

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2009

1. **Welcome** Eve Hall, Chairperson, opened the meeting and particularly welcomed new members Amy & Paul Hughes (Lancaster), Sally Burrow (Milnthorpe), Kate Tyson (Morecambe), Jane Allen (Ingleton), Joanne Cooper (Preesall), Patricia Kelly (Fulwood), Charlotte Banks (Croston), Alison Roper (Kirkby Stephen), Caroline Cassels (Lytham St Annes), Sandra Morton (Barrow-in-Furness). Also people who have rejoined – Carly Colquhoun, Hilary Gregory and Tricha & Katherine Yates.
2. **Apologies** Kath Richardson, Pauline McCartney, Sarah Webster, Sue Hargreaves, Barbara Hartley, Sam Robinson, Andy Awde, Vicky Lowe, Angela Martin.
3. **Minutes of last meeting** These were accepted as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters arising** None.
5. **Signs at Slyne** Signs have been requested at the junction of Bottomdale Road with Slyne Road, but they can only be provided where there are at least 17 horse crossings per day. However, it has agreed to place signs on the 2 sets of crossroads on Bottomdale Road.
6. **Access Meeting at Preston** attended by Eve. There is now a new Access Officer for this area – David Goode. Items discussed included
 - i. Fleagarth Woods at Silverdale. The Order for this upgraded bridleway has not come through yet.
 - ii. Cantsfield. A new river crossing is being considered and there are new landowners
 - iii. Grimshaw Lane, (adjacent to Lancaster Young Offenders) is to be claimed as a Right of Way.
7. **Horsebox Driving Ban** There is a proposal that people who drive during the week eg. as part of their job, may not be allowed to drive horseboxes at weekends. See www.horseandhound.co.uk for further details and to sign their petition.
8. **Coastal Riding** The BHS are conducting a survey on coastal and beach riding access, and Eve has agreed to provide information on existing routes in this area, but is still awaiting the maps from the BHS.
9. **Parishes with no Bridleways** Eve has supplied a list of these to the BHS at their request
10. **Registration of Common Land** An email has been received from Steve Byrne on this, however it needs further consideration.
11. **Speakers** Our new coordinator, Julie Sico, has come up with a number of ideas for future meetings, including visits to the Mounted Police HQ at Hutton and to a Sidesaddle demonstration at Wrea Green. Also speakers from the Road Safety Equine Department and a vet regarding euthanasia.
12. **Societies joined** NLBS has now joined the Woodland Trust and the Trans-Pennine Trail organisation, both of which should be useful contacts.
13. **Whittington Ride** Sunday 6th September. Help needed on gates and to publicise the event please.
14. **Tack Sale** This is now confirmed for Sunday 18th October and help will be requested nearer the time
15. **Any Other Business**
 - i. Phyllis Capstick sent a message regarding the Morecambe Bay ride, which attracted 25 riders and appeared on the front page of the Westmorland Gazette. Phyllis wanted to thank Eve & team for the very welcome refreshments provided.

- ii. The Social Rides from the Longlands and in the Witherslack area were much enjoyed and more are planned for the future.

One of our members, Amy, then gave a talk on her 10-day Horse Safari through two Game Reserves in South Africa, which was actually her honeymoon! They encountered cheetahs, crocodiles, elephants, lions, rhinos and many other animals, but rode native South African horses that were not intimidated in the slightest. Most of the safari was spent either walking or galloping, and Amy developed an excellent talent for taking photos at the gallop!

Amy obviously thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we all enjoyed her sharing it with us.

**Date of next meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday September 8th 2009 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall
Please come along and bring a friend.**

We are a little unsure whether we have a speaker or not! If any member knows of booking a speaker then perhaps you will let Eve know: 01524 824205. Otherwise, please just come – for the company and the laughs!!

Additional information

Events at Penny Farm, World Horse Welfare centre on the Fylde:

1 September 2009 6pm - Lancashire Mounted Police Demonstration

A rare chance to see how Lancashire Police prepare their horses for operational duties. Demonstration includes musical ride, hazard training and riot training demonstrations. Admission is by ticket only and ticket numbers are limited. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased at Penny Farm or by telephoning 01253 766983.

12th September - Open Day 10am – 4pm

A full day of activities including demonstrations by Kings Troop RHA Gun Team, Household Cavalry, Made in Lancashire Food & Craft Marquee, Fairground Rides, Birds of Prey, Equine Artists, Donkey Rides, Lancashire Fire & Rescue service and loads more. Admission is £1 per person to be paid on the gate.

Message from Phyllis: I hope everyone enjoyed the Morecambe Bay ride and the DVD.

With everyone donating at least £5 for the DVD we have been able to send £150 to the Brooke Animal Hospital, which I am pleased about, and thank everyone for their donations.

Charity Ride Brogden Hall , Barnoldswick on 13th September

Proceeds will go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Riding for the disabled. Cost £15 per rider and £5 for lead rein. Starts from 10am onwards and is approx. 12 miles but over a different route than the ride earlier this year. To book please phone Betty Brayshay on : 01535 634881

Message from Lulie Hothfield:

I am organising a ride in Lowther Park in aid of Eden Riding for the Disabled on **Sunday 20 September 2009**

There will be 10 and 20 mile rides. For info. email lulieant@aol.com or tel. 017683 51487

NLBS Subs. Everyone who has set up a standing order should now have received their receipt, either with these minutes or by e-mail. Thank you to all those who have recently set up a standing order payment.

We do still have many members who have not renewed for this current year. Please do so a.s.a.p. I will be at the next meeting if you need to check or if you wish to pay otherwise please send you £5 cheque, payable to NLBS, to B. Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NF. Thanks.