

North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: January 2017



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
<p>Training day for new access authority contacts set for April.</p> <p> follow NE Cumbria on twitter</p> <p>Email us at northwest.coastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	 <p>Stretch Names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">③ Cretna to Allonby① Allonby to Whitehaven② Whitehaven to Silecroft⑤ Silecroft to Silverdale④ Walney Island⑥ Silverdale to Cleveleys⑦ Cleveleys to Pier Head, Liverpool⑧ Birkenhead to Welsh Border <p>Stretch Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New coast path and associated access rights now open Approved but not yet open Work in progress Est. start 2016-2017 <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County & Unitary Boundaries <p>Other</p> <p>© Crown copyright and database right 2016. All rights reserved. Natural England Licence No. 100022092</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"> Cumbria County Council are now taking on the establishment works, which will take some time to complete. Ongoing discussions with Nugen 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. Commencement order will be made and opening date will be announced.

Stretch 3: Gretna to Allonby (approx. 100km) – STAGE 4: ‘DETERMINE’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation window now closed and all objections and representations received during the eight weeks have been passed to an independent planning inspector from the Planning Inspectorate, appointed by the Secretary of State. The inspector will make recommendations to the Secretary of State in respect of each one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary of State’s decision is expected in summer 2017. Establishment work would then start on the ground and the necessary legal paperwork will be completed. Once complete, the new public rights of access will come into force on the stretch.

Stretch 4: Walney Island (approx. 35km) – STAGE 4: ‘DETERMINE’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation window now closed and all objections and representations received during the eight weeks have been passed to an independent planning inspector from the Planning Inspectorate, appointed by the Secretary of State. The inspector will make recommendations to the Secretary of State in respect of each one. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretary of State’s decision is expected early in 2017. Establishment work would then start on the ground and the necessary legal paperwork will be completed. Once complete, the new public rights of access will come into force on the stretch.

Stretch 5: Silecroft to Silverdale (approx. 101km) – STAGE 2: ‘DEVELOP’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 ‘Develop’ is well underway with site visits and meetings with local partners occurring across the stretch. Improved ASFA process will run alongside route alignment information gathering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial proposals will be sent out once the route alignment on full sections has been developed.

Stretch 6: Silverdale to Cleveleys (approx. 82km) – STAGE2: ‘DEVELOP’	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 ‘Develop’ is well underway with site visits and meetings with local partners occurring across the stretch. Improved ASFA process will run alongside route alignment information gathering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial proposals will be sent out once the route alignment on full sections has been developed.

Stretch 7: Cleveleys to Pier head, Liverpool (approx. 124km)	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2017: Start Stage 1 ‘Prepare’

Stretch 8: Birkenhead to Welsh border (approx. 41km)	
Current Activity	Next Milestone
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