

Cumbria Coastal Access Monthly Update: July 2015



This update provides local and regional representatives and other interested stakeholders with a brief summary on progress for each of the coastal stretches we are working on in Cumbria. If you have colleagues who should be included on the distribution list or you do not wish to receive this update please let me know.

Latest News:

Following the announcement in the autumn of 2014, that the Government intend to accelerate roll-out of the England Coast Path (ECP), a successful recruitment exercise has now been concluded. This will see an increase in those people working on the coastal access project from 23 to 60+.

We can now confirm that, in the North West, the 'expanded' coastal access team will be in place by 13th July, and the new members will undertake an intensive training and induction programme so that work on delivering coastal access to the rest of the North West coast can begin before the end of the year.

Please note our new e:mail address: northwestcoastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk

Stretch 1: Allonby to Whitehaven (36 km) - OPEN

- Roll-back of trail now required in a few locations and some residual establishment works being carried out (work being managed by the National Trails Team)
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Stretch 2: Whitehaven to Silecroft (55 km) – STAGE 4: 'DETERMINE'

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10th December 2014: Closing date for submission of representations and objections.• 4 x site visits held with Planning Inspector• We are now waiting for the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) to make a decision on the 4 objections that were submitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer 2015: Decision by Secretary of State on coastal access report after which establishment of route can begin.

Stretch 3: Gretna to Allonby (approx. 100km) – STAGE 2: 'DEVELOP'

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further site visits on land between Angerton and Abbeytown• Detailed route planning has started north of Allonby where active coastal erosion has meant that earlier plans have had to be reconsidered• Continuing work with Hadrian's Wall National Trail colleagues to determine where and how the two National Trails are likely to follow the same line• Ongoing work with nature conservation colleagues to consider impact of coastal access proposals on designated sites and features between Gretna and Allonby	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Late Summer 2015: Complete 'Walking the Course'

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