



Area Footpath Campaigner (England)

1. The role

Purpose of Role	To encourage more people to take advantage of the opportunities for walking by drawing attention to the current state of the footpath network and campaigning for the protection of a network which is fit for use.
Duties	<p><u>General</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In conjunction with the Area Footpath Secretary and in consultation with the Footpath Campaigns Team at Central Office, identify the priorities for footpath campaigning in the Area and co-ordinate action as possible on these priorities.• Celebrating examples of success and progress with local footpaths and drawing attention to instances where the footpath network is not satisfactory. <p><u>Specific</u></p> <p>Time, enthusiasm and local priorities will determine the way the work is undertaken, but examples are likely to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organising and carrying out a footpath survey and ensuring that the findings are publicised and communicated to the relevant statutory bodies.• Taking photos of path problems / path improvements• Leading walks on problem/ re-opened paths• Encourage / organise practical work to improve specific paths.• Write to local councillors• Contact local media in conjunction with the Area Publicity Officer.
Skills & Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A passion for walking and an affinity with the charitable aims of the RA• An appreciation of the uniqueness of the footpath network in England and a desire to see it protected and enhanced.• Good communication to be able to liaise with other committee members and to galvanise support and sympathy from members and non-member for the important campaign messages.
Support available	Support is available over the phone and email from the Footpath Campaigns Team at Central Office who also provide occasional training. A detailed handbook for Footpath Campaigners is sent to every Area Campaigner and regular monthly bulletins are sent out.

2. Further information

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