



## North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: February 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  |
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| <p>Training day for new access authority contacts set for April.</p> <p> follow NE Cumbria on twitter</p> <p>Email us at<br/><a href="mailto:northwest.coastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk">northwest.coastalaccess@naturalengland.org.uk</a></p> |  <p><b>Stretch Names</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>③ Gretna to Allonby</li> <li>① Allonby to Whitehaven</li> <li>② Whitehaven to Silcroft</li> <li>⑤ Silcroft to Silverdale</li> <li>④ Walney Island</li> <li>⑥ Silverdale to Cleveleys</li> <li>⑦ Cleveleys to Pier Head, Liverpool</li> <li>⑧ Birkenhead to Welsh Border</li> </ul> <p><b>Stretch Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: green;">—</span> New coast path and associated access rights now open</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">—</span> Approved but not yet open</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">—</span> Work in progress</li> <li><span style="color: red;">—</span> Est. start 2016-2017</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px;"></span> County &amp; Unitary Boundaries</li> </ul> <p><b>Map Details:</b> The map shows the coastline from Gretna in the north to the Welsh Border in the south. Stretches are numbered 1 through 8. Stretch 1 (Allonby to Whitehaven) is green, indicating it is now open. Stretches 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are orange, indicating they are in progress. Stretch 8 (Birkenhead to Welsh Border) is red, indicating it is estimated to start in 2016-2017. The map also shows major towns and cities in the region, including Whitehaven, Workington, Silcroft, Barrow-in-Furness, Fleetwood, Cleveleys, Blackpool, Prescot, Southport, Formby, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Deeside, Chester, Manchester, Warrington, St Helens, Bolton, Rochdale, Blackburn, Burnley, and Lancaster. A scale bar indicates distances up to 30 kilometers.</p> |

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

- See [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path/about](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path/about) for updates

| <b>Stretch 2: Whitehaven to Silecroft (55 km) – STAGE 5: ‘OPEN’</b>  |  |
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| <b>Current Activity</b>  | <b>Next Milestone</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumbria County Council are now taking on the establishment works, which will take some time to complete.</li> <li>Ongoing discussions with Nugen regarding impact of proposed new development at Moorside on approved line of the trail.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely completion date is now Q1 2017 / 2018.</li> <li>Commencement order will be made and opening date will be announced.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Stretch 3: Gretna to Allonby (approx. 100km) – STAGE 4: ‘DETERMINE’</b>   |   |
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| <b>Current Activity</b>  | <b>Next Milestone</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The inspector is now working through the cases and will make recommendations to the Secretary of State in respect of each one.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretary of State’s decision is expected in summer 2017.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Stretch 4: Walney Island (approx. 35km) – STAGE 4: ‘DETERMINE’</b>  |  |
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| <b>Current Activity</b>  | <b>Next Milestone</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>The inspector is now working through the cases and will make recommendations to the Secretary of State in respect of each one.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Secretary of State’s decision is expected early in 2017.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |

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

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

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

| <b>Stretch 8: Birkenhead to Welsh border (approx. 41km)</b> |   |
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| <b>Current Activity</b>                                     | <b>Next Milestone</b>   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2017: Start Stage 1 ‘Prepare’</li> </ul> |