

**Devon Countryside Access Forum**  
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	<b>Sender</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action and any feedback</b>
1	Member of public 9.04.22	Request for signage about litter and dog fouling and request for replacement stile, Dawlish.	Forwarded to Public Rights of Way warden.
2	Member of public 28.04.22	Concerning obstruction of bridleway and online reporting portal for public rights of way issues.	Forwarded to Public Rights of Way Manager
3	Network Rail 11.05.22	<p>The Town Gateway/Colonnade underpass in Dawlish is due to temporarily close next month for up to 12 weeks as Network Rail begins a key stage of its construction on the second section of the new, bigger sea wall that is being built to protect the coastal railway and town from storms and rising sea levels.</p> <p>Once complete it will link up with the first section of sea wall and mean residents and visitors alike will be able to walk along a wider and safer promenade from Boat Cove, south of Dawlish station, nearly a kilometre to Coastguard breakwater to the north before continuing uninterrupted to Dawlish Warren along the original sea wall. They will also enjoy step free access to the beaches and station.</p> <p>Accessibility remains a core focus of this project and a number of improvements have already been made at Dawlish station for passengers with reduced mobility. The platforms have been refurbished making it safer and easier for passengers to step onto and off trains, and the installation of tactile paving on the edge of the platforms will improve accessibility for people with a visual impairment.</p> <p>The design for the new fully accessible station footbridge with lifts has also now</p>	For information and to note improved promenade walk and accessibility improvements at Dawlish Station.

		<p>received prior approval from Teignbridge District Council with work to start later this year and the footbridge expected to open in 2023.</p> <p>For more information about this project, please visit the <a href="#">Dawlish sea wall – section two webpages</a></p>	
4	<p>LIVE Economics Ltd 17.05.22</p>	<p>LIVE Economics Ltd and partners have been contracted by Natural England to work on the Green Infrastructure Framework.</p> <p>Survey link attached with request to forward to the planning department. The survey will enable Natural England to establish the current practice around Green Infrastructure in planning and decision making and shape the Framework into the future.</p>	<p>Forwarded survey to the Planning Officer and also to the Environment Officer in DCC responsible for Green Infrastructure.</p>
5	<p>Land Charges 25.05.22</p>	<p>Commons Act 2006 — Section Schedule 2. Waste land of a manor not registered as common land.</p> <p>Application has been made to the registration authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant Landman LLP on behalf of The Open Spaces Society under section Schedule 2(4) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014.</p> <p>There is no specific name. It is 27 acres of land at Combe Martin.</p> <p>A summary of the effect of the application is as follows: the land was provisionally registered as common land under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965; an objection was made in relation to the provisional registration; the person on whose application the provisional registration was made requested or agreed to its cancellation (whether before or after its referral to a Commons Commissioner).</p>	<p>For information.</p>

		If the application is granted, in whole or in part, the registration authority will give effect to the determination by registering the land in the register of common land.	
6	<p>West Devon Borough Councillor 8.06.22</p> <p>County Councillor 04.07.22</p>	Progress on Tarka Trail connecting Meeth and Hatherleigh off-road.	<p>Contacted the Planning Officer, DCC, for up-to-date position. Response, forwarded to the borough councillor, was:</p> <p>“Phase 1 of an ecological report for the section Friars Hele (south of Meeth) was completed by WSP in 2021. The report aimed to verify the ecological baseline of surveys previously carried out and focuses on protected species issues.</p> <p>A botanical survey and further assessments are needed for WSP to complete Phase 2 of the Ancient Woodland assessment in line with National Planning Policy Framework and Natural England standing advice.</p> <p>This work is currently on hold until further notice as DCC is focussing its efforts on other areas in Devon (Knowle to Willingcott for example) where DCC has better prospects to deliver schemes.”</p> <p>County Councillor sent a copy of the Ancient Woodland report.</p>

