

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Management of recreational vehicles

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on progress with the Recreational Motor Vehicle Strategy

Report

Sustainability Plans

- DCC Highways Engineers, Countryside staff and NPA officers are meeting on 22nd October to finalise the proposed actions from the first 8 management plans.
- Following this meeting, DCC officers intend report the findings back to Committee.
- The next 7 draft plan templates have been prepared ready to be sent to the LAF subgroup members.

Operation Blackbrook

- A series of police operations are planned over the coming months, these will include a mix of legal and illegal routes.
- Councillor Jackson (Deputy Leader of DCC) and Neil Hickman of DCC Highways (as well as NP staff) attended the last Operation Blackbrook governance meeting on 8th September. Many questions were asked by attendees and the meeting was very well attended.

Signage

- Advisory signage is about to be erected at Brushfield (trespass from lane and steepness/narrowness), Beeley Hilltop (v popular route with all users), Edensor NCH (again v popular) and Rowland (to reduce speed into the village). More signs are being considered – for example at Chelmorton on the Pennine Bridleway.
- Signs have been erected on Silly Dale (which is now a bridleway).

Instant email alerts/Staying on the Right Track Newsletter

- An October update is about to go out, a draft version of which will be available at the meeting.

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Website Updates

- Continues to be updated

Monitoring

- Use has been monitored at 37 sites so far this year, with both legal and illegal routes being logged.
- Monitoring shows that where status has been determined, and vehicle rights have been extinguished, use has significantly declined, with some routes showing 90% reduction in vehicle use.