

Beadnell Parish Council National Landscapes Management Plan

Iain Robson from National Landscapes invited Parish Council Chairs to review of the National Landscape Plan together with an update of their current project work program. There was no formal agenda and Iain was assisted by Sarah Winlow.

The extensive draft document appeared detailed and comprehensive, extending to some 140 add pages. The document can be found online.

Iain and Sarah briefly outlined their work load and projects. Most of their work is carried out by volunteer groups although some contract work is undertaken, mainly financed by Northumberland County Council.

Following the presentation of the Management Plan, Chairs were invited to comment and present any issues where National Landscapes could assist.

I took the opportunity to raise 4 issues in need of urgent attention and asked for Iain's and National Landscape's support.

- **Carpark boat launch**
Boat launchers and pedestrian beach users do not mix well. At busy times there is friction between both parties when beach users spread into the trailer storage area.
- **Signs indicating pedestrian and tractor routes**
No obvious signs for tractor/pedestrian demarcation, requested a need to treat as a matter of urgency.
- **Repair of the retaining wall at the access ramp**
This timber faced wall has suffered rot and timber loss in a number of places along its length.
- **State of the toilets**
This ongoing saga is in the hands of the County Council who have indicated that some tidying and repairs will take place in advance of a larger refurbishment project.

Alarmingly, all chairs expressed their concern about public toilets!
Concerns ranged from 'permanently closed' to 'unusable health hazard' all due to pump failures and blockages. In one area (can't remember where) the public toilets are closed and temporary toilets have been used all year at a cost of £600/week

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