

# Walking Environment Update



Latest news and updates from the Walking Environment Team  
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## Welcome

Welcome to the latest Walking Environment Update. If you have any questions about the information please get in touch at [Walking.Environment@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:Walking.Environment@ramblers.org.uk).

### National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Many thanks to everyone who sent in comments on our draft response to the NPPF. This has to be submitted to Government by 17 October and the final version will be made available on our web site as soon as possible. Please do raise the concerns which we have expressed in this response to any MPs or Peers with whom you have regular contact.

### Update to the path problem report form

With the help of Path Order Receipts the path problem report form has been redesigned to make it more useful to both volunteers and members of the public. We understand that many of you have links to the path problem report form from your own web sites, and you can continue to use this link – however, the page will re-direct you to the new form. You may also like to update your link to this: [www.ramblers.org.uk/problemreport](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/problemreport).

It is often mentioned that the path problem report form is difficult to locate, we have added links to it in as many places as possible, including the 'contact' page on the Ramblers web site, and a small link at the bottom left hand side of the main homepage.

## How to contact us

You can contact any member of the Walking Environment Team By:

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We have also created a facility for those who use facebook to be able to submit path problems to us using this tool. This has the added advantage that pictures can be uploaded, and as many people can access facebook from their mobile phones it is hoped that people can report problems whilst out walking. You can view this report form on our facebook page here: <http://www.facebook.com/ramblers>.

Please contact Rachel Alcock, Campaigns Officer, if you have any questions at [Rachel.alcock@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.alcock@ramblers.org.uk).

### **New Walking Environment Resources**

The latest in a series of factsheets, produced by the Walking Environment team, can now be downloaded. The factsheet, based around way marking on a public rights of way, can be found on the [Factsheet Catalogue](#). The factsheet is called, '[Guidance on Waymarking on Public Rights of Way \(CAM009\)](#)', and for a paper version or if you have any questions please get in touch with the Walking Environment Team.

A number of other resources have also been published by the Walking Environment Team. These include updated role descriptions for Area/Group Footpath Secretaries, Access Officers and Walking Environment Officers. As well as this you can also download the new guidance notes for Walking Environment Officers.

### **Ramblers Practical Path Work**

As part of our ongoing support for Ramblers Practical Path Work the Walking Environment Team would like to work with Areas and Groups looking to start up or expand their path work provision. If you would like to be involved in this please contact Ed Wilson, Volunteer Support and Development Officer at [Ed.wilson@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:Ed.wilson@ramblers.org.uk).

The Ramblers Insurance Guidelines have also now been published and following on from comments by path workers there is now much clearer guidance on the use of power tools and what is covered through the insurance. You can view this at <http://www.ramblers.org.uk/Volunteer/AreaGroup/Basics/Insurance.htm>.

