

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting held on 12.07.2011

- Welcome:** Eve welcomed all members to the meeting and the membership secretaries, Kate and Adele announced eight new members: Jackie Bates, Kathryn Dawson, Hannah Garnett, Sally Houghton, Kathy Lakeland, Heather Lawson, Jonathon Riseborough, Samantha Riseborough and Gillian Woods. Sympathy cards have been sent to Phyllis Capstick and Carol Hill's Yard.
- Apologies:** Kath Woods, Sue Hay, Sheena Shelmadine, Julie Seco, Sharon Cash and Anna Twinane.
- Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record, proposed by Jean Smith and seconded by Liz Davidson.
- Matters Arising:** Led Rides: (i) 02.08.2011 Austwick, (Settle area) , Kath Richardson on 01524251488 (ii) 06.08.2011 Knott End, Angela Leadbetter on 01253810305 (iii) 23.08.2011 Cross Bay Ride, Humphrey Head 11.45 am, Phyllis on 01729850295 (iv) 07.09.2011.
- Membership Renewal:** In order to keep our membership subs up-to-date it was suggested that members remind friends and acquaintances to renew. Standing orders were suggested as an obvious way to renew. £5 pa. is realistic for what we get.
- Bridleways Update:** (i) a new gate is still being planned for Bolton-Le-Sands bridleway (ii) Crook O' Lune road diversion is dangerous so take care in that area.
- Cantsfield Bridleway No3:** - Barbara Hartley told us that she hoped the crossing of the River Greta on BW 3 at Cantsfield could be taken forward. There had been no progress since a site visit by Jayne Elliot and Clive Weeks, after which Natural England found the presence of otters. This had put a stop to everything when it was near completion. Barbara wrote to David Goode, who has taken over as Public Rights of Way Manager at County Hall, asking how we could move forwards.

The other BW at Burrow with Burrow, BW11 goes across the River Lune to Whittington. The entrance to the river on the eastern side is obstructed and impassable for horses.

Barbara wrote to David Goode about these points and received a positive reply immediately! Main points as follows:-

- BW3 at Cantsfield -The officers in Environmental Projects have not given up on this crossing and further talks are planned.
- BW 11 – Burrow with Burrow and BW 13 – Whittington. The obstruction is not actually blocking the BW but the depth and stability of the river needs investigating.
- On Coneygarth Lane a short section of public road each side of the River Lune needs joining and claiming as a BW, this should not be too difficult to achieve. Again access was a problem.

Mr Goode suggested that the way forward was to:

1. Gain support from local parish, district and county council
2. Investigate funding
3. Submit a Definitive Map Modification Order for BW link across the River Lune
4. Inform the Rights of Way Office of any BW obstructions

Barbara was pleased by the reply and put it to the meeting that a response was needed.

Points raised:

- Mole End Equine and Animal Study Centre near Burrow with Burrow had promised support and use of facilities for a possible meeting.
- We need to hold a meeting and contact all suggested, plus any local riders who would use these crossings.
- We should contact our President – Lady Reay at Whittington for her support.

Eve thanked Barbara for her tremendous effort on our behalf (she wished every member was so bridleway inspection conscious).

- 8. Horsecatch:** It was felt that there is a need for this in the area. Farmwatch is a similar organisation to which some members belong. However, if anyone is interested in forming a group phone 0845 3300247.

9. **Hincaster Trailway:** Funding is now forthcoming for the disabled walkway. This is to be matched with volunteer labour. A Team Building Day can be arranged. Contact Bridget 20.08.2011.
10. **National Trust:** Eve spoke to a NLBS member who had been in touch with a NT officials and he suggested permits might be available to ride on NT land. Eve will follow this up.
11. **NLBS Welcome Pack:** This has been revamped by Janet Casey for which all our thanks.
12. **Cheviot Ride:** Eve and Sheila's trip to the Cheviots was brilliant. They would like to share this and to this end Discover Off-Road Riding - A Practical Guide, Kate Godfrey and Shonagh Stevenson's book is invaluable. Eve will purchase three copies to loan to members.
13. **Any Other Business:**
 - i. 08.09.2011, 7.30 Jo Birkbeck will give another of her demonstrations on horse handling and much more. Venue: Beaumont Cote Indoor School. £5 on the door and bring a chair.
 - ii. Change to the November Meeting. This will be on Monday not Tuesday 07.11.2011 in the large hall. It is anticipated that there will be a lot of interest in Vyv Wood-Gee's talk on her ride with two fell ponies from the Isle of Skye to Smithfield Market, London. There will be a raffle for Cancer research, prizes would be very welcome. Bring your friends.
 - iii. Photos are badly needed for the publicity board and the newsletter. Members were urged to bring interesting photos to the meeting.
 - iv. Janet Darwen's sponsored walk has raised £5k so far. Thank you to everyone for supporting this.

Corrine Maxted, Equine Chiropractor gave an interesting illustrated talk on her work practising the McTimoney Animal Therapy method which also applies to dogs.

Date of next Meeting 13.09.2011 Mr Peter Boustead, the well-known native pony judge, will give a talk on Judging Ponies.

