

Working to Protect the New Forest



CEREBRAL Not PHYSICAL SIGNPOSTS TO DESTRUCTION

The New Forest Association (NFA) is one of the oldest conservation organisations in the world. It is dedicated to protecting and sustaining the traditional character of the New Forest. It promoted the New Forest Acts in the nineteenth century and today is the New Forest National Park critical friend and watchdog - an independent, campaigning charity based on its membership and volunteers.



NFA wants to launch a campaign over the coming 2 years to reduce the number of non-statutory signposts and roadside structures in the National Park beyond the villages which spoil landscape without achieving any reduction in accidents and animal deaths.

Volunteers are required, possibly on a parish basis, to locate and photograph signs highlighting those that are wrong, illegible, ridiculous, unintelligible, in the wrong place, unnecessary, duplicated, temporary, ineffective and new. Surprisingly few are actually required by law.

NFA will use this data with the help of the National Park Authority to liaise with the Transport Authority (Hampshire County Council) to establish how non-statutory are authorised, and whether a code of practice can be evolved to reduce visual impact and improve effectiveness.

In addition to data collectors, NFA are seeking a campaign leader. The tasks are not especially time consuming and after an initial period assimilating the project from paperwork provided it will involve only an estimated four hours per month. Broadband connection will probably be necessary.

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