

Agenda for NLBS general meeting

to be held on 12th September 2023, 7:30pm

1. **Welcome and new members**
2. **Apologies:** Sarah Fulwood, Kate Lennox, Sheena Robertson, Suzanne Davis,
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Proposed: Carol Dial **Seconded:** Frances Clisham

4. **Matters Arising:**

a. **Towpath between [Crooklands and Stainton](#) (Bridget Pickthall)**

Canals and Rivers Trust confirmed that they don't allow horse riding, but do allow you to lead your horse along the towpath.

Catherine Stott has opened a dialogue with them and Bridget has been collecting user evidence for this stretch so if you do ride this, please let Bridget know (chair@nlbs.org.uk). Northern reaches also aren't aware where the signs have appeared from.

5. **Bridleway News**

a. **South Lakeland Parking – update (Hannah Gardner)**

Hannah has been in correspondence with Westmorland and Furness council about parking with a trailer, which is not allowed in many car parks. Westmoreland and Furness Council are happy for equestrians to use their car parks on the following conditions:

If occupying two spaces, fees for both spaces need to be covered.

The trailer should remain attached to the vehicle at all times.

Be mindful of other car park users and as ever think through your own risk assessment.

In addition to the above please remember to take a shovel so you can clean up any dropping and hay. 'Leave no trace' as they say!

These car parks are really good for using the car ferry, Windermere to ride the fells in the Wray Castle area and riding Loughrigg Fell, Ambleside.

Suggested car parks to use are Ferry Nab (LA23 3JH) and Braithwaite Fold Car Park (LA23 3HB), Bowness-on-Windermere and Miller Bridge Car Park, Ambleside (LA22 0EE).

Many thanks to Hannah for pursuing this to such a positive conclusion. Hannah has also forwarded on to Catherine at BHS to publicise.

Bridget will send a letter of thanks on behalf of NLBS members to the council.

We expect now to see many photos on the NLBS Facebook page of members using the car park to access bridleways in the area and take the [Ferry Challenge](#) to access bridleways on the 'other side' 😊

b. **DMMO for bridleway in Over Kellet ([see appended map](#))**

Ailsa reported that another DMMO has been approved by the council and had an Order made, for a BW in Over Kellet, shown on the map below. This may be opposed by the landowner and so a final decision may not be made for some time.

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6. **Membership update** – Kate Lennox sent the following information:
After removing those whose cash payments have been overdue for more than 2 years the total membership stands at 136, including 20 Honorary members. There are still a few replies from some whose regular payments are overdue so the final figure may be slightly lower.
7. **NLBS and members responses to consultations**
River Lune Greenway - update (Liz Davison) – improvements are taking place around Bull Beck and Caton and we are on their mailing list.
Do let us know of any other consultations taking place
8. **GDPR** – update (Susan Armitage)
Thank you to all members who have confirmed and/or updated their consent and contact details.
9. **Tack sale – 22nd October, Hest Bank Memorial Hall, see attached poster**
If you can help on the day (assuming you are not booking a table!), or provide cakes/sandwiches for the popup café, please let Julie know at vicechair@nlbs.org.uk
10. **Any other business**
 - a. **BHS Access Conference – 18th November 2023 – attend online or in person**
 - b. **Speaker ideas** - reminder to everyone if you have an idea, please send these to vicechair@nlbs.org.uk
Suggestion from Diane Richmond:
Peter Boustead – could perhaps give a Fell pony talk or be a quiz master (as he did a while ago)?

Speaker: Our speaker for TUESDAY 12TH September 2023 was **Barefoot Trimmer Regina Fraenken from Hoofology**. Regina shared insights into the benefits and challenges of moving to a barefoot approach and that it is much more than simply “taking off the shoes” and that’s you sorted and barefoot! She also shared a variety of products to support horses and riders in making this transition.

Although born and raised In Germany, Regina has lived in the UK for over 20 years (with a few short breaks). She trained and qualified as a Veterinary Nurse in the Midlands before finally settling in Scotland 11 years ago. Having always loved horses, it seemed logical to study and train as a professional trimmer and she completed her training with a certification in 2021. The business name reflects her philosophy: HOOFOLOGY ties the hoof to the medical and scientific aspects and Supporting Nature shows what is important to Regina: "The horse's hoof is a miracle of nature-all we really have to do is support it in staying that way".



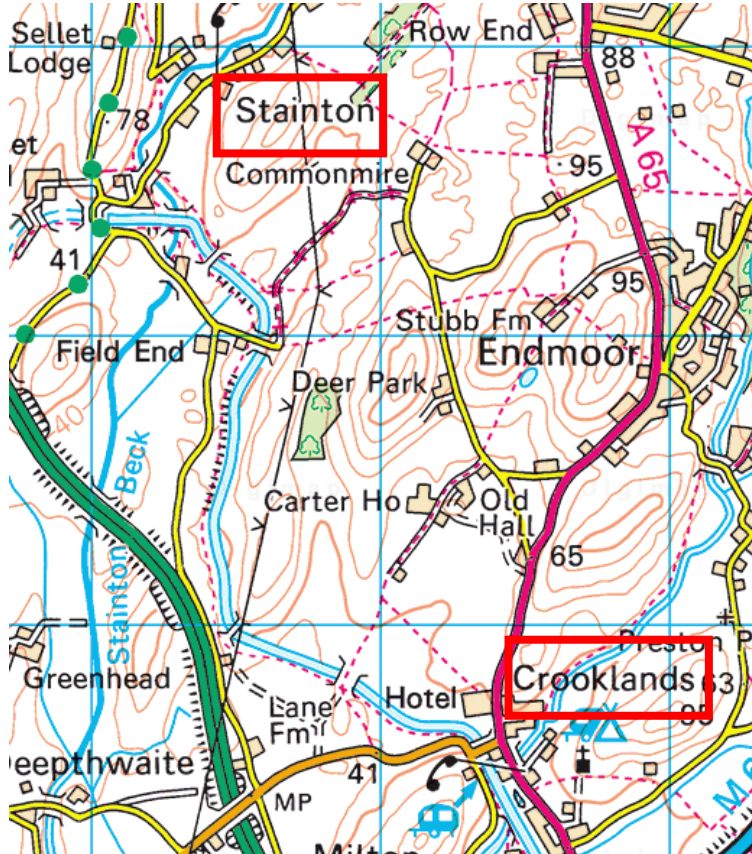
Date of final 2023 meeting: 14th November

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River Lune Greenway (pink highlight)



Crooklands to Stainton Canal



DMMO for bridleway in Over Kellet



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[BHS Access Conference details](#)

Sent to all Equestrian Access Groups in England and Wales.

Good morning.

We're pleased to share that the BHS Access Conference is back, but with a difference!

Collaborating with the BHS Safