

Review of the last year
Oct 2024 – Sep 2025

Part Two – Lost Ways and Coastal Access

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The planned 1st Jan 2026 cut off for claiming extra footpaths based on historical evidence, has been delayed.

Which is good news, but it now looks like the cut off will be 1st Jan 2031.

The RA has developed a mapping system based on old 1:10,560 maps (6" to the mile), looking for the letters 'EP'.

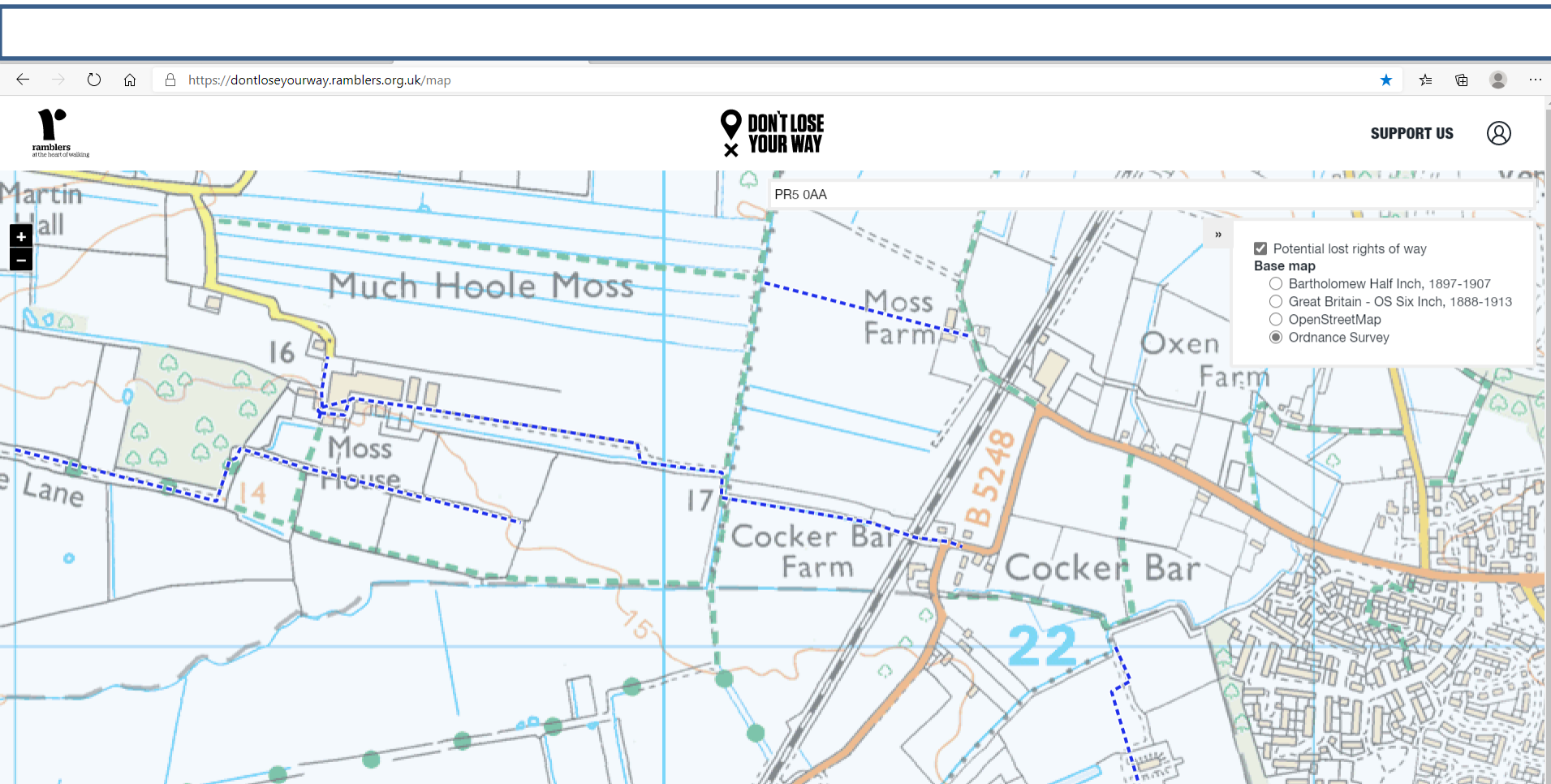
Then comparing it with what is shown on the 1:25,000 maps as public rights of way.



