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Hampshire Countryside Service

Community Special



The Access Team welcome you to

The Community Special Newsletter

Whilst we are settling into a new, rather unusual routine, we must remember that it is precisely **because** we are part of a community that we are isolating. To protect our loved ones, neighbours and our wonderful key workers who are keeping the country running during this unprecedented time.

Thankyou to everyone taking measures to look after your community!

Whilst we can't physically get out, we decided to bring nature to you, to share inspiration, challenges and things to stimulate the mind just like a good country walk would do.

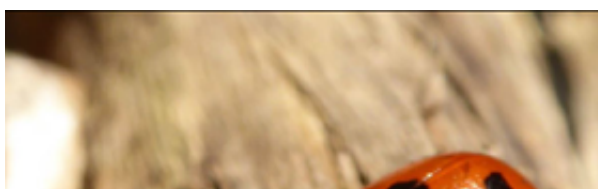
So sit back and enjoy the ride!



Photos Of The Month

I hope you are all enjoying your allocated outdoor time. I certainly have been making the most of it, especially in the beautiful spring sunshine! We have been photographing all creatures great and small, and enjoying the time to take a moment and enjoy what nature has given us. So.....pick your camera up, take a walk around your garden/local green space, and get snapping! Please post on our Facebook site as we love to see what you have spotted.

The iconic Ladybird, a very useful insect to have around in your garden due to their predation of aphids. Did



you know that the name 'Ladybird' derives from Mary (Our Lady) who was often depicted wearing a red cloak in early paintings. The seven spots is said to symbolise her seven joys and seven sorrows.



Snake's Head Fritillary is a beautiful spring plant belonging to the lily family. The name derives from its likeness to a snake heads when closed and the chequered pattern of the flower resembling scales. You can easily buy these flowers if you would like to have some in your own green space next spring.



The female Mallard duck - a common site in the UK. I had to include this photo as she was so inquisitive whilst I was out walking around my local lake, most likely hoping for food! Many of us have childhood memories of feeding bread to the ducks, but they are much healthier eating birdseed, corn, grains and oats.



Meet the Rangers

We decided that this Community Special would be the perfect edition to introduce you to one of our Countryside Access Ranger Teams. The service has 3 area teams working in the North, Central East and South of Hampshire. This two person team works directly on the Network, fixing, improving and keeping it as accessible for everyone as possible.

I spoke with the South Access Team #BRILL, Brad Brown and Will Samways on what they love about their jobs....



“find a job you love and never work again”

Hello one and all

Brad here. I am the Countryside Access Ranger and I've been asked to give you all a sneaky peak into my role and chat about what makes it such an exciting job.

I've worked in the Countryside industry for many years and in a number of roles including forestry, conservation and farming but I think I have to say that carrying out my current position is the one I enjoy most.

But why? I hear you cry. Good question I say.

I work in a great team and on a daily basis I work with Will, the Assistant Countryside access Ranger and we are BFFs (Best Friends forever), which really helps. Our day to day work is always so varied and SO much fun. We get to build bridges, use great kit and go off roading. We go to the most beautiful places in Hampshire's countryside, we're detectives when trying to work out what's happened to a RoW, we get to chat to path users and see how the work we do enriches their lives by helping people get out into nature.

Brad

PS. I'm the short one!



Wickham, Fontley Mill - Really interesting project. We had to reboard the whole bridge (62 boards). We had to do this safely and work from the bridge as the river was high. This involved building temporary frames we could work off and doing it in 3 m stages. In total bridge was about 14 m long. This was a really satisfying job and we are pleased with the end result.

Hi there, I'm Will Samways, the Assistant Countryside Access Ranger for the South area.

I am 18 and have come to this job straight from college. I have a huge passion for the countryside and the wildlife that inhabits it.

My job encompasses everything I enjoy. We help people access the countryside by building bridges, installing steps or ramps and waymarking. For me, the best part of the job is getting outside 5 days a week no matter what the weather, whatever the job. I love it! Working within a small team who each share the same passion is brilliant, making the countryside accessible for all! Who could ask for a better job? Certainly not me...

See you out there!

Will



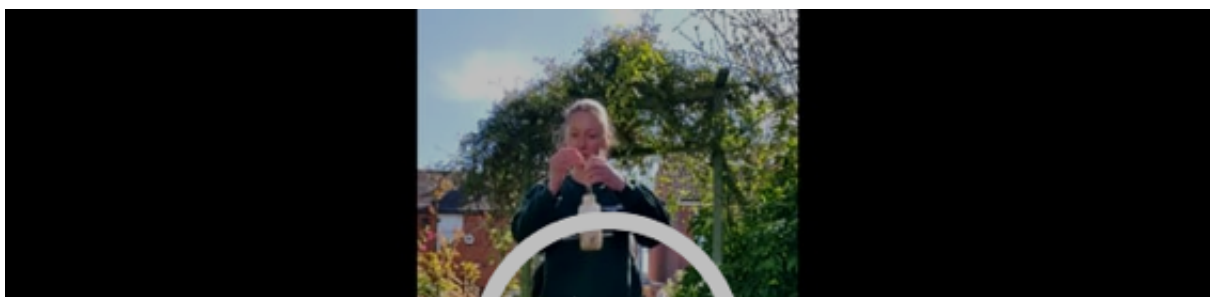
On inspection it was clear that the wooden boards on this bridge needed replacing and a fix job couldn't be done. So we designed a pedestrian bridge that sits over the existing and as the old wood rots out the bridge will settle onto the original metal framework. We are pleased with the design and it should last for a good few years.



On this task we worked with Sparsholt college to build a boardwalk in West End. As part of their training 30 conservation and wildlife students (Estate skills) took part in the 2 day construction to see the more practical side of site management. It was a wet job but spirits were high and everyone was proud of their efforts.



Inspired, Challenged and Connected





Upcycling - plastic bottles to bird feeders.

As many people are currently home-educating and are after activities suitable for children and adults alike - look no further! This short tutorial video demonstrates how to upcycle your used plastic bottles to bird feeders. A little bit of creative fun for the family, which also benefits the wildlife in your garden.

The North, South and Central Access Teams put together this selection of links for things to occupy, challenge and inspire.... We hope you enjoy

Your local Library

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/whatyoucanborrow/digitallibrary>

Borrow box

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

<https://www.ted.com/>

Inspiring speakers across the world

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-51968122>

Step by step guide on how to video chat with your family and friends

<https://www.theguardian.com/crosswords/series/quick>

We love a quick Crossword

<https://ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/>

Get involved in some Citizen science from your own garden

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/do-a-wildlife-survey/>

Volunteer from your own home

<https://www.walk1000miles.co.uk/articles/working-at-home-there-is-no-better-time-to-enjoy-the-benefits-of-walking>

Learn more about the benefits of your daily walks

[Get Creative with OS Maps](#)

Find your local paths

Report an issue on the network

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