

Rights of Way report

1/7/24

Path meeting held with ENPA, NT and PME

The meeting was arranged so that we could understand the Bodies involved in cutting hedgerows, and keeping paths, rights of way, bridleways and permissive tracks clear.

ENPA outlined to us that they have have delegated powers from Somerset and Devon. And are part funded by them.

They are responsible for growth of vegetation and surface growth. Trees are down to the Landowner as are gates, Bridges, paths and styles (it will depend on where and this is usually down to 'choice' to maintain)

They are in year 2 of a 3 year trial plan for rights of way. Funding for this was set up 18 months ago. In addition they had some money from Government funding.

They have 4 Park Rangers. Charlotte gives 50% of her time to the Porlock area. And they have a field Svc team based in Exford.

Porlock is always where the Cutting starts, this year it was a week late in starting.

Johnathan commented we might be able to look at a small Paring donation to the Paring fund, but we have to look at it in more depth.

They work closely with Porlock Manor Estate, but it is not Governed by ENPA.

Permitted paths are maintained by land owner /NT PME/ENP

If we have any concerns please make ENPA the first port of call. Johnathan has the contact numbers or we can find on line.

If a problem is reported please try to ascertain exactly where and whose land is it. Use What 3 words when possible,

Then contact the Ranger. Also we can report it on line.

We only have a small amount of Land in and around Porlock that is owned by the NT.

Paths are surveyed every 6 years, Visually checked by Rangers every 3 years and coastal paths every year. INFO:

(New path opening Porlock Weir to Gall point on 17th July.)

Up and coming projects are Bossington land pathway. works on this will commence this winter and additional work on the Coast Path subject to funding.

We should be aware that Minehead Council are taking on Hedge cutting along A39 as far as the Parish of Porlock, and Allerford Parish Council are taking on hedge cutting, salt bins and drainage up to Porlock boundary.

ENPA are looking at Access suggestions which cover (funding possible) Active travel England : Last minute active travel.

Consultation Exercise

Family friendly cycle trails

Improvement of Quiet roads from Minehead to Porlock.

And Improved public access to Porlock Marsh.

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