Additional information:-

'Hoof Network - The official launch in various places around the country, made possible by the British Equestrian Federation. Open to all Equestrian sector businesses/organisations who are interested in helping the growth of Equestrian Sport. This is a great free opportunity to network and influence your equestrian community development. Ideal forum for Riding Centre Proprietors/Managers, Equestrian Club leaders, Regional/County Equestrian officers, anyone with a keen interest in local equestrian activity and raising the profile. The aim of the Hoof Network

- Offer advice, guidance & workshop support on the opportunities for the Equestrian Businesses to Grow and raise standards
- Consult with local Equestrian Businesses to understand challenges and find solutions
- Provide a local Equestrian forum from which to raise awareness, share good practice, and gain support

Cumbria Horse Watch Join Horse Watch and help protect yourself from rural crime.

For more information contact your local Community Safety Team on 0845 33 00 247.

Cumbria Local Access Forum are seeking new members. If you have an interest in countryside access issues and are interested in learning more - and may be able to find time to attend 3 or 4 meetings a year - please do get in touch with Kathy Miles for further information.

Countryside Access Partnership Officer - Secretary to Cumbria Local Access Forum

Countryside Access | Environment | Cumbria County Council

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Countryside Access:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/public-transport-road-safety/countryside-access/default.asp Cumbria Local Access Forum: www.cumbrialaf.org.uk

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 28th August Omar Talk starting around 13.30 but this is to be confirmed. Anne has the money from many of you who paid for the event at the end of May that had to be cancelled when Omar was ill, but if you could kindly let her know now if you are able to attend on that date she would be grateful and then if there are any remaining places she will then offer them to people who had not previously booked. If any of you cannot attend she will naturally return your payment.

Friday 9th September 19.00pm - Jo Birbeck, Monty Roberts Certified Instructor will provide a demo on handling horses from birth to backing to competitive success. £5.00 bring a chair Beaumont Cote, Nether Kellet, LA5 8AB

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th September, 2011 - Friezland User Group Fun Trec Unaffiliated Trec Competition, at Friezland Arena, Manchester Road, Greenfield (A635) OS Explorer Map OL2 - Grid Reference SD 988 038 entries must be received by Sunday 11th September, 2011.

Enquiries: Liane Robinson:0161 652 8331 before 9.30pm or email: liane.robinson@lrqa.com

Entry Fees: Friends of Friezland, Oldham Riding Club, Saddleworth Pony Club, WPBA Members - £15 per rider. Others £17.50

Wednesday 21st September - Meeting to discuss access to local bridleways in the Lune Valley. Mole End Equine Study Centre, Burrow, LA6 2RJ at 19.30. All welcome.

Saturday 24 September - Formby Pleasure Ride 10 or 16 miles. Ride incorporates pinewoods, sand dunes, beach, dirt tracks, very little roadwork. Marshall / stewards available on the course for assistance. Ride starts from 9am to 10.30am strictly no late starts. £13 EGB members, £16 non members. Entry forms available to download from Lancs EGB website. Ride organiser Glenda Griffin 07714 753576 Jean Merchant 07814 630999

Sunday 2nd October Eden Riding for the Disabled at Lowther Park, Penrith.

Sunday 16th October NLBS Tack sale

Monday 7th November 8pm Vyv Wood-Gee Talks about the ride she made with two fell ponies from Isle of Skye to Smithfield Market, London. All welcome to come along and hear about her adventure.

North York Moors Ride. From other riders perspective!

See <http://www.saltburndistrictbridleways.co.uk/NYMDRide.html>

For Sale - Fantastic quality meadow hay for sale, last years, smells of summer and very clean, £4 /bale. 07910 252 888/01524 736606 Ask for Helen or Pete.

For Sale – Tommy experienced in dressage, show jumping to 2' 6", eventing, working hunter and showing with many prizes to his name. He has also enjoyed fun rides, including the beach. He loads, great to catch, tack up, and handle with no field or stable vices. Good with the farrier. Hacks out alone or in company, no problem with traffic, children or dogs. He is grey 13 hh breed unknown cob like, 11years old and no health issues. For sale to knowledgeable family home. Available from 1st September 2011.

Hafod Farm Stables, Llanboidy, Whitland Carmarthenshire SA34 0ER Tel 01994 448 629 www.hafodfarm.com

For Sale – The solution Original Energist gulleated model, size 5, general purpose – minimal use, £1200 contact Linda Hobson 07981781503 hobsons@xalt.co.uk

For Sale - 13.1 Tricoloured 12 year old mare, companion/Gentle hack.

I have a lovely chunky mare looking for a new home, she can be ridden by lightweight person on a gentle hack once or twice a week. She is a fantastic confidence giver and great in traffic. Vaccinations/worm count up to date, very good doer will live out. Looking for 5 star home for her, £500 to include made to measure saddle or would consider loan to good home. Any more information just ring for a chat, Anna 015395 67699 or email bordersales@btinternet.com

Companion Horse - Coloured mare, very pretty, as a companion horse? I unfortunately need to retire her, and would love her to go to a good home. If any one has any information about how I go about this, please please let me know. Thankyou Tel 07872160518 Sharon Cash

Stolen Horses - Pony stolen from field on Whinbush Lane, Calverton, Nottingham between 8/7/11 pm and 9/7/11 She is 14hh 5 year old dartmoor X bay in colour with four black legs and a few roany patches. Reward Offered. She is microchipped. She was stolen along with 5 others:- 16.2 hh Chestnut mare, 14.3hh Grey Arab mare, 12hh Bay welsh sec A mare, 13 hh Cob type filly yearling palomino, 13 hh red and white yearling filly. Any info call Nottingham police on 0300 3009999 crime ref DA054545-11