7	<p>Land Charges DCC 30.06.22 (amended notice)</p>	<p>Commons Act 2006 – Schedule 2 (6 &amp; 7). Buildings registered as common land and other land registered as common land.</p> <p>Application has been made to the registration authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant Mr Bell under the above and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014.</p> <p>The land at Wooder Farm Widecombe-in-the-Moor is registered as common land in the commons register for the land in the Manor of Widecombe part Hemel Down and part Bonehill Down known as CL68.</p> <p>Summary of application (if granted): The land was provisionally registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965, on the date of the provisional registration the land was covered by a building or was within the curtilage of a building, the provisional registration became final, since the date of provisional registration the land has at all times been, and still is, covered by a building or within the curtilage of a building, the provisional registration of the land as common land was not referred to the Commons Commissioner under Section 5 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 immediately before its provisional registration, the land was not (i) subject to rights of common (ii) waste land of a manor (iii) a town or village green within the meaning of the Commons Registration Act 1965 Act as originally enacted or land of a description specified in section 11 of the Inclosure Act 1845.</p>	<p>For information. Within Dartmoor National Park.</p>
8	<p>East Devon District Council 30.06.22</p>	<p>Broadclyst Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to East Devon District Council, in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.</p>	<p>Comments made on the Reg. 14 consultation in January 2021.</p>

9	National Trust Killerton 15.07.22	Response to email stating that the National Trust proposes to publish a summary document of the Killerton Spatial Plan in the early Autumn. (Consultation on the Plan took place earlier).	For information. DCAF members to be advised when the document is published.
10	Torrige District Council 27.07.22	Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)  Notice is given, in accordance with the stated Regulations that North Devon Council and Torrige District Council adopted an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and joint Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) on 15 July 2022.	For information.
11	Land Charges DCC 28.07.22	Application has been made to the registration authority, Devon County Council, by the applicant Landman LLP on behalf of The Open Spaces Society under section Schedule 2(4) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014.  The application relates to CL222. Part of Blackdown Common. The land abuts CL193 and CL194 areas located on the east side of the A386 between Lydford and Mary Tavy.  A summary of the effect of the application is as follows: the land is waste land of manor, the land was provisionally registered as common land under section 4 of the 1965 Act, an objection was made in relation to the provisional registration; the person on whose application the provisional registration was made requested or agreed to its cancellation (whether before or after its referral to a Commons Commissioner).  If the application is granted, in whole or in part, the registration authority will give effect to the determination by adding the land to the register of common land.	For information. Within Dartmoor National Park.

12	NP Planning Officer South Hams District Council / West Devon Borough Council 3.08.22	Totnes Neighbourhood Plan  South Hams District Council gives notice of a public hearing relating to the Totnes Neighbourhood plan submitted for examination under Regulation 17 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).  A copy of the submitted neighbourhood plan is available via the following link: <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/totnes">https://www.neighbourhoodplanning.swdevon.gov.uk/totnes</a>  The independent examiner of the Totnes Neighbourhood Development Plan, Deborah McCann BSc MRICS MRTPI Dip Arch Con Dip LD, having read the plan, supporting documents and representations, has considered it is necessary to call a Hearing under the provisions of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.	For information.
13	Forestry Consultation team Soil Association 09.08.22	Forest Management carried out by Forestry England (SA-FM/COC-006972 / SA-PEFC-FM-006972)  In October 2022 the Soil Association will carry out a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) & The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) assessment of forest management by Forestry England in the United Kingdom. They will be assessed against the requirements of the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) - V 4.0.	The DCAF responded to a similar survey in 2021 and received feedback on its comments.
14	Member of public 23.08.22	Concern about specific use of electric fencing on common land and lack of warning signs.	Referred to Public Rights of Way warden to assess.

*In addition, the DCAF Forum Officer receives a large quantity of e-mail updates from Devon County Council and other organisations. Relevant information is extracted and circulated to DCAF members via regular newsletters, available on the website [www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf](http://www.devon.gov.uk/dcaf) or forwarded direct.*