

✓ **Devil's Highway Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Review**

The LCAF was informed about a review of TRO along the Devil's Highway (Crowthorne RUPP 12), which concluded that the TRO should remain in place to protect the historical right of way, users of the right of way and prevent former problems such as fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles.

✓ **CROW Access Land**

The forum considered the proposals for CROW Access Land in Bracknell Forest and requested further information on the proposed areas.

Further Information

<http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leis-local-countryside.htm>

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000:

<http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000037.htm>

The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002

<http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/si/si2002/20021836.htm>

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Introduction

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) gave Bracknell Forest Borough Council, as the Borough Highway Authority, a new duty to establish a local access forum.

This is a group of between 10 and 22 members of the public who are interested in countryside access issues. The forum advises the council on securing more and better access to the countryside for open-air recreation within the borough. It is governed by the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002.

Formation of the Bracknell Forest LCAF

In late 2002, press notices, posters and other adverts were used to invite members of the public to become LCAF members.

At the first meeting in March 2003, the LCAF consisted of 18 members. 16 members now make up the forum, representing a mix of countryside managers, users and other interests.



LCAF Work During 2004

✓ **Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)**

2004 LCAF meetings were predominantly information gathering exercises regarding the Bracknell Forest ROWIP, which is intended to be completed by mid-2006. Forum members have submitted specific ROWIP proposals and commented on and completed questionnaires on their use of rights of way. In 2005, they will be asked for further ROWIP proposals and to comment on the consultation analysis and network evaluation.

✓ **DEFRA Consultation on Mechanically Propelled Vehicles (MPVs)**

The forum considered DEFRA's consultation document which set out proposals for regulating the use of MPVs on public rights of way. The LCAF's comments were then collated and submitted to DEFRA.



✓ **Trespass and Occupier's Liabilities**

Information on trespass and occupier's liabilities was prepared for forum members, particularly landowners with security issues related to public rights of way running across their land. It is hoped to follow this up with the attendance of a police officer at a future meeting in 2005.



✓ **Watersplash Lane, Warfield**

Following suggestions from a forum member and discussion and updates at forum meetings, the ford at Watersplash Lane will be regarded to allow easy access by horses in early 2005. In addition, wooden sleeper bridges will be removed and replaced with culverts across Larks Hill and bridleway 26 Warfield, to help reduce the risk of horses slipping in wet conditions.