

Closed Bid Auction – South West Coast Path Fingerpost Arm

Terms & Conditions

1. These Terms & Conditions govern the CareMoor for Exmoor closed bid auction for the retired South West Coast Path fingerpost previously located at Minehead. The organiser of the bid auction is Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA).
2. The auction item comprises:
 - One retired South West Coast Path fingerpost arm (Minehead, pointing to Poole) Please note, the auction is for the wooden fingerpost arm only and does not include the upright post.
 - A guided walk for up to six (6) people with an Exmoor National Park Ranger, starting at Minehead and walking to North Hill along the South West Coast Path – details to be arranged with the successful bidder.
3. The auction bid is open to all UK residents aged 18 years or older except employees of ENPA, their families, agents or any third party directly associated with administration of the auction bid.
4. The minimum bid for this auction is **£300**. All bids must meet or exceed this amount. There is no entry fee to pay to participate in the auction bid.
5. All bids must be submitted via the official Microsoft Form (Form) provided by ENPA.
 - The form will be open from **Friday 25 September 2026** and will close at **23:59 on Monday 26 October 2026**.
 - Bids submitted after this time will not be considered.
 - Only one bid per person is permitted unless otherwise agreed by ENPA.
 - Submission of a bid via the Form constitutes acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

ENPA will take reasonable steps to ensure that access to submitted bids is restricted to authorised personnel only.

6. This is a closed bid auction.
 - All bids will remain confidential.
 - Bids will only be reviewed after the closing date.
 - The highest valid bid will be selected as the winner.
7. The successful bidder will be notified by **Friday 30 October 2026** using the contact details provided in their submission.
8. The successful bidder will have **10 working days** from notification to confirm acceptance and make payment in full.

If payment is not received within this timeframe, ENPA reserves the right to withdraw the offer and offer the item to the next highest valid bidder.

ENPA reserves the right to repeat this process until the auction item is successfully allocated.

Payment details will be provided upon notification.

9. All proceeds from this auction will be used by CareMoor for Exmoor to support the maintenance and improvement of the Public Rights of Way network within Exmoor National Park.
10. The fingerpost arm is a retired item and is provided “as seen”.
 - ENPA makes no guarantees regarding its condition, durability, or suitability for any particular purpose.
 - The winner is responsible for arranging collection or delivery (if applicable, details to be confirmed).
11. Ownership of the fingerpost arm transfers to the winning bidder upon receipt of full payment. ENPA accepts no liability for the item once collected or delivered. Insofar as is permitted by law, ENPA, its agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the successful bidder or accept any liability for any loss, damage, personal injury or death occurring as a result of taking up the auction item except where it is caused by the negligence of ENPA, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. Participants’ statutory rights are not affected.
12. The guided walk:
 - Must be taken by **31 March 2027**.
 - Is subject to availability of Exmoor National Park staff.
 - Will be arranged at a mutually convenient date.
 - May be subject to weather conditions and operational considerations.
 - ENPA reserves the right to amend or reschedule the walk if necessary.
13. Participants in the guided walk take part at their own risk and must follow any safety guidance provided by the Ranger on the day.
14. ENPA reserves the right to:
 - Reject any bid that is incomplete or does not comply with these Terms & Conditions.
 - Refuse bids deemed inappropriate or not in keeping with the values of Exmoor National Park.
 - void, cancel, suspend, or amend the auction bid process where it becomes necessary to do so.
15. ENPA will not be responsible for:
 - Technical issues, system failures, or connectivity problems affecting submission of bids
 - Lost or incomplete submissions

It is the bidder’s responsibility to ensure their bid is submitted successfully before the deadline - **Monday 26 October 2026**.
16. ENPA may contact the winning bidder to request permission to use images or details of the auction item and/or guided walk for promotional purposes. Personal data will not be used without consent.
17. Personal data provided as part of the bidding process will be handled in accordance with UK data protection legislation and will not be shared with third parties except where necessary for administration of the auction or required by law, and in accordance with ENPA’s Data Privacy Policy - [Privacy and Cookie Policies | Exmoor](#)
18. These Terms & Conditions and the auction bid are governed by the laws of England and Wales and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.