

New Forest Consultative Panel

Forestry England Update

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Wildlife

People

Climate

Forestry England's contractors have recently completed a programme of works in some of our inclosures, including: **Kings Copse Inclosure and Denny Inclosure, South Oakley Inclosure and Knightwood Oak Inclosure.**

There's currently forestry work in **Busketts Lawn Inclosure**, near Ashurst and **Dunes Arch Inclosure**, removing some conifer trees.

The wood from trees that have been recently thinned from the inclosures will be used for products like garden sheds, fence panels, gates and posts and pallets.

200,000 trees have been replanted across the District, mainly linked to restocking felled areas including woodlands affected by ash dieback



Our open habitats maintenance programme continued last winter with pine regrowth removed at:

- Dur Hill
- Turf Hill
- Dunces Arch
- Longdown
- Ipley

This work aims to maintain the rare heathland and wood pasture, preventing the landscape from turning to scrub and supporting precious habitats and a wide-range of wildlife.



Supporting ground-nesting birds

We continue to work with the New Forest community to help ensure the survival of rare ground nesting birds in this spring and summer. With growing public awareness of the plight of these vulnerable birds we hope that many more people using the Forest will help them by taking a few simple measures.

The New Forest is a Special Protection Area for Birds and an important breeding location for endangered ground nesting birds such as the lapwing, nightjar and curlew.

Under pressure in many parts of the UK due to habitat loss and disturbance by people, helping them breed successfully in the New Forest is critical to their survival.



The impacts of the Action Plan from last summer were reviewed and these results shared.

There's a revised Action Plan that continues this coordinated approach with our local partners, including the New Forest National Park Authority, New Forest District Council, and Go New Forest with support from The Verderers, Hampshire and IOW Fire and Rescue Service, and Hampshire Constabulary.



Old car wrecks removed from causing potential harm to the New Forest

Rusting, old vehicles dumped next to the Open Forest were lift out of the way and the area made safe. Forestry England has been working closely with Hampshire Constabulary, National Highways, The Crown Estate, New Forest District Council, New Forest National Park, New Forest Verderers and waste contractors on the removal operation.

This action was taken after an area, near Stoney Cross, had become a hot-spot for illegal activity and anti-social behaviour, including the illegal dumping of polluting car wrecks. Concerns had been growing about the impact the waste could have on the environment, with potential to affect the surrounding fragile habitat of the New Forest.

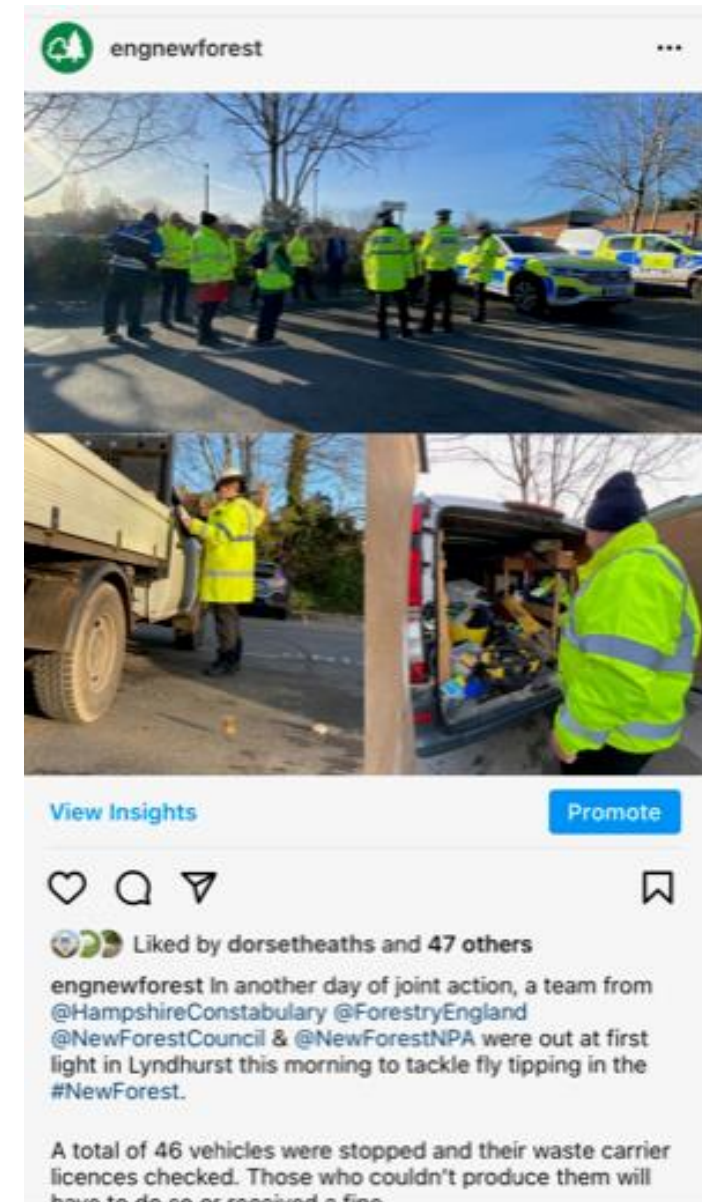
(before and after photos)



We continue to work with our the Police and local partners to tackle fly-tipping on land that we manage in the New Forest.

In April, we stopped 46 vehicles to check their waste licenses and more multi-agency patrols like this are planned.

There are a number of other steps that we're taking to prevent fly-tipping, including gates and barriers, and improving visibility of entrances; removing fly-tipped waste quickly and installing camera in the most frequently affected locations.



The teams have been carrying out highly visible patrols that focussed on speed checks along Roger Penny Way, working with Hampshire Constabulary's local policing teams, our Rangers and local partners.

More joint patrols are planned over the coming weeks and we continue to remind everyone working and travelling in the Forest to take extra care and be especially mindful of the new born foals and other animals.



Partnership working

Delivering on providing greater powers to address several anti-social behaviours, and enforcement against these is a shared priority for Forest organisations. We support this and continue to work closely with the New Forest District Council to deliver a workable approach - especially given that many of the priority issues take place on the most sensitive part of the New Forest, which is managed by Forestry England.



Our local team responded amazingly during the February storms, getting so many trees cleared to re-open access. The team dealt with emergencies such as blocked access and dangerous incidents, clearing as many of our car parks and main tracks as possible.

Given the likely trends of increased extreme weather incidents, being well prepared for similar future events will be critical.



We are delighted that our Bolderwood site is featured as part of the Ancient Canopy, dedicated to Her Majesty in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee.

It's a tribute on behalf of the whole New Forest community, devoting this woodland to The Queen in honour of 70 years of service to her country.

