

Appendix 4 - Access Point Monitoring Summary

In the year 2023/24 the Ranger Team in conjunction with the IT Team have designed and are using an app that allows full time rangers and volunteers to record the state of all the access points to open access land (Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act).

As the responsible Access Authority, the Peak District National Park Authority has enabled access to CROW land through the provision of access points and any furniture that the Authority has put in we have to maintain.

The app enables us to record the state of the access point, recording accurate location, relevant signage, the longevity of the furniture and a photo can be taken and added to the online record.

All of the data is then kept on our ARC GIS system, enabling access point data to be monitored from a mobile phone or in the office on the computer

This facility enables us to plan workloads to update the access furniture but we also record all routes onto open access land on rights of way and concession routes.

This facility enables us to maximise and manage access to open access (CROW) land within the national park.

The example map below outlines access points, with green signifying good quality, amber requiring survey and red requiring repair (although this may be the responsibility of a third party if not installed by the Authority).

