Access Group Report

Coastal Access

Natural England published its proposals for public consultation for the stretch between Filey Brigg and the Newport Bridge at Middlesbrough. The consultation period ends 21 May 2015. Overall, we are pleased with the proposals, which correspond closely to our proposals contained in our report. The propose route adopts, with some minor deviations, the line of the existing Cleveland Way from Filey Brigg to Saltburn-by-the-Sea and then the Teesdale Way to the Newport Bridge. Whereas the Cleveland Way is not currently defined in the urban areas of, e.g., Filey and Scarborough, the Coast Path will be, thus adding additional security for the long distance path. The roll-back provision of the legislation will be invoked along all but the defended stretches of the coast and this will avoid any interruptions to the route due to coastal erosion.

Our third and final 41-page report setting out Ramblers' proposals for the stretch between Kilnsea and the Humber Bridge, based on surveys carried out by volunteers from our Area, was submitted to NE in January 2015 (see below).

We are pleased to have confirmation that work on the next stretches in Yorkshire will start this year and that NE plans to complete the whole coast path by 2020.

Open Access Walks Booklet

The 3rd (revised) edition of the booklet "Open Access Walks: North Yorkshire" has been printed. It has been necessary to obtain 10 ISBN numbers. Therefore ISBN numbers are available for future publications by the Area.

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