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Commencement Order of the new right of access

The Commencement Order which brings into effect the new right of access on 28 May 2005 in mapping area 4 (Upper North West England) and area 5 (North East England) and certain other provisions across the whole of England was signed on 18 March 2005. It can be viewed at <http://www.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2005/20050827.htm>

Rights of Access Timetable

The Open Access Contact Centre opened to receive applications for directions for mapping area 7 (West England) and mapping area 8 (East England) on 15 April 2005.

Managing Public Access

The Countryside Agency have published a new document called *Managing Public Access – A guide for Land Managers* which is intended to help landowners, managers and their advisors to understand the law on public rights of way and countryside access management. The document has been published by the Agency in conjunction with the National Framers Union and the Country Land and Business Association following consultation with a range of organisations. The publication supports the Countryside Code for land managers by providing a comprehensive summary of countryside access law and solutions to management issues.

The document is available on the Agency's website at http://www.countryside.gov.uk/Publications/articles/Publication_tcm2-26105.asp. Alternatively a copy may be obtained free of charge from Countryside Agency Publications on 0870 120 6466 or by email to countryside@twoten.press.net quoting the title of the document and reference number CA 210.

CLA Land Managers Workshops

There will be 6 CLA Land Managers' Workshops to be held in mapping area 7 (East England) which will explain how the new access legislation will affect the land you manage and what rights you have as a landowner or tenant. The workshops will be held in the following locations.

31 May – 9.30am Tewkesbury
31 May– 3.30pm Leominster, Herefordshire
1 June – 9.30am Stretton, Shropshire
20 June – 9.30am Uttoxeter, Staffordshire
20 June – 3.30pm Towcester, Northamptonshire
22 June – 10.00am Henley-on-Thames

If you require any further information please contact Christine Pope on 0191 269 1630.

Supplementary Guidance for Fire Prevention Restrictions

A new leaflet has been issued by the Countryside Agency titled Fire Prevention Restrictions: Supplementary Guidance.

The leaflet supplements the Agency's publication 'Statutory restrictions on access land – A guide for land managers' (CAX 150-4) by providing detailed information about the process of applying for fire prevention restrictions on CROW access land. A copy of the leaflet can be obtained from the Open Access Contact Centre on 0845 100 3298.

Conclusive map of open country and registered common land in South West England

The conclusive map for mapping area 6 (South West England) was published on Monday 9 May 2005. The conclusive map includes changes resulting from appeals decisions to some areas of registered common land or open country on the provisional map issued by the Countryside Agency on 4 March 2004. The digital conclusive map may be viewed at www.openaccess.gov.uk/s4 or at the Agency's London, Cheltenham, Bristol or Manchester offices - phone the Open Access Contact Centre for an appointment. A reduced scale conclusive map in paper form will be sent to local authority offices and Countryside Agency offices within a month of the issue date and will be sent to Parish Councils (for their local area) within two months of the issue date.

A copy of a conclusive map sheet at a reduced scale is available for £15.00 (paper copy) and £22.00 (laminated copy), plus £5.00 P&P per order by calling 0870 122 1242. For more information on access mapping contact the Open Access Contact Centre on 0845 100 3298 or visit the Agency's website www.openaccess.gov.uk.

