

New Forest National Park Authority Information and Contacts

Role as a Planning Authority:

- 1,000 planning applications per annum
- Wiltshire Council a statutory consultee on planning policy work
- Statutory duty for Wiltshire Council to have regard to Park purposes in making decisions that could affect the Park
- Liaison with Parish Councils in preparation of Village Design Statements (e.g. Landford)
- Regular Parish Quadrant meetings for the 3 Wiltshire Parishes within the Park

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Access and Recreation

- Small Grants Scheme available to help improve local countryside access within and to the National Park e.g. path resurfacing, replacing styles, benches and access leaflets
- Available to parish councils and landowners to improve access. Grants available for up to 75% of the project cost (max. grant £10,000)
- Projects jointly funded by HCC and NPA. Deadline for funding applications 30 Sept 2011
- NPA also supports Wiltshire Path Improvement Grants Scheme (PIGS)

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Transport and Tourism

- New Forest Tour 'red route' launched summer 2011, covering the north west of the Park
- Tour customers get free bus travel to and from Salisbury by purchasing Tour tickets on the Wilts & Dorset X3 bus service
- NPA working with Wiltshire Council on speed limits and weight restrictions in the Park.

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Promoting Education

- Linked to the second statutory Park purpose
- NPA website '*Learning Guide*' provides useful information for students and teachers
- Around 8,000 children and young people engaged last year by NPA Education Officers
- NPA worked with local Wiltshire schools in Alderbury & Grimstead; Morgan's Vale and Nomansland, including co-ordinating trips to Minstead Study Centre
- Travel Grant Scheme available to schools in Park and others in areas of deprivation

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Land Advice Service

- Independent Land Advice Service part funded by the NPA, Natural England and HIOWWT
- Covers the Avon Valley as far north as Salisbury, the New Forest and the areas in between - a wider area than the Park boundary
- Over 250 land managers advised in last 18 months, including Town & Parish Councils
- Free, independent land management advice, including training and help accessing funding Linked to the second statutory Park purpose
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- Small Grants Scheme available for hedge planting, fencing, invasive plant removal etc.

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