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Autumn Statement – coastal access

The Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne announced in the Autumn Statement on 3 December 2014 that additional funding would be made available to complete the English coastal path by 2020.

On the following day the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg issued a press release on the funding for 2014/15 and 2015/16. A copy of the press release is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/deputy-pm-commits-millions-to-speed-up-completion-of-coastal-paths>

Access open on coastal stretch in Norfolk

The new right of coastal access was opened on a stretch of the coast between Sea Palling and Weybourne, Norfolk on Friday 12 December 2014.

An Order - the Access to the Countryside (Coastal Margin) (Sea Palling to Weybourne) Order 2014 No. 3128 - was made to bring the rights into force. It is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/3128/contents/made>

Paths for Communities

Paths for Communities (P4C) was a funding scheme set up to develop and enhance the network of public rights of way in England in order to give benefits to rural areas. Local community partnerships were eligible to bid to Natural England for funds.

The scheme closed in September 2013 and Natural England's final report is now available together with supporting documents of lessons learnt in running the scheme and details of the projects that have been funded. The report is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/paths-for-communities-p4c-scheme-final-report>

Common land registration

The Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014 came into force on 15 December 2015. From that date it will be possible for people to make:

- any type of application allowed under Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 in the areas of Cumbria County Council and North Yorkshire County Council. (Part 1 continues to apply to the seven pioneer areas as normal: Blackburn with Darwen, Cornwall, Devon, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Kent and Lancashire); and
- five types of 'corrective applications' in all other remaining registration authorities in England.

The Regulations are available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/3038/made>

The application forms and guidance to commons registration authorities and the Planning Inspectorate have been published at: <http://www.gov.uk/common-land-management-protection-and-registering-to-use#commons-registration>

The guidance to applicants has been published in four parts but there will be a single link to those pages from the main commons registration page (i.e. from the link above):

<http://www.gov.uk/commons-registers-how-to-apply-to-make-changes>

<http://www.gov.uk/commons-registers-apply-to-record-new-events>

<http://www.gov.uk/commons-registers-apply-to-record-historic-events>

<http://www.gov.uk/commons-registers-apply-to-rectify-them>

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