

# ACCESS

## Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

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### **Conclusive Map for the West issued**

The Countryside Agency issued, in electronic form, the conclusive map of open country and registered common land for area 7 – the West – on 1 July 2005. The conclusive map includes changes resulting from appeal decisions for some areas shown on the provisional map issued by the Agency in May 2004.

The electronic version of this map may be inspected at the offices of the Countryside Agency at John Dower House, Crescent Place, Cheltenham GL50 3RA and 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Redcliffe Street, Bristol BS1 6NP.

Copies of the map at a reduced scale may be inspected on the Countryside Agency's website ([www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping)). For information about where printed copies of such maps can be inspected and obtained, telephone 0845 100 3298.

### **Final Mapping Decision**

The Planning Inspectorate have issued the final mapping appeal decision (the 3,173<sup>rd</sup>) a week and a half ahead of the milestone target.

Details of all the decisions are available on the Planning Inspectorate's website at [http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/access/districts\\_list/decisionarea.htm](http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/access/districts_list/decisionarea.htm)

### **The Access Management Grant Scheme Bulletin**

The fourth Access Management Grant Scheme bulletin was published at the end of May and distributed to over 400 stakeholders, with requests for additional copies now being received. Topics covered include a review of the first year of the scheme, an article on the Dorset Urban Heaths and South Pennines wardening schemes funded by the Scheme, an interview with Mike Ogden, the Rights of Way Manager for Durham County Council and an interview with the Sussex farmer Charlie Davies-Gilbert, who is positive about open access.

A copy of the bulletin may be obtained from AMGS Administration, Countryside Agency, Bridgewater House, Whitworth Street, Manchester, M1 6LT. Telephone 0161 237 1061 or e-mail [AMGSadmin@countryside.gov.uk](mailto:AMGSadmin@countryside.gov.uk)

### **Notifications for South West**

The Open Access Contact Centre will be open to receive notifications for 28 day or special dog restrictions from 17 July 2005 for mapping area 6 – South West.

## **New Countryside Agency Publication – You and your dog in the countryside**

'You and your dog in the countryside' has been produced as a joint venture between the Countryside Agency, Kennel Club and English Nature as a guide to acting responsibly when enjoying the countryside with your dog. It includes guidance on where you can go, travelling, protecting the environment, keeping your dog healthy, and details of other organisations who can provide further information and support.

If you would like a copy (or multiple copies) of the printed document please contact Countryside Agency Publications on 0870 120 6466.

To access the publication on the website please click on the link below to open the pdf files from the Countryside Agency's Website.

[http://www.countryside.gov.uk/Publications/articles/Publication\\_tcm2-26691.asp](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/Publications/articles/Publication_tcm2-26691.asp).

## **Crossing the Border**

Implementing the CROW Act across the border with England and Wales could have been especially challenging, given the difference in commencement dates and also in some regulations between the two countries.

In anticipation of this the Countryside Agency and the Countryside Council for Wales, in partnership with the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Herefordshire County Council, joined together to show how the new provisions can be managed smoothly and efficiently in cross border situations and how a partnership approach can lead to better experience for visitors.

The 'Black Mountains Cross Border Demonstration Project' focuses on the Black Mountains, lying between Abergavenny and Hay-on-Wye, which is the largest block of access land crossing the border. Working closely with the two local access forums in the area, the project is now midway through the implementation phase. Achievements to date include:-

- a consistent approach to implementing access infrastructure and to local signage, which is now in place on the Welsh side of the border;
- a new form of on-site interpretation, a 'touch screen' linked to the Internet, being piloted;
- a disabled access audit undertaken and significant improvements made for disabled people on the ground; and
- improved local communication with landowners and local people through appointment of a warden across the border.

So far, the hard work has paid off and the two access authorities are reporting very few issues despite the administrative differences between the two countries.

For further information about the Project, contact the Project's Secretariat, International Centre for Protected Landscapes, tel 01970 622620, or visit [www.blackmountains-access.org.uk](http://www.blackmountains-access.org.uk).