

HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM



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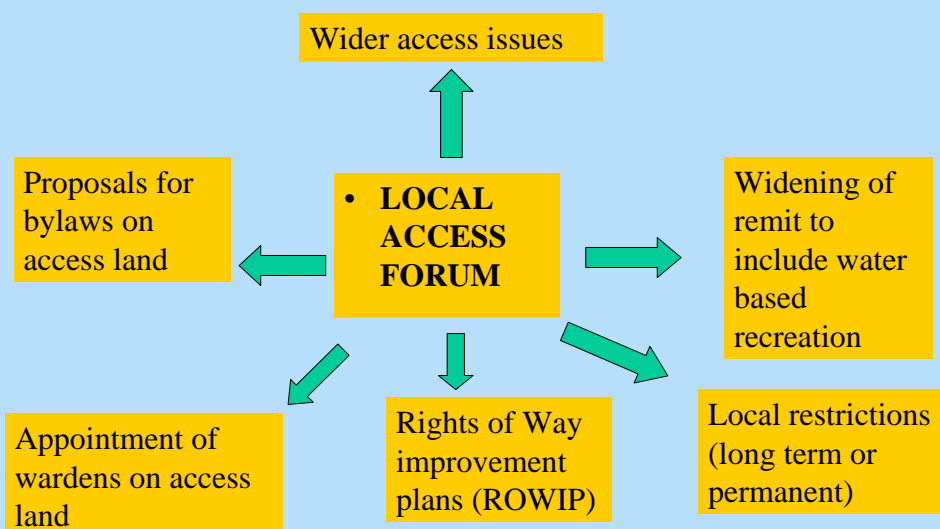
What is HLAFF and what does it do?

- A statutory body set up by Herefordshire Council under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000(CROW)
- The Forum advises the Local Authority and other specified bodies, including Parish & Town Councils, on Access and Rights of Way matters at a strategic level

SET UP of HLAF

- 22 members representing - Rights of Way users, Land Managers, Local Authority members and other interests in Herefordshire
- Terms determined by appointing authority
- Appointments for 1-3 years, which may be renewed with Chairman and Vice-Chairman elected annually
- 4 meetings per year
- Working Groups – Legislative, Route Development, ROWIP

The role of Local Access Forums



Achievements of the HLAF

- Worked closely with neighbouring Brecon Beacons National Park Authority to achieve a cross border initiative in the Black Mountains
- Successfully liaised with Parishes regarding Herefordshire's Rights Of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)
- Consulted on and reviewed Open Access management for Herefordshire
- Providing an independent view on the management of Herefordshire's Rights of Way

Achievements of the HLAF ⁽²⁾

- Commented on Draft/ Provisional Access Map
- Encouraging public debates such as 4x4's, Definitive Map/List of Streets
- Encouraging local community awareness by taking the Forum out to parishes
- One of 5 LAFs in England that took part in a Natural England Pathfinder Project on recording ROWs

Consultations

- Prioritising Register of Definitive Map modification order applications
- Joint orders and the power to include modifications in other orders
- Diversions of Rights of Way - protecting SSSI's, temporary diversions for dangerous works
- Countryside Agency consultation for the Amendment of Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002

Consultations ⁽²⁾

- Confirmation of Bylaws relating to Countryside recreation: Proposals for change
- West Midlands Spatial Strategy Phase III
- Herefordshire Council's Shaping Place 2026
- Herefordshire Council's LTP 3

Future direction of HLAF

- To be the main advisory body for Herefordshire Council on countryside Access and ROW matters
- Work with Herefordshire Council on the review and implementation of the ROWIP
- Continue to represent and promote Herefordshire at a regional and national level on Access and ROW matters

Future direction of HLAF ⁽²⁾

- To continue to provide an independent focus for ROW matters in Herefordshire
- To promote the adoption of best practice in the management of ROW
- Establish firmer links with neighbouring LAFs