

National Park Access Updates June 2025

Access For All Funds.

We are waiting for final approval of these funds from DEFRA and will hopefully have the full amount confirmed in July. We will then have eight months to spend the funds on improving accessibility within the New Forest.

Path Clearance Volunteers

Our April training month has gone well. We have trained six volunteers in the use of electric brush-cutters and hedge-trimmers and will look to run further training courses. We have started work clearing rights of way including along the Breamore Railway Line.

New Forest Ambassadors

We have re-organised the New Forest Ambassador Scheme into a more active role to assist rangers and education officers with engagement work. Ten New Forest Ambassadors have been trained up and will start assisting NPA staff in May at the upcoming Dogstival event.

Breamore Railway line project update

This project started in January 2025 and is five months underway. Our progress so far has included appointing Ellie Bowen as Landscape Enhancement Project Co-ordinator, working with HCC to fully scope the project area and organising an engagement event at Hulse Hall on the 20 May.

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