



National Park updates for Consultative Panel

September 2014

Grazing reintroduced to Barton Common and Ballard Water Meadows

The New Forest Land Advice Service has worked with commoner Sarah Harvey and local communities to graze ponies and cattle on these sites just outside the National Park boundary to help restore their condition.

Navitus Bay update

The National Park Authority's Planning Committee said it was particularly concerned about the significant visual impact the wind turbines are likely to have on the National Park coastline at Keyhaven, both in terms of its natural beauty and people's enjoyment of it.

The onshore cable route could also have an adverse impact on the landscape of this part of the New Forest, as there is no commitment to replace trees which will be lost and there could be a permanent scar running through the National Park, creating a long-term change in the landscape along the 40 metre-wide cable route.

The timetable is as follows:

- 11 September 2014: Preliminary Meeting in Bournemouth
- 6 October 2014: Deadline for Local Impact Reports (LIR) to be submitted. We will be circulating our draft LIR to our members for final comment in w/c 15th September.
- 18 – 20 November 2014: Dates currently reserved for issue-specific hearing relating to landscape, seascape, biodiversity, ecology and the built environment
- 3 – 4 December 2014: Accompanied site visits
- 11 March 2015: Deadline for the Planning Inspectorate to have finished its report.

New seasonal ranger



In a joint partnership with the Forestry Commission and Camping in the Forest a National Park seasonal ranger has been working at four campsites over the summer. She held events and activities showing over 1,500 visitors

how to care for the Forest and be responsible campers, reinforcing important messages such as not feeding the animals and leaving the forest as it was found.

Green Open Doors

10 'eco-homes' across the Forest will open their doors to visitors on 4 and 5 October so people can learn about sustainable technologies. For details visit www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/greenopendoors.

New Forest Walking Festival

The 2nd New Forest Walking Festival is over two weeks from 18 October with over 20 guided walks showcasing the wildlife, culture and heritage of the New Forest. A wide range of organisations and businesses are offering walks, all connected to buses or train services with discounts for walkers who arrive without their car.

Cycling suggestions



The New Forest National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council are seeking suggestions for ways in which the safety of cyclists can be improved within and immediately adjacent to the National Park. These suggestions will be considered when carrying out medium and long-term planning.

- Improvements to existing cycle routes (on-road / off road)
- Bottlenecks or areas of the highway network where it is perceived that safety could be improved for cyclists and pedestrians.

Please email your suggestions and ideas to cycling@newforestnpa.gov.uk

In particular, the National Park Authority has a grants fund available to support local communities to implement their own projects. This could be through installing cycle parking within the parish, or delivering minor access improvements. Support is available to help parishes to develop these projects, but funding is only available for a limited time only (end of March 2015). For more information email SCF@newforestnpa.gov.uk

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