



# Accessing your property

Conserving the Forest Fringe is part of the 'Our Past, Our Future' partnership project, which aims to achieve a reduction in encroachments onto Crown Land by working with and offering guidance to local communities.

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# Information for residents about accessing property

If you access your property over Crown Land, you will require a New Forest Access Licence. This will give you permission to use and maintain a gravelled approach track.

## Materials

- To maintain a gravelled approach track, only locally-occurring natural hoggin (path gravel) must be used. No other material is permitted.
- Materials such as pea shingle are not permitted, as small stones are readily spread across the grazing and damage the teeth of the grazing stock.
- The Forest is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Along with other international designations, so great care must be taken not to damage the unique habitat. Parking and storage of materials on the verges is not permitted as it causes damage, which can take time to recover. Any work within a designated area may require consent from Natural England.

## Preventing erosion



The aerial photo shows the erosion and loss of grazing that has been caused by inconsiderate parking outside properties on the Open Forest.

- Using flag stones, paving or woodchip paths for gaining access to a wicket gate entrance is not permitted as this also leads to loss of grazing and is not in keeping with the Forest character.
- Before undertaking any work to your access, you should consult the Forestry Commission. Other consents may be required from the Verderers and Natural England.
- Access tracks will not be licenced for parking.

For more info please call the Forestry Commission on **0300 067 4601** or visit **[forestry.gov.uk/newforest](http://forestry.gov.uk/newforest)**