

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the general meeting held on 14 July 2015

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed new member Michelle Phizaklea to the Group..
2. **Apologies:** Karen Bargh, Jackie Millett, Anne Rigby, Julie Trafford, Sarah Webster, Denise Woodcock.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Diane Richmond and seconded by Jane Armstrong-Lancaster.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - (i) **Ordnance Survey Maps:** This is still ongoing, further update to follow.
5. **BHS Training Day – Level One:** 16 members attended an extremely interesting and informative course delivered by Chris Peat, North West Regional Access and Bridleways Officer (RABO), about claiming bridleways and much more. It is hoped to arrange a Level 2 course next year.
6. **Members visits:** There were 2 visits to the Lancashire Mounted Police Division and a visit to the Black Horse Fresian Stud at Cartmel. All three visits were well attended. Thanks go to Julie Sico for arranging the visits.
7. **Pleasure rides:**
 - (i) **Vale of Lune Hunt Pleasure Ride – Sunday 19th July:** Start from Chipping Show Field PR3 2QD. Contact Sue Procter 07941 342 837 email: sue@procterscheeses.co.uk
 - (ii) **Cross Bay Ride – either Monday 24th or Tuesday 25th August** depending on the weather and the conditions of the sands and the river. It will be £20 and will start from Humphrey Head round about lunchtime, that is between 12.00 noon and 1.00 p.m. Anyone interested please contact Phyllis Capstick on 01729 850295 or Bryan Melia email: bryanmelia@btinternet.com
 - (iii) **RDA North Region Ride – Sunday 13th September:** Lowther Park, near Penrith. Circular ride in beautiful countryside with some stunning views over Lake Ullswater and the surrounding area. Venue: Low Close, between Askham and Yanwath. Download entry form from RDA website www.rdanorthregion.org.uk
8. **Dunsop Fell:** Eve had received a report of some riders who got into difficulties whilst riding a bridleway (BW) by Whitendale, Dunsop Bridge in the Trough of Bowland. The BW in question is known to be badly damaged and it is thought to be beyond repair. Signs have now been erected to warn users of the situation. Eve reminded members it is always best to check routes with the local Bridleways Officer/Group when riding in unfamiliar areas. It was also suggested that BW problems in our area could be posted on the NLBS website.
9. **NLBS Tack Sale – Sunday 18th October:** Refreshments and helpers needed. Chris Bell has now taken over from Hilary Drury and will be responsible for organising the Tack Sale. A huge thank you to Hilary for her hard work over the last fifteen years which helped make the Tack Sale such a success.
10. **Any other business:**
 - (i) *Concessionary Bridleway near Overton* – repairs are needed to the bridleway access/exit where it emerges on to the busy Overton road. The Group have offered financial help if needed.
 - (ii) Congratulations to Shirley (Richardson) on her recent marriage to Chris Dearden.
 - (iii) We were sorry to hear member Caroline Lindsay had not been well and everyone at the NLBS wishes her well.

Eve welcomed Sue White who gave an informative talk on her experiences whilst choosing/using horse hoof boots for her horse and pony. There is a useful impartial guide to selecting hoof boots at www.urbanhorse.com. Another informative website can be found at www.hoofbootique.co.uk

Next meeting: Tuesday, 8 September 2015

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend