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## **Local correspondent**

A local correspondent is the contact for the OSS in a specific area, usually that covered by a local authority. The list includes all the things that LCs may do but it is not essential to do all of these things, especially when you first start.

### **General**

Objecting to planning applications which have an adverse effect on common land, open spaces, public paths and access to the countryside in general

Publicising the work of the society

Encouraging people to join, particularly local residents

Reporting quarterly to the office on activities

Liaising with other organisations where there is mutual benefit

### **Public paths**

Receiving and responding to all proposals to alter the routes of public paths, following the society's policies and guidelines

Reporting on public path problems

Assisting members with public path issues

Making proposals for path improvements or additions, in relation to the highway authority's rights of way improvement plan

Claiming paths for the definitive map of rights-of-way, where there is sufficient evidence

Attending public inquiries or hearings into path-change proposals where necessary

### **Common land and village greens**

Advising the office on applications for works on common land – the society is consulted by law on all such applications, but local knowledge can be very important

Reporting any unlawful encroachments or seemingly inappropriate use of commons and greens

Assisting other members on casework in the LC's area