

THE WEST SOMERSET COAST PATH

TRAIL WATCHERS SCHEME



HOW CAN I APPLY TO TAKE PART IN THE TRAIL WATCHERS SCHEME?

Applying to take part couldn't be easier. All you have to do is fill in and return the attached form letting us know in which parish you would like to adopt part of the West Somerset Coast Path. We'll then send you a map asking you to mark which paths you would like to adopt. When you return the map back to us we'll send you out your trail watchers pack. You'll then be an official West Somerset Coast Path Trail Watcher.

HOW TO CONTACT US

To find out more about the West Somerset Coast Path Trail Watchers Scheme please contact:-

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Further information about the West Somerset Coast Path can be downloaded from:-

www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/etc/rightsofway/whatsnew/westsomersetcoastpath.cfm

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The West Somerset Coast Path was officially opened in May 2006. It covers a distance of nearly 40km and links the River Parrett Trail at Steart in Bridgwater Bay to the South West Coast Path National Trail in Minehead. Thanks to the West Somerset Coast Path, it is now possible to walk the entire South West Peninsula along a 1000km circular route.

The views from the coast path towards the Quantock Hills and out across the Bristol Channel from St Audries, Warren and Blue Anchor Bays are stunning, and what's more, you get to glimpse some of Somerset's sometimes forgotten maritime history.

WHAT IS THE TRAIL WATCHERS SCHEME?

Somerset County Council's Rights of Way Team works in partnership with local landowners to ensure the West Somerset Coast Path remains open and easy to use for everyone to enjoy. However, problems do crop up from time to time that we may not be aware of. The Trail Watchers Scheme provides an opportunity for volunteers to adopt a section of the trail and help us look after it.

WHAT ARE TRAIL WATCHERS EXPECTED TO DO?

All we ask is that you walk the section of the coast path you've adopted 3 or 4 times a year and if you come across any problems or faults, such as a broken gate or stile or missing signposts, you report them in to us. It would also be helpful if you could take out with you a pair of secateurs just in case there's any vegetation overhanging a gate that can easily be cut back.

WHO CAN TAKE PART IN THE TRAIL WATCHERS SCHEME?

The scheme is open to anyone between 18 and 75 years old. Don't worry if you're under 18. You can still take part provided that when you go out to survey your adopted section of the coast path, you go out with your parent or guardian. Likewise, if you are over 75, you can still take part, but please get in touch with the Rights of Way Team so we can discuss your membership.

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE WEST SOMERSET COAST PATH TRAIL WATCHERS SCHEME.

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Tel number: _____

Email: _____

I/we would like to adopt a path(s) in the parish of _____

