



North West Coastal Access Monthly Update: March 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>On 27 March 2017 the Secretary of State announced her decision to approve a stretch of the England Coast Path in Cumbria around Walney Island.</p> <p>Also on this day we announced we are beginning to investigate how to improve coastal access along the 124km stretch between Cleveleys and Pier Head, Liverpool and the 41 km stretch between Birkenhead and the Welsh border.</p> <p>Training workshop for new access authority contacts on final two stretches has been organised set for early 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 Gretna to Allonby ① Allonby to Whitehaven ② Whitehaven to Silecroft ⑤ Silecroft to Silverdale ④ 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"> — England Coast Path and associated access rights now open — Approved but not yet open — Work in progress <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County & Unitary Boundaries <p><small>© Crown copyright and database right 2017. All rights reserved. Natural England Licence No. 100012001</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"> 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"> Window for objections and representations now closed and all such received during the eight weeks have been passed to an inspector from the Planning Inspectorate, appointed by the Secretary of State. The inspector is now working through the cases and 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 will get underway as soon as possible, but may run into at least 2018/19, before access rights can be commenced.

Stretch 4: Walney Island (approx. 35km) – STAGE 4: ‘DETERMINE’

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 27 March 2017 the Secretary of State announced her decision to approve a stretch of the England Coast Path in Cumbria around Walney Island with no changes to the proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment works will get underway at some point in 2017, depending on resources available. Completion of these works and commencement of new rights may be possible in 2017/18 or may take a little longer.

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. ASFA process started to look at detailed proposals as these are developed. 	<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’

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<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"> On 27 March 2017 we announced we have begun work on this stretch. Stage 1: ‘Prepare’ will focus on gathering relevant information on the various issues and opportunities to help us prepare for route alignment work during stage 2. Initial meetings with key stakeholders will also be held. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Spring/Summer 2017 Stage 2 – ‘Develop’ – Route alignment and meeting landowners

Stretch 8: Birkenhead to Welsh border (approx. 41km)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 27 March 2017 we announced we have begun work on this stretch. Stage 1: ‘Prepare’ will focus on gathering relevant information on the various issues and opportunities to help us prepare for route alignment work during stage 2. Initial meetings with key stakeholders will also be held. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late Spring/Summer 2017 Stage 2 – ‘Develop’ – Route alignment and meeting landowners