

Cumbria Coastal Access Monthly Update: June 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+.

In the North West, the coastal access 'team' will expand from 3 members of staff to 11, and we expect that the new members of the team will be in post by early July. An intensive period of training has been organised so that from late Summer onwards, we can begin to start work on the next new stretches of coast in the North West.

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)

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 visit held with Newton and Saltcoates Marsh Committee• Arrangements made for further visits in June with owners and occupiers of land between Angerton and Abbeytown• 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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