

Peak District National Park Illegal Use Action Plan 2020/21

Recording Use

Vehicle logging

We monitor vehicle use using electrical vehicle loggers. We focus vehicle logging for illegal use on TRO routes and routes where the legal status has recently been resolved. During 2020/21 we will be monitoring all seven TRO routes, Brushfield-Upperdale, Pretty Wood at Eyam, and any other routes where we are aware of continuing illegal use or concerns over illegal use.

Register of reports received

Reports of illegal use are received from field-based staff, landowners, the police and the public. During 2020/21, we will continue to record and co-ordinate reports of illegal use.

Reporting illegal use

For action to be taken by the police, reports should be made directly to the police. During 2020/21, we will be updating our website with information to improve the reporting of illegal use to the police.

Enforcement

Priorities for police action

The routes where we have made traffic regulation orders are a focus for police operations. Other areas of focus include those where there are repeated or increasing illegal use or where there are designations on the land and harm could or is resulting from motorised vehicle use. During 2020/21, we will be asking the police to continue to enforce the seven routes where TROs have been made and the use on adjoining land at Pindale and Rowter Farm, Castleton, at Upper Derwent Valley, and at Moscar Cross Road, Houndkirk and Jumble Lane, Sheffield.

Supporting police operations

The vehicle logging that we carry out enables us to build up patterns of use which we pass on to the police to target operations. We also monitor routes and liaise with landowners as an increased presence can help deter inappropriate use. At the request of the police, we may provide signage and support them during their advisory days.

Signage

Erecting & maintaining signage

We erect and maintain signage for the routes where we have made TROs. We also support the Highway Authorities in erecting and monitoring signage to clarify the legal status. During 2020/21, we will be monitoring TRO signage and at any of the other routes upon request and in the course of our day to day work.

Managing Use

Preventing use & remediation

Detailed schemes of action may be identified in conjunction with landowners, and others including Natural England and the Highway Authority if driving or riding is taking place on a public right of way where vehicular rights do not exist or onto adjacent land. Schemes may include the erection of physical barriers and repairs. We also liaise with local vehicle user groups and the Peak District Local Access Forum. In 2020/21 we will be monitoring the

effectiveness of the barriers at Pindale and at other routes where we have taken action and will be supporting the work by the Eastern Moors Partnership at Houndkirk and Jumble Lane.

Sometimes vehicle use might be within the limits of the highway yet affect features adjacent to the track which are designated for their conservation interest. During 2020/21, the Stay on Track work will focus on these routes with the involvement of the Peak District Local Access Forum.

Monitoring Accessibility Improvements

In order to improve accessibility, we might remove barriers which could open up an area to possible use by motorised vehicles. In these cases, we will consider vehicle logging. During 2020/21, we will be monitoring the proposed Miles without Stiles route at Fernilee Reservoir.