

# NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

## Annual General Meeting – 13 May 2014

1. **Welcome and New Members:** Eve welcomed all members especially new members Sara Caddy and Alice Staunton .
2. **Apologies:** Janet Casey, Lynda Dobson, Ailsa Gibson, Steve and Linda Hobson, Lesley Owen, Alice Staunton, Sarah Webster
3. **Minutes of the Last AGM 14 May 2014:** These were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Frances Clisham and seconded by Julie Sico.
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Chairperson's and Secretary's Annual Report:** We would like to thank everyone for their help over the last year. Speakers and events over the year included:
  - A visit to the Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre in July
  - An informative talk by John Barlow from Barlow Trailers
  - A talk by Jan van Lennep from Simple Systems on the horses' digestive system and how to optimise health and performance through diet
  - Tack sale in October raised £604
  - A talk by Janice Hutchinson, a local breeder of Icelandic Horses
  - Christmas Meal was very successful,
  - In January, local poet Jim Stewart entertained us with his poetry
  - The year was rounded off with a fascinating talk by Cedric Robinson MBE Queen's Guide to Morecambe Bay about his many experiences with horses as a fisherman in Morecambe Bay.

Thank you to Julie Sico for organising all the events and speakers. Members were asked to let Julie have any ideas for future speakers.

The Society is gradually collecting a variety of books into a Library. Members may borrow these. It is hoped this will be a developing resource.

Rides led by members seem to have fizzled out. Any offers of help with this would be gratefully received.

Support has been given to a local cycling group, Dynamo, who want to upgrade a footpath from Heysham Moss to by 'Snatchems' to a multi user (Bridleway) route, thereby avoiding busy built up areas.

BHS safety posters have been taken to the Test Centre at Heysham for the benefit of Learner Drivers.

We are pursuing joining Cumbria 'Horsewatch' scheme.

Eve gave a talk to local farmers from the Holme area. Most ended up on our side!!

This year, we have continued to improve bridleway gates and latches in the area. Gates which have been improved include: Puddlemire Lane, near Farleton and several gates near Kirkby Lonsdale.

We have also purchased some numbered tabards and horse signs.

Many thanks to Linda Hobson for sending us lots of useful information via email; Kay Edwards for taking the minutes of meetings and to Janet Casey for updating the Group's leaflet for new members.

Thanks to Sheena Robertson, Newsletter editor who has done such an excellent job in producing the newsletter. Please let Sheena have your photos, ride reports, horsey holiday ideas, in fact anything you think might be of interest to members.

We now have a Facebook page up and running with over 120 'hits' already!! Thanks to Julie Trafford and friend. Anyone wanting to help with co-ordinating our website, please contact Frances Clisham on [f.clisham@btinternet.com](mailto:f.clisham@btinternet.com)

Thank you to all our members who helped at Whittington Races resulting in a generous donation to our funds from the Vale of Lune Hunt committee.

Thanks to all who have helped in ways too numerous to mention. Please be vigilant on the bridleways near you.

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6. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila Kissack circulated copies of the accounts, NLBS has £3859 in current account and £6679 in the deposit account.
7. **Membership Secretary's Report:** : There have been 7 new members since May 2013. After removing 58 members whose subs have been overdue from May 2012 the membership currently stands at 206 individuals. I'd like to thank Linda Hobson for emailing on my behalf those whose subs were overdue. That prompted two members to rejoin and have set up SOs. There are 17 subs outstanding for 2013 and renewals are now due for 2014. As the cost of postage stamps has increased again members were asked to consider setting up a standing order for either joining or renewing their membership. Paying in this way avoids postage costs both for members and the Society and can be stopped at any time by contacting your Bank or via online banking.

Copies of membership forms and requests to pay by standing order are available on the website. Copies were available at the meeting, they can also be downloaded from the NLBS website.

