

## NFNPA 503/16

### NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

#### AUTHORITY MEETING – 14 JULY 2016

#### NEW FOREST CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2015- 16

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#### **SUMMARY:**

The National Park Authority currently provides a grant of £40,000 per year to the Ninth Centenary Trust to support its work at the New Forest Centre in Lyndhurst. This report summarises activities at the Centre during 2015-16 structured around the National Park Authority's Business Plan priorities (2015-18).

Many of the activities were discussed at the Members' workshop in November 2015, so the report provides a year-end update together with some encouraging highlights and plans for 2016-17.

Our current Agreement with the Ninth Centenary Trust runs to 2018, so this report gives opportunity to confirm support for the work and offer suggestions for the future. The Authority has £15,000 set aside in reserves for the Centre, but this would only be released to fund something that would result in clear additional benefits to the National Park and NPA.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

To comment on and endorse the report

#### **Papers:**

NFNPA 503/16 Cover paper

NFNPA 503/16 Annex 1 New Forest Centre Annual Report for 2015-16

#### **Equality Impact Assessment:**

There are no equality or diversity implications arising directly from this report. The New Forest Centre has an Audience Development Plan and an Access Plan which together address potential equality issues.

**Resources:** £40,000 per year, plus staff time

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