

Forestry England update

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Heathland restoration

- Work carried out this winter at Fawley, Highland Water and Knightwood Inclosures

Invasive Species control

- Rhododendron control at Shirley Holms, Blackensford Bottom, Black Knowl and Gritnam

Wetland restoration

- Works planned this spring at Knightwood, Ipley and North Sluffers

Woodland Restoration

- Gritnam wood



Green Forest Hoverfly

- Working with volunteers to assess numbers
- Found only in New Forest & Great Windsor Park
- Rely on dead and decaying ancient trees stumps
- Record numbers recorded
- Survey findings are informing our management techniques - pollarding holly around ancient beech tree stumps.



Pine Martens

- Learning about the New Forest's growing population
- Survey & monitoring in collaboration with Wild New Forest
- This year's focus is on DNA collection and how they navigate across the Forest.



Ground nesting bird season

- Season runs March - late August
- Mixed picture for key species
- Record numbers of Woodlarks and Dartford Warblers
- Curlews and Nightjar at critically low levels due to disturbance, predation & changing weather patterns
- Special quiet zones established again this year
- Small number of car park closures close to these sites
- Public campaign shared across all key agencies encouraging the public to stick to the main tracks and keep dogs with them here
- [Ground nesting birds | Forestry England](#)



Joint working

- Operation Mountie - promoting animal and road safety
- Joined New Forest Dog Owners Group engagement sessions in forest car parks
- Walking in Partnership - guided ranger sessions with New Forest Police
- Supported multi-agency fly-tipping operation - spot checking waste carrying vehicles
- NFDC successful enforcements against fly-tippers - with support from our team.
- Participating in the NPA Awakening Festival - including a series of ranger led walks



Maintenance

- Extremely wet weather conditions have significantly impacted surfaces & our ability to make repairs
- Tarmac repairs at entrances now started
- New machinery secured - funded by our investment in the parking scheme
- Targeting most badly affected car parks as a priority
- Some closures will be needed to complete the work -
<https://www.forestryengland.uk/new-forest/where-we-are-working>

Sessions to engage key stakeholders

- 85 meetings in 2025 and sessions continuing
- HCC, NFDC, parish councils, consultative panel, National Trust, Access Forum, etc.

Public engagement

- Sharing details of the scheme and how it will work
- Leaflet sent direct to all NFDC households
- Working with key groups re exemptions - commoning
- FAQ and further information available on our website

[Upcoming changes to parking in the New Forest | Forestry England](#)



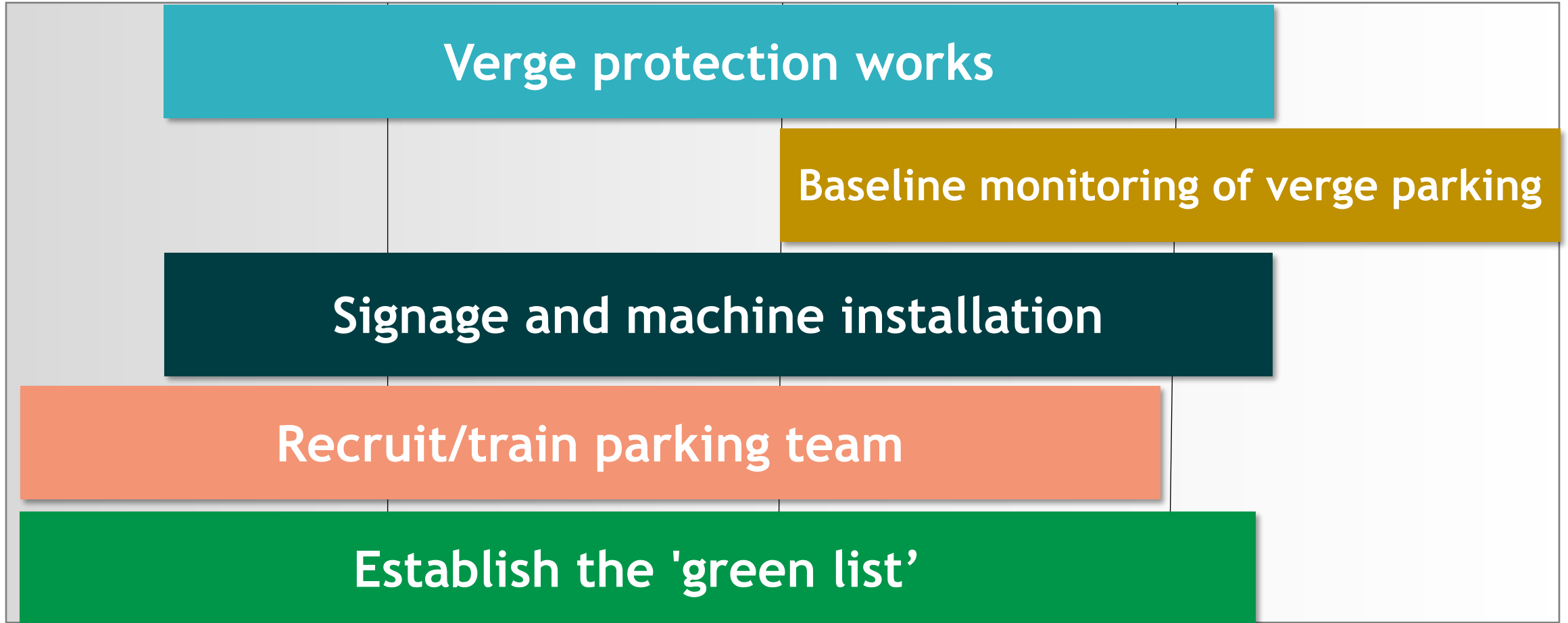
- Works at highest risk area progressing well
- Majority are reinstatements or repairs of existing ditch & bank.
- A mix of dragon's teeth or ditch & bank
- Works being carried out in collaboration with Natural England, the Verderers and Commoners Defence Association



Highways Team

- Collaboratively looking at areas at high risk of traffic collisions and verge parking.
- Identifying key locations for potential TROs
 - Temporary - to respond quickly to new verge parking.
 - Permanent - informed by monitoring data and public consultation.





Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May



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Thank you