

Wardens Guidance Note for Surveying North Downs Way

Thank you for volunteering to help improve the North Downs Way national Trail in your area. The primary focus for Wardens is to survey & audit the trail to generate a list of maintenance & enhancement works along the trail.

Warden Tasks:

- 1) Complete Condition Survey on your agreed section(s).
 - a. Ensure to note in the “description” column if this is work you’ve completed on the spot
Or
 - b. This is a new issue that requires further action
- 2) Enter onto CAMs as works completed or required (you will need to create an account)
 - For Kent issues <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccesscams/standardmap.aspx>
 - For Surrey issues <https://rightsofway.surreycc.gov.uk/StandardMap.aspx?NavigationPage=Page3>
- 3) Carry out works where appropriate (individual volunteers or local working groups)
- 4) Major works will be discussed as part of the wider NDW trail partnership which both local authorities sit on

Types of Fault on the North Downs Way National Trail

- Way marking & Potential for casual users to get lost (from either direction)
 - Missing fingerpost/ signage
 - Ambiguity
 - Damaged/ incorrect signage
- Any sections where there is an obstruction or an issue of safety
 - Trees Down/ Soft vegetation encroachment/ Fallen fencing
 - Locked/ blocked up gates/ gaps
 - Deep rutting/ difficult under foot terrain
- Damaged furniture
 - Stile/ gate/ gap in need of repair

Future Enhancement Projects

As you go no doubt you will have ideas and opinions on how we further improve the trail. We would welcome your thoughts for future development. Please do this separately via email to me with a picture, a grid reference of the location and your suggestion:

- Opening up views
- Installing benches/ rest stations
- Signing to local attractions or services
- Link routes to transport/ points of interest
- Circular walks
- Other