This is sample piece of map taken from old 6"
to one mile maps (1:10,560).



This is sample piece of map with the potential additional public footpaths added.



This is the modern 1:25,000 maps showing the potential footpaths that may be worth investigating

Some suggestions will not be worth pursuing because -

Paths that have been legally deleted by using the New Towns Acts or other legislation.

Paths diverted to allow road building e.g. M6 and A582 (The original paths are shown.)

Other developments e.g. residential estates and business parks so would be pointless to attempt a claim, for such a path would probably be impossible to use.

COASTAL

ACCESS

In 2013 year the first part of the Coastal Path in Lancashire was opened.

It was the sub-section from Tarleton Lock to Liverpool Pier Head.

This was the easy part to do.

COASTAL ACCESS

In 2024 or 2025 no further progress has been made in Lancashire.

In 2024 a little progress was made in Cumbria, but in 2025 no further progress has been made in Cumbria.

In both Cumbria and Lancashire much work remains to be done, to get the Coastal Path fully approved and then opened.

The map shown
is the same as
last year.

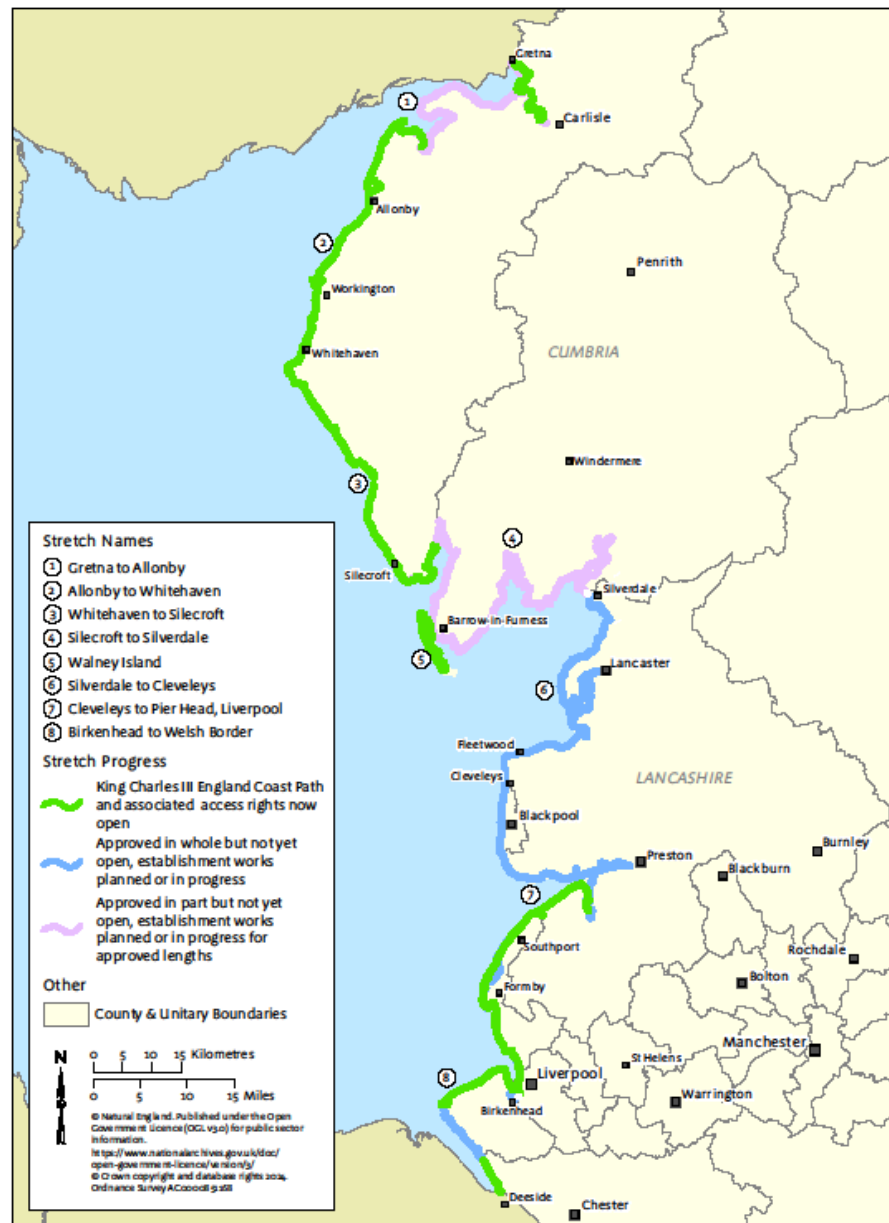




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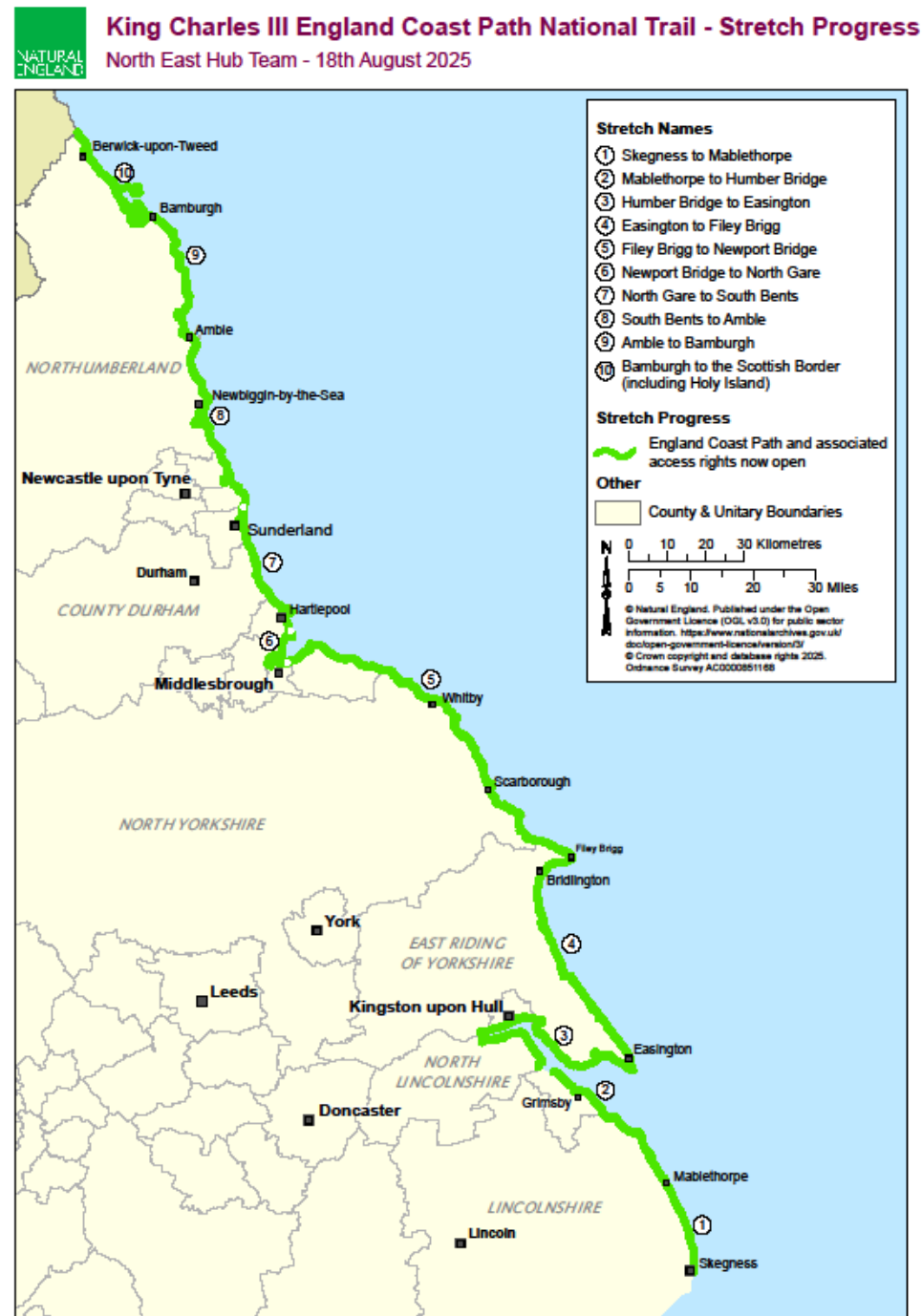


Let us hope for some good news in 2026 with more sections being opened and the proposed route on other sections being approved.



In contrast the whole of the Coastal Path in the North East is now open.

Clearly the North West has work to do, in order to catch up.





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End.**