

North Lancashire Bridleways Society

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2013

1. **Welcome and new members:** Two new members, Peter West and Karen Barnes. Membership stands at 261 with 50 subscriptions overdue for 2012 and 21 overdue for 2013.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Clowes, Jackie Millett, Sharon Cash, Sue White.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Tack Sale:** £604.55 net was raised towards Group funds. Eve thanked all our hardworking members and friends who contributed to making the sale so successful.
6. **Our President:** Lady Reay will continue as President despite her impending move to Exmoor, she still has family in the Lancashire/Cumbria area and therefore will be back visiting fairly regularly. Eve and Sheila had taken flowers and a letter of thanks for her past commitment to the Group and were very pleased when she said she would be able to continue as President.
7. **Dynamo:** Dynamo are a local cycling group who are “*working for a better cycling environment in Lancaster, Morecambe and district*”. They are currently working to upgrade a footpath to a bridleway in the Snatchems/Heysham Moss area. Eve agreed the Group would support their efforts.
8. **Gates in Kirkby Lonsdale area** –repairs are continuing.
9. **BHS TREC - Bowland Babes** are BHS TREC 2013 Team Champions. The team, made up of Liz Davison, Jane Armstrong-Lancaster, Helen Wain and Jess Wain also helped Bowland TREC Club to be crowned the highest placed British Riding Club team.
10. **Books Borrowed:** - Contact Eve 01524 824205 if you'd like to loan or return books. There are several books available including: *Exmoor Files* by Liz Jones; *Time and Tide, 50 years on Morecambe Bay* by Cedric Robinson; *England on Horseback* by Zara Colchester and Charlotte Sainsbury; *Discover Off Road Riding: A Practical Guide* by Kate Godfrey and Shonagh Steven.
11. **Website:** Sue Millard, Web Design has taken over the design and management of the NLBS website. The site needs updating so if you have any ideas, photos or anything you would like included please forward details to Frances email: f.clisham@btinternet.com before the end of November
12. **Talk to Farmers** NLBS have been invited to give a talk to the Burton Farmers Group.
13. **Christmas meal:** If there is a particular venue you would like us to consider for the Christmas meal please email details to Frances (f.clisham@btinternet.com). In the meantime Sheila has contacted The Smithy, Holme who are willing to take our booking again (3 courses £19.50 or 2 courses £15.50).

Date/venue to be confirmed but probably towards the end of January 2014. Menus will be available at the January meeting when payment will be collected.
14. **HorseWatch:** Nigel Sutcliffe, Police Support volunteer with Cumbria Constabulary is looking to set up a Horsewatch scheme for the County. He would like to hear from anyone who may have ideas/initiatives to put forward for consideration in the setting up of the scheme. Please email: nigel.sutcliffe@cumbria.police.uk
15. **Think Horse Signs** – a further supply of 10 have been ordered. These signs can be sited on private land with the landowners permission.

Following the business meeting Janice Hutchinson, a local breeder of Icelandic Horses gave an insight into the versatility of the breed, their excellent temperament, strength, willingness to work and stoicism.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 14 January 2014

By way of something different we will have some comical poetry about horses and farming life by local farmer and poet Jim Stewart

**Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB
Please come along and bring a friend**