

North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: April 2016



This update provides local and regional representatives and other interested stakeholders with a brief summary on progress for each of the coastal stretches we are working on in the North West. If you have colleagues who should be included on the distribution list or you do not wish to receive this update please let me know.

Latest News	North West Coastal Access map
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New layout of the monthly update – North West Coastal Access overview map included – which you can click on to take you straight to full-size version on web. • Useful link: Latest announcements, and details of support available from government and local councils for recovery from the flooding during winter 2015 to 2016. - www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/winter-flooding-2015 • Coastal access also adds to the National Trails facebook page – so ‘like’ our updates and photos there too! <p> follow NE Cumbria on twitter</p> <p>Email us at northwestcoastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>Stretch Names</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Cretna to Allonby 2 Allonby to Whitehaven 3 Whitehaven to Silcroft 4 Silcroft to Silverdale 5 Walney Island 6 Silverdale to Cleveleys 7 Cleveleys to Pier Head, Liverpool 8 Birkenhead to Welsh Border <p>Stretch Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — New coastal path and associated access rights now open — Approved but not yet open — Work in progress — Est. start 2014-2017 <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County & Unitary Boundaries <p><small>© Crown Copyright and Database right 2015. All rights reserved. Natural England is not liable for errors or omissions.</small></p>

Stretch 1: Allonby to Whitehaven (36 km) - OPEN

- See www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path/about for updates

Stretch 2: Whitehaven to Silecroft (55 km) – STAGE 5: ‘OPEN’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grant has been awarded and Cumbria County Council are now working to establish the route. • Ongoing discussions with NDA regarding impact of proposed new development at Moorside on approved line of the trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely completion date is now Q1 2017 / 2018.

Stretch 3: Gretna to Allonby (approx. 100km) – STAGE 2: ‘DEVELOP’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final agreement of proposals with Cumbria County Council • Drafting of report and maps now underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Summer 2016: Stage 3 ‘Propose’ - Publish report.

Stretch 4: Walney Island (approx. 35km) – STAGE2: ‘DEVELOP’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All site visits completed and initial routes now recorded. • Access and Sensitive Features assessment underway • Initial proposal letters to be sent out once Access and Sensitive Feature assessment has been completed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2016: Stage 3 ‘Propose’ - Publish report.

Stretch 5: Silecroft to Silverdale (approx. 101km)	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and Opportunities letters and e-mails have been sent out to key stakeholders. • Meetings with key stakeholders (including Morecambe bay Partnership, Arnside and Silverdale AONB, Lancashire Wildfowlers) now occurring. • Familiarisation site visits underway. • Initial contact letters (to those who may be affected) now been sent out, with four drop in sessions planned for landowners in late April and May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Spring 2016 Stage 2 ‘Develop’ – route alignment and meeting with landowners

Stretch 6: Silverdale to Cleveleys (approx. 82km)	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and Opportunities letters and e-mails have been sent out to key stakeholders. • ‘Start up’ meetings held with officers from Lancashire County Council. Preparations underway for meetings with key stakeholders (including Morecambe bay Partnership, Arnside and Silverdale AONB, Lancashire Wildfowlers) • Familiarisation site visits underway • Preparing to send out initial contact letters (to those who may be affected) in April. • Planning three landowner drop in sessions in early May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late Spring 2016 Stage 2 ‘Develop’ – route alignment and meeting with landowners