEFRA funding. We will use the capital funding to support PEDALL and other partners in addition to improving our walking offer to strengthen the Miles Without Stiles branded accessible walks.

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