

Public Rights of Way and Country Parks

Wardens are busy keeping on top of contractors work programmes and undertaking their network inspections. Members of DMR legal team have undertaken an Investigative Interviewing course to assist in the assessment of user evidence for reports to Committee and are opening new parishes to continue the review in Sowton, Clyst St Mary, Clyst George, Buckerell, Gittisham and Broadhembury.

- New section of [South West Coast Path](#) opens between Strete and Strete Gate in South Devon.
- Local Community fund new maintenance boat for the [Grand Western Canal](#)
- Congratulations to both county parks who have been awarded prestigious [Green Flag Awards](#).

The new walking, cycling, horse riding bridge opened across the A38 – funded from the LSTF Granite & Gears project, designed and project managed by EDG, built by SWH. This is an important multi-use link connecting the new Wray Valley Trail which when complete will link Bovey Tracey to Moretonhampstead and the Teign Trail being developed to link with Newton Abbot and beyond and will also carry the Templar Way regional walking route which stretches from Haytor to Shaldon. Stover Country Park is a key hub for users of the route and they hosted the opening event on 18 July 2015. For more information see our [website](#).



July News from Stover Country Park

- Very busy term with school visits including Queensway Primary – Torquay, Newtown Primary – Exeter, South Brent Primary, Torquay Academy, St Christophers – Steverton, Oreston Academy and Westcliffe Primary – Dawlish.
- STARS awards visits with staff from Exeter Central Library.
- Visitor Survey ongoing.
- Tramper mobility scooter usage up 50% on last year.
- Entered into the Access and Inclusivity Category of the 2015 Devon Tourism Awards.
- Green Flag award retained.
- Major meeting with Highways England regarding drainage and road run-off into the SSSI.
- New Cycle route launched on 18 July 2015.
- Open Morning for Devon Carers.
- One work experience and one volunteer ranger helping out.

- Discussions ongoing to gain entry to the Granite Lodge listed building.
- Preparing for summer school holidays and holiday makers.
- Stover Mute Swans successfully hatched 8 cygnets for the first time in 8 years – two died in the early stages with the remaining 6 dying suddenly at 6 weeks old, they are currently awaiting post mortum.