

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Item: 8

Title: Green Lanes Update

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Purpose of the Report

The report provides an update on progress with managing recreational motor vehicles in the National Park.

Action Plans

Actions plans were reported to Audit Resources and Performance Committee (ARP) in May 2017. The approved action plans for 2017/18 on priority routes, illegal use and communications are available on the website at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles. As part of this work, route action plans and route summary reports have been updated and can be viewed at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/priorityroutes.

In light of the long-term commitment to this work, we will be taking the opportunity to emphasise the value of green lanes by refreshing the route prioritisation to reflect the National Parks' special qualities and through mapping and signage improvements to develop the access network.

Motorcycle Events at Washgate

In March 2017, National Park Authority Members resolved to make a traffic regulation order which would permanently prohibit mechanically propelled vehicles at Washgate, near Hollinsclough save for the Bemrose Trail and Reliance Cup events on such terms as required by the Authority.

These motorcycle events took place on 12 March and 4 June with the organisers of the two events co-ordinating their approach to have regard to the sensitivity of the situation. Each event did not use the River Dove nor the route for staged sections to keep disturbance to the stream, route and other users to a minimum. Notices and marshalls were also in place.

We will be using what we have learned from these events to develop the terms required by the order and to set out in the authorisation form. The understanding and supportive approach by the Bemrose and Reliance event organisers and participants has been very welcome.

Recommendation

- 1. That the report is noted.**