Overdue subs	82
Due May 2015:	14
Due May 2016:	1
Due May:	1
Standing Orders	96
Honorary Members:	<u>12</u>
	<b><u>206</u></b>

### 8. Election of Officers

Chairperson:	Eve Hall	p Helen Wain s Anna Twiname
Vice Chairperson:	Julie Sic	p Diane Richmond s Jackie Butler
Secretaries:	Frances Clisham	p Kate Lennox s Sheila Kissack
	Claire Mitchell	p Kay Edwards s Diane Richmond
	Denise Woodcock	p Eve Hall s Anne Rigby
Treasurer:	Sheila Kissack	p Julie Sico s Sue Clowes
Membership Secretary:	Kate Lennox	p Anna Twiname s Sue Murgatroyd
Minutes Secretary:	Kay Edwards will continue	
Newsletter:	Sheena Robinson will continue	
e-mail circulation:	Julie Trafford will take over from Linda Hobson	
Speakers co-ordinator:	Julie Sico will continue	
Website co-ordinator:	Vacant	
NLBS Brochure:	Janet Casey will continue	
PR/Noticeboards:	Vacant	

Due to other commitments Steve and Linda Hobson have decided to hand over email circulation duties. Eve thanked Steve and Linda for all their hard work.

The Group have started a small library with a small selection of books for loan. Anna Twiname has agreed to look after the books and bring them to the meetings.

### 8. Any Other Business: None

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### Minutes of the general meeting held on 13 May 2014

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed 2 new members – Alice Staunton and Sara Caddy
2. **Apologies:** Janet Casey, Lynda Dobson, Ailsa Gibson, Steve and Linda Hobson, Lesley Owen, Alice Staunton, Sarah Webster
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Whittington Races:** We received a donation of £500 from the Vale of Lune Hunt for our help on race day. Thank you to everyone who came along to help.
6. **NLBS Fundraising ride 4 May 2014:**

On a drizzly day we had a successful ride. 56 riders took part, raising over £800. We would like to **thank** lots of people:-

- (i) Kendal Auction Mart managers – for a great parking space
- (ii) Cumbria police for putting out “Go Slow” signs
- (iii) The farmers whose land we rode on over the bridleways which included Mr Whiteman.
- (iv) Jennifer Armitage, Preston Patrick for allowing us to ride through Cross Gill

All the riders, when returning, thanked all the gate and crossing people for a sterling job. They said they'd never been on such a well marshalled ride. Also local farmers and public commented. 12 riders had a blip and went the wrong way but we soon got them back on track to complete the ride.

Thanks to: Katrina Pardula, Julie and Steve Trafford, Cath Woods, Sue Hargreaves, Frances Clisham, Chris Bell, Phil Clowes, Sue Clowes, Liz Davison, Denise Woodcock, Steve and Linda Hobson, Ann Rigby, Kay Edwards, Sheena Robertson, Petra and Simon Rowley, Sheila Kissack, Anne Hutchinson, Karen Barns, Sharon Cash, Janis Ashworth, Ginny Watts, Jackie Millet, Anna Twiname, Diane Smith - 27 people. Wonderful!!

7. **Tabards and “Think Horse” signs:** The Group have purchased hi-viz tabards numbered 1-100 and a number of “Think Horse” signs. Some of the “Think Horse” signs have been donated to Cumbria Bridleways Society.
8. **Slape Lane, Holme – donation:** Slape Lane, Holme is badly in need of resurfacing. Cumbria County Council have agreed to have the work carried out providing their contribution can be match funded. The Group have made a donation of £1000 towards the cost of match funding.
9. **Bridleway gates and latches in North Lancs area** A number of gates/latches have been repaired over the last year and this will continue throughout 2014/15.
10. **Any other business:**
  - (i) Julie is hoping to arrange a talk by William Reddaway who completed a long distance ride around England to raise funds for the Family Holiday Association, which helps provide short breaks for families, and the Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre.
  - (ii) Bridleway at Greenlands, Nr Tewitfield – a member reported the bridleway to be partially obstructed. Eve will investigate.
  - (iii) It was reported that a gate was padlocked at one end of the previously permitted path which runs between Snape Lane, Yealand and Borwick Lane. The landowner had shown no objection to local riders continuing to use this route even though the permissive status has now ceased. If you choose to use this route please be aware that you may encounter a locked gate.
  - (iv) Sue Clowes reported she had cleared the overgrown holly which was causing problems on Farleton Fell bridleway.

*David and Gillian from Westgate Laboratories gave an interesting and informative talk on how to devise an annual worming programme based around worm counts.*

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 8 July 2014**

**Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB**

**Please come along and bring a friend**