

Green Lanes Annual Report 2021/22



March 2022

Green lanes are tracks across the National Park used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and motor vehicles.

This is our fifth annual report. It reports on the work we have done in partnership with others over this last year.

1) Involvement

Peak District Local Access Forum

In March 2021, the Forum received the green lanes action planning for wider engagement, protection and enhancement of these valued routes. It also heard from speakers raising issues on specific routes.

The Green Lanes Sub-group met in April, September and November 2021. Details of the work of the Forum can be seen at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf



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Packhorse Trails

Features like this boundary and waymarker on the packhorse route between Hayfield and Edale are important to tell the story of the trails.



2) Improvements

Repairs by Highway Authorities

In 2021, Derbyshire County Council completed the resurfacing at Bamford Clough.

In October 2021, Staffordshire County Council carried out drainage improvements on the roads above Swan and Limer Rakes at Hollinsclough to help manage the run-off prior to drainage and surfacing works on these routes.

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In December 2021, Derbyshire County Council carried out repairs at Chapel Gate, Edale.



In December 2021, Derbyshire County Council carried out works to deal with drainage and an area of substantial wash-out at Car Road, Holmesfield. Despite its name, this is a bridleway.



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In January 2022, Derbyshire County Council carried out repairs at Jacob's Ladder, Stoney Middleton.



In January 2022, Derbyshire County Council removed imported surfacing materials unsuitable for Pindale, near Castleton.



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In January 2022, Derbyshire County Council infilled the hollows and ruts along Chertpit and Leys Lanes at Great Longstone.

In February 2022, Derbyshire County Council carried out some surfacing to the bridleway running between Brushfield and Upperdale.



In March 2022, Derbyshire County Council cleared out the gullies below Stanage at Long Causeway.



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Work by National Park Authority

In March 2021, funded by Barnsley MBC, we took out a high step on a section of the Trans Pennine Trail at Saltersbrook to make it more accessible. The packhorse bridge is at the junction of three counties and a former inn.



Work by Others

In February 2022, we funded fencing under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme to protect the fields at Moscar from vehicles.





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In October 2021, an alternative route off Minninglow Lane was funded under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme.

Peak Permissive Paths




Permissive Footpath



Great Crested Newt. Photo credit: Chris Meark

*Welcome to Minninglow Sandpit.
Previously a hive of industry,
now a haven for wildlife.*



Heather

Eastern Moors have been carrying out further physical works at Houndkirk, near Sheffield, to encourage vehicles to keep to the track.



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3) Monitoring & Managing

Data Logging

We use electronic logging devices to monitor vehicle use and share data with the police to enable them to make evidence-led decisions on their operations. During 2021-22 we have monitored the TRO routes, as well as monitoring illegal use in the Longstone Edge area.

Signage

We support the use of signage where illegal and anti-social use is occurring.



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Education

Sheffield Police supported Keep on Track to protect verges at an event at Houndkirk.



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Enforcement

Derbyshire police have joined with us on a Memorandum of Understanding covering rural crime and anti-social behavior in the National park.

We are also pleased to see the different ways to report vehicles causing a problem. Please let the police know when and where and provide a description. Photos and videos are also helpful if it's safe to do so.

Ways to report

You can report incidents to South Yorkshire Police in a number of ways:



Call

Always call **999** in an emergency.
Call **101** if it is not urgent



Online

Report your incident online using our portal:
[smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/
report/nuisance-motorbikesvehicles/](https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/report/nuisance-motorbikesvehicles/)



Live Chat

Log in to the portal and live chat with the force

You can also contact the force wide Off Road Bike Team directly with info/photos or videos for advice:



By email:

syoffroadteam@southyorks.pnn.police.uk



By Facebook messenger:

@SYPOffRoadBikes



By Twitter

@SYPOperations



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The police are involved regarding anti-social behavior at Moscar Cross and which is impacting on the condition of the route.



Illegal use



4) Restraint and Restrictions

Voluntary Restraint

The Peak District National Park Authority is keen to see user groups taking voluntary action to address issues. In recent years, we have also been working with the Peak and Derbyshire Vehicle User Group (PDVUG) and its associated member groups.



Keeping on track to protect verges at Minninglow



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Traffic Regulation Orders

Temporary closure at Moscar Cross.



Closures in Hollinsclough at Swan and Limer Rakes and Rake Head.



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TRO Exemptions

At Derby Lane an exemption to the traffic regulation order allows for caving access on application. During 2021/22, there have been 7 applications for exemptions.

An exemption has been issued on the Washgate route for the Bemrose motorcycle trial to be held in March 2022.



5) Reporting

Action plans

Action plans on green lanes, illegal use and communications for 2021/22 to protect the special qualities of the National Park were presented to the LAF in March 2021 and to the Authority's committee meeting in May 2021. Action plans and annual reports can be viewed at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles.