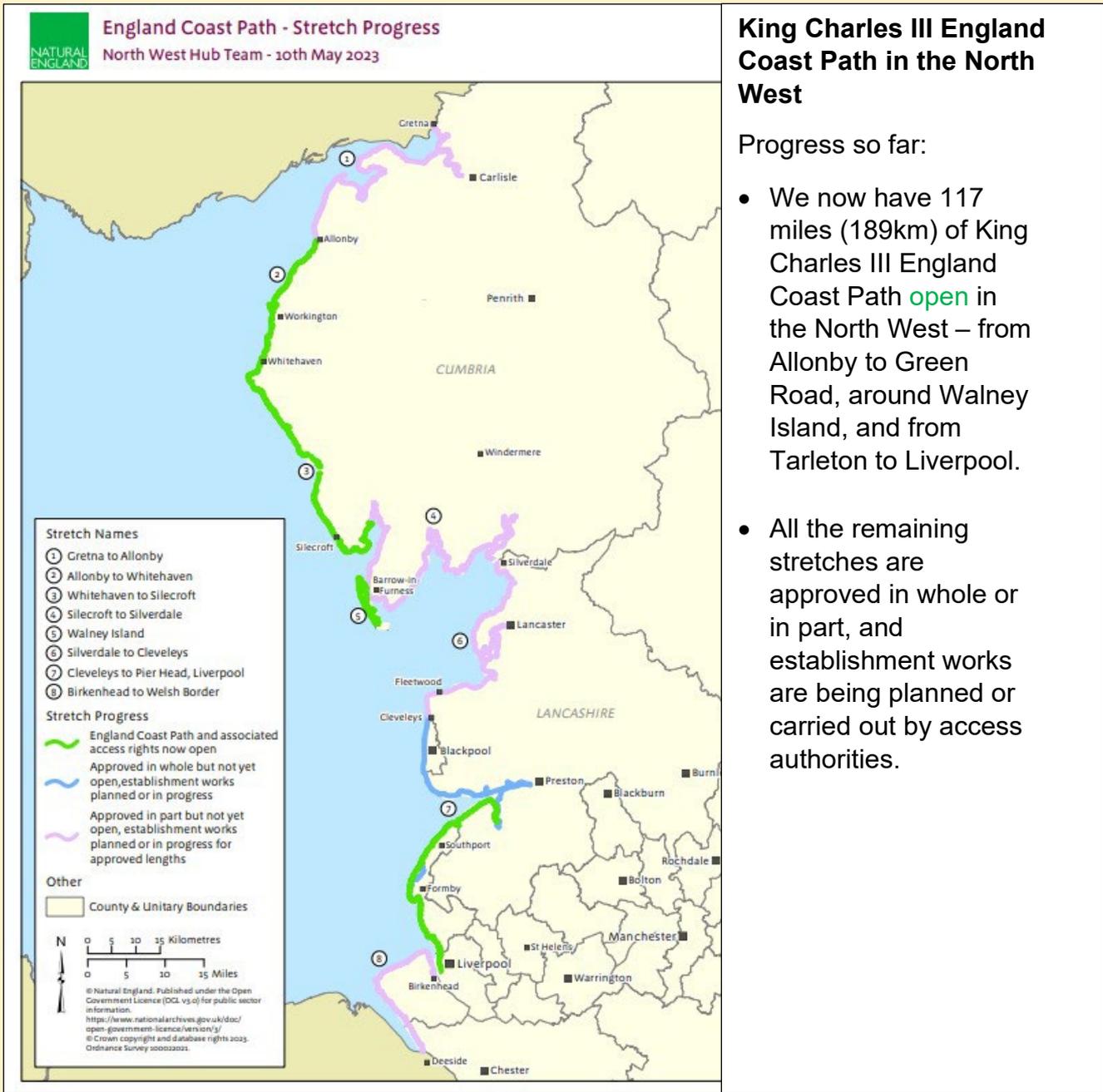




Welcome to the latest North West Coastal Access Update 19th May 2023



Gretna to Allonby (100 km) – approved in part

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cumberland Council are currently working on establishment of approved sections between Gretna and Kirkandrews-upon-Eden, and between Rumbling Bridge and Allonby.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Access rights on the first two sections will commence once establishment work is completed.

Allonby to Green Road, Walney Island and Tarleton to Liverpool – KCIII England Coast Path open

See www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path/about for updates. If you notice problems with the open sections of the England Coast Path in the north west, please use the following link to contact the relevant National Trails team: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/england-coast-path-nw/contact-trail

Silecroft to Silverdale (112 km) – open in part, approved in part

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report 1 is open to the public.Reports 2-4 (Foxfield to Greenodd footbridge) are approved and establishment works are being planned by Westmorland and Furness Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secretary of State will consider the remaining objections and representations submitted in relation to Reports 5 & 6 before deciding on whether to approve each individual report with or without modifications.Access rights will commence once establishment work is completed.

Silverdale to Cleveleys (87.6 km) - approved in part

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Secretary of State has approved three of the six reports so far – Reports 2, 4 and 6.Lancashire County Council may now commence establishment planning on these parts of the stretch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secretary of State will consider the remaining objections and representations submitted in relation to Reports 1, 3 and 5.Access rights will commence once establishment work is completed.

Cleveleys to Pier Head, Liverpool (116.5 km) – open in part, approved in full

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports 4 to 6 (Tarleton Lock to Pier Head, Liverpool) are now open to the public.• Establishment work on Reports 1 to 3 (Cleveleys to Tarleton) is in planning stage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access rights on Reports 1 to 3 will commence once establishment work is completed by the access authorities.

Birkenhead to Welsh border (41 km) – approved in part

Current Activity	Next Milestone
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Secretary of State has approved two of the three reports so far:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Report 1 (Seacombe Ferry Terminal, Birkenhead to Red Rocks Slipway, Hoylake)○ Report 3 (The Boat House public house, Parkgate to the Welsh border)• Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council may now commence establishment work on these parts of the stretch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary of State will consider the objections and representations submitted in relation to the remaining Report 2 before deciding on whether to approve it with or without modifications.• Access rights will commence once establishment work on all 3 Reports is completed.

Latest news & useful information

Interest is growing in the England Coast Path within the communities who will benefit most, and we will start to build other information into this newsletter for those who are interested in opportunities to get involved. So watch this space!

Latest news

- **Tarleton Lock to Liverpool Pier Head now open – the first north west section to open south of Cumbria – and one of the first two stretches of the newly renamed King Charles III England Coast Path**

On 10th May 2023 the new stretch from Tarleton to Liverpool opened to the public. Along with the Filey to Bridlington stretch in the north east, these were the first two stretches to launch under the recently announced new name to mark the King's Coronation. See the full press releases here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/commemorations-to-leave-a-lasting-coronation-legacy-for-people-and-nature>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-stretch-of-king-charles-iii-england-coast-path-to-open-in-north-west>

- **Countryside Code Aardman/Shawn the Sheep launch!**

The Countryside Code is teaming up with Aardman and Shaun the Sheep. There is a stakeholder preview on 24th May – sign up here: [Campaign Launch - The Countryside Code and Shaun the Sheep Tickets, Wed 24 May 2023 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Please see the Code here, and share widely: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>.

We strongly encourage you to make use of Natural England and Defra's [Countryside Code Refresh Partner Toolkit](#), available via Dropbox.

Please do contact countryside.code@naturalengland.org.uk with any queries or to sign up for the excellent newsletter.

- **Add your info to the National Trails website**

The National Trails website (www.nationaltrail.co.uk) is a one-stop shop for walkers looking to explore the trails, and local businesses and organisations can add their information for free!

The website includes a 'Plan your adventure' function where visitors can construct a customised itinerary using information on the interactive map, so the more information the better!

GPX files for use with smartphones and GPS devices can also be downloaded.

To add your details to the map, head over to
www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/england-coast-path-north-west/add-your-information.

Getting in touch

This update provides interested stakeholders with a brief summary of progress in the North West. If you have colleagues to add or you wish to be removed from the list, please let us know.

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And why not give NE's Connecting People with Nature team a follow on Twitter too?

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