

countryside management



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a comprehensive approach to countryside management

Our countryside is a precious resource but also one that is constantly evolving due to human intervention. With careful management, the changes involved can be accommodated to minimise conflict and ensure that they are both beneficial and sustainable.

Capita Symonds offers a comprehensive range of countryside and 'soft estate' management services to assist public, private and voluntary agencies alike in this aim. From initial project development through feasibility to project design and implementation on the ground, our staff are skilled and experienced in the techniques required to ensure high quality outputs, promoting best practice and sustainability.

Our Countryside Management team undertake ecological assessments, landowner negotiations, surveys and consultations. They can deal with legislative issues, including licensing and planning requirements, draft woodland and estate management plans, commission maintenance work and design new rights of way and landscape improvements. We can advise on procurement as well as offering tendering and contract administration services. Our staff are fully conversant in the relevant health and safety requirements and can undertake the CDM coordinator role under the CDM regulations.

Our staff use the latest technology to collect, manage and map data and to access and present information electronically. Through the application of project risk assessments we can also identify only necessary and appropriate work and so minimise costs. Allied to our ability to source many different disciplines under one roof and so provide a tailored solution, Capita Symonds offers a value for money service to the landowner.

CDM coordination
development & maintenance of public access
ecological, environmental & visual impact assessments
EIA assessment
electronic data collection & storage
environmental engineering
GIS mapping
grant advice
habitat creation & management
land agency services

land use planning
land, estate & woodland management
landscape design services
moorland restoration plans/design
mountain bike trail design
project & contract management
public inquiries & expert witness statements
research, policy development, monitoring & reports
tree surveys & arboricultural advice
visitor management & interpretation

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Parks, Woodlands and Forests

We prepare management plans for parks and woodlands and can advise on sourcing grants, maximizing income from timber sales, public access for recreation, implementing planting schemes etc. We will prepare specifications and costings for tendering of work.



Trees in the Local Government Planning Environment

We provide arboricultural expertise to a number of local authorities including Southampton City Council, Carlisle City Council, Eden District Council, South Lakeland District Council, the Lake District NPA, Lancaster City Council, Barrow Borough Council, Salford City Council and Allerdale Borough Council.

Ecological / Environmental & Visual Impact Assessments

These include scoping and desk studies, consultation with statutory and non-statutory consultees, species and habitat specific surveys, visual assessments and the design and implementation of mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures.



Habitat Creation and Enhancement

We have experience in habitat creation and enhancement to mitigate development and meet biodiversity action plan targets, including heathland restoration and nature reserves. We are Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Wildlife Sites members for a number of Authorities.

Public Rights of Way Management & Legal Expertise

Capita Symonds has extensive experience of Public Rights of Way maintenance. We maintain 4,500km of Cumbria's public rights of way network for Cumbria County Council. In addition we carry out Cumbria's statutory duty to continuously update Cumbria's Definitive Map and Statement.



Mountain Bike Trail Design

Working with international trail designer Phil Saxena and implementation partner DMS we offer a mountain bike trail design and build service from novice and skills development to international standard trails. We ensure high build quality, and environmental and cultural sensitivity through upfront survey work.

GPS / GIS Mapping

We use the latest technology for surveying and data capture in the field, relying on GPS for positioning, mobile mapping software and GIS to produce detailed, accurate maps which show spatial relationships.



Cycleways and Multi-User Routes

We identify routes, undertake landowner and statutory consultations, provide designs and safety audits and implement contract works. We have implemented cycle networks throughout Cumbria and developed large parts of the Hadrian's and Pennine Bridleway National Trails

Legal and Land Agency Services

We carry out rural asset and property management including the provision of landlord and tenant advice and valuations. We also provide agricultural planning appraisals for a number of Local Authorities and negotiate land acquisitions and rights for highways, footpaths and bridleways.



Land Use Planning Services

Capita Symonds can advise on a wide range of local planning matters, assess the planning implications and options for proposed development and help clients to secure the necessary planning permissions (eg. for the conversion of redundant buildings into holiday lets).

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