

North Lancashire Bridleways Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013

1. **Welcome:** Eve extended a warm welcome to new members Julie and Jasmin Trafford. Kate reported that NLBS had 259 members at 09.07.2013, this figure includes those members who have yet to renew their 2013 subscription.
2. **Apologies:** Janet Casey, Anna Twinane, Julie Sico, Kate Lennox, Pauline McCartney.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Lady Reay, NLBS President:** Lady Reay's husband, Hugh Mackay sadly passed away in May. A card and letter of condolence has been sent on behalf of the NLBS
6. **Slape Lane, Holme:** An improvement plan has been agreed. Burton Parish Council are in the process of applying for grants in an attempt to raise the necessary matched funding required by the County Council. NLBS have agreed to make a contribution of £1000 towards the Parish Councils efforts to raise these funds.
7. **Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF):** . Local TRF members have provided support to NLBS in the past. They are an organization which represents responsible trail riders, working to preserve the rights of motorcyclists and others to use vehicular green lanes. Their aim is to preserve public rights of way for the benefit of **ALL** user groups. They are requesting our support in their fight against the closure of green lanes to mechanically propelled vehicles. In August 2011 The Peak District National Park made an Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETRO) to prohibit mechanically propelled vehicles for 18 months from using Chapel Gate. Sue Clowes will write a letter in support as horse riders and horse drawn vehicles may be next.
8. **Tools:** It was agreed to obtain quotes for the purchase of tools to be used by group members for the clearing of bridleways.
9. **Lifetime membership** – item deferred to September meeting.
10. **Bibs/tabards purchase:** Preliminary enquiries indicated they would be expensive to purchase and as the Group would only use them on one or two occasions each year it was decided it would be cheaper to loan them when necessary
11. **Lancashire Lost Ways Project:** Lancashire Local Access Forum is looking for volunteers who could research/identify lost public rights of way. If you would like to register your interest in this scheme please email Hannah Baron .- hannah.baron@lancashire.gov.uk with the following information: *name/address/email/ contact telephone number/location/parish.*
12. **Visit to Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre Wednesday 31 July 6.30pm** Please contact Julie Sico email: horsejulie@yahoo.co.uk
13. **Cross Bay ride** The Group were presented with a signed copy of Cedric Robinson's recent book as a thank you for supporting the ride through the provision of refreshments for the riders. The next Cross Bay ride is scheduled for 1st August 2013, further details from Phyllis Capstick tel: 01729 850295
14. **Hincaster Trailway Project – meeting Wednesday 17 July** – Sheila Kissack will attend as a representative for the NLBS
15. **Members rides:**
Sunday 4 August – Sedate ride in the Hest Bank area. Contact Eve tel:01524 824205
September – Yealand area, Denise Woodcock - details to be advised
October – Ulverston area, Steve and Linda Hobbs – details to be advised

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16. Horse Abuse – information from Lancashire Police: Five female horses in two separate incidents, have recently been injured by a person using a sharp implement. The incidents have been in rural areas near Preston. Please check your horses regularly

17. Any other business:

- (i) Thanks had been received from Kay Edwards for the book token given to her for her work as secretary to the group. She will continue in the role as minute secretary.
- (ii) The gates on Puddlemire Lane, near Farleton have been checked and readjusted.
- (iii) Traditionally made Saddlery, Harness and leather goods including a repair service – Simon Leach, Member of the Society of Master Saddlers tel: 01229 861669 email: simonjleach@btinternet.com

The business meeting was followed by an informative talk from John Barlow, Barlow Trailers, Leyland who brought along a new Lfor Williams HB511 Horse trailer for members to view.

**Next meeting Tuesday, 10 September 2013
Simple Systems – Jan van Lennep – to be confirmed
Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB**

Please come along and bring a friend