

public access



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a comprehensive approach to developing and managing public access

The public rights of way network in England and Wales allows public access to traffic free routes and the enjoyment of open spaces for commuting and leisure on foot, bicycle and horseback. Local authorities have statutory duties to maintain the legal records of public access as well as physically maintaining the network. Encouraging walking and cycling is recognised as one of the best ways to improve the health of the nation and there are also increasing obligations to continuously improve public access for all levels of ability.

Our team has considerable expertise in the legal and practical issues associated with public rights of way management as well as negotiating the development of new routes. Our staff are trained and fully conversant with relevant public access legislation including the latest requirements on open access and disability discrimination. We also maintain good working relationships with a range of user groups, landowners and professional bodies and statutory agencies such as Natural England, English Heritage and the Environment Agency.

Staff are experienced in surveying and inspection of public access facilities using electronic data capture hardware in conjunction with modern geographical information systems (GIS). Site safety is a very high priority and all staff are practised and trained in risk assessment and CDM regulations.

asset management

definitive map upkeep

design and implementation of access facilities

electronic data collection, storage and analysis

GIS mapping

historical highways research

interpretation and visitor management

legal order preparation

national trails management and development

public inquiries and expert witness statements

public rights of way management

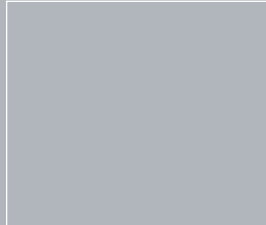
surveying existing and proposed public access routes

Sea to sea (C2C) cycle route

Highways Agency and Sustrans

Capita Symonds provided route identification, design, safety audit and implementation of the C2C cycle route throughout Cumbria.

Project value: £0.5m.



Pennine Way restoration, Cumbria

Natural England

Capita Symonds designed and managed the restoration work required to bring the route to the high standard required of a National Trail.

Project value: £0.9m.

Management of Cumbria's Public Rights of Way and documentation

Cumbria County Council

Management of the maintenance of 4,500km of Cumbria's public rights of way network. In addition we carry out Cumbria's statutory duty to continuously update Cumbria's Definitive Map and Statement.

Project value: £0.35m/annum



Hadrian's Wall National Trail

Natural England

Capita Symonds carried out design work, lengthy landowner negotiations and implementation of works to help install 84 miles of England's most recently created National Trail.

Project value: £3.5m

Pennine Bridleway National Trail

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

Capita Symonds carried out land owner negotiations and the production of orders to help establish the legal line of the Pennine Bridleway through the Park.

Project value: £70,000



Public Inquiries and Expert Witnesses

Cumbria County Council

Capita Symonds carries out ancient highway archive research and produce evidence packs to be presented at public rights of way inquiries. Our staff act as expert witnesses for Cumbria County Council at public rights of way public inquiries.

Project value: £200-2000

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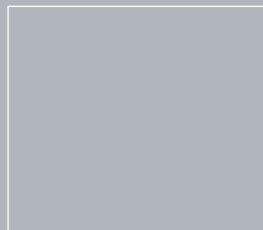
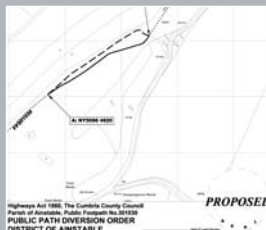
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Processing Legal Orders affecting Public Rights of Way

South Lakeland District Council

We assisted in the statutory procedures of consultation, site assessment, order plan and schedule preparation and interpretation/application of appropriate legal tests associated with the processing of orders under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257.

Project value: £2-500



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