

Update on behalf of Forestry England (South District)

New Forest Consultative Panel

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Continuing our tree planting programme, we have recently been planting at:

- Highland Water
- Coppice of Linwood
- Sloden (starts this week)

A range of native species are being planted, including:

- 7,000 Oak
- Blackthorn
- Rowan
- Hazel



Heathland restoration & ground nesting bird season



Our survey with Hampshire Ornithological Society (HOS) revealed the highest ever numbers of woodlark recorded in the Forest

- The survey helps to measure the impact of our ongoing heathland restorations - returning more of the right habitat for a range of wildlife
- This year we will working again with HOS to survey wader numbers

We are taking protective measures this ground nesting bird season

- A small number of car parks closed at the most sensitive locations
- Signage
- Public education campaign with partners



On average, we dealt with one fly-tip every day of January 2025

- We continue to work with local partners including NFDC and the police on random spot checks on vehicles carrying waste
- We have recently extended these to work with private estates (Beaulieu and Longdown)

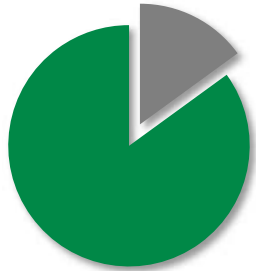
Core message to the public

- Check anyone taking away your waste
- This can be done quickly and easily on the NFDC website

What we do in the New Forest



Unsustainable funding and costs



Less than 15% of our core funding now comes from government



- Costs of materials
- Damage caused by changing weather patterns
- Visitor numbers
- Levels of landscape and recreation management

Delivering on shared goals

Recreation Management Strategy (RMS) Actions & Partnership Plan - includes charging and recreation management



More sustainable funding will support...

- ✓ Retaining access to a network of car parks
- ✓ Maintaining our core work
- ✓ Bigger ranger presence and engagement
- ✓ More interventions to prevent informal parking - on verges and overnight
- ✓ Resources to carry out more regular maintenance at car parks
- ✓ Opportunity for a long-term solution to irresponsible parking



- Working with statutory bodies
- Key aspects of the scheme - feedback from stakeholders







Thank you