

National Countryside Access Forum

The NCAF was established in July 1999 and is chaired by Pam Warhurst, Deputy Chair of the Countryside Agency. It advises the Countryside Agency on the development of policy and procedures to implement access legislation and is a useful way of finding consensus and resolving differences between interests.

The forum contains representatives from a wide range of organisations:

- Association of National Park Authorities
- British Horse Society
- British Mountaineering Council
- Council for the Protection of Rural England
- Country Landowners Association
- Cyclists Touring Club
- Local Government Association
- The Moorland Association
- National Farmers Union
- National Trust
- Ramblers Association
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Transport and General Workers Union.
- (Two additional independent members)

Forum meetings are open to the public by contacting the Countryside Agency.

16 NCAF meetings have taken place so far, with the 17th meeting scheduled for October 2003. The agendas and minutes from these can be found online at:

http://www.countryside.gov.uk/reception/meetings_past_access.asp