

Broads Local Access Forum

20 November 2024

Agenda item number 4

Summary of progress 20.11.2024

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Status
Lost Paths in the Broads	09/06/2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 'Lost Paths' to the river Contact NCC and SCC to identify 'Lost Paths' 	<p>September 2021 Norfolk LAF representative agreed to raise this item at a future meeting.</p> <p>December 2021: Norfolk LAF representative agreed that 'Lost Paths' will be raised at the January 2022 Norfolk Local Access Forum meeting.</p> <p>August 2022: The Chair has written to Norfolk County Council and Suffolk Council and requested a list of all the paths that have been lost to the river.</p> <p>March 2023: The Chair agreed to raise this item at the upcoming NLAF Rights of Way subgroup meeting.</p> <p>June 2023: The Chair agreed to raise this item at the upcoming NLAF Rights of Way subgroup meeting.</p>	In progress

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				<p>August 2023: The Chair agreed to raise the request on behalf of the Forum at the next Norfolk Local Access Forum Rights of Way subgroup meeting.</p> <p>November 2023: The Norfolk Local Access Forum supports the request, but the focus needs to be on contacting officers at Norfolk County Council.</p> <p>March 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to review the areas where paths are at risk of erosion to the river or vulnerable to flooding, and report back to the Forum.</p> <p>June 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to present the report at the next meeting.</p> <p>September 2024: The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to invite the Norfolk Trails team to a future meeting.</p>	
Staithe Report	04/12/2019		Contact the Environment Agency asking their opinion as a follow-up from the	September 2021: The Chair has written to the Environment Agency but has yet to receive a response. A follow up phone call will take place with David Horsfall.	In progress

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			publication of the staithe report.	<p>March 2023: The Chair agreed to select two staithe of interest to the Forum and contact the EA.</p> <p>June 2023: The Authority are making progress on 24 hour moorings and are negotiating a public staithe with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>August 2023: The new Waterways and Recreation Officer will compare staithe in the Broads which are on EA owned land.</p> <p>June 2024: The Broads Authority are in discussion with the Environment Agency about taking over the management of a public staithe in the Broads.</p> <p>September 2024: The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to investigate with the Broads Authority communications team and Forum member Geoff Doggett who has the publishing rights to the staithe report.</p>	
Water quality monitoring in the Broads	30/11/2022	Waterways and Recreation Officer	Invite the Environment Agency to a future meeting to discuss water quality	<p>February 2023: Written update to be provided in advance of the meeting on 8 March 2023.</p> <p>March 2023: The Chair sent letter to the Director of Strategic Services (DoSS) sharing the views of the Forum</p>	In progress

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			<p>monitoring in the Broads.</p>	<p>on water quality monitoring in the Broads on 09/03/2023, The views were also discussed the March Broads Partnership meeting.</p> <p>April 2023: DoSS responded to the BLAF Chair requesting more details about the request from the Forum.</p> <p>May 2023: A report of water quality will be presented at the Broads Authority meeting on the 12/05/2023.</p> <p>June 2023: The Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to update the BA website to include the risk of water borne diseases for paddle sports users and open water swimming.</p> <p>August 2023: The Chair agreed to send a letter to the Director of Strategic Services sharing the views of the Forum.</p> <p>March 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to request an update on bathing water designation at Falcon Meadow from the River Waveney Trust.</p>	

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				June 2024: Waterways and Recreation Officer agreed to contact Anglian Water to understand what the free sampling kits are testing for.	
Footpath maintenance	04/09/2024		Raise a formal complaint to the Norfolk County Council Trails team about the lack of response and action taken when using the online portal.	<p>September 2024: Peter Dixon agreed to draft a letter to share with the Chair. The Chair will then send the letter to the Norfolk County Council Trails team and relevant councillor.</p> <p>October 2024: A formal response was received from the Norfolk/National Trails team and Highways Area Manager.</p>	

Date of report: 12 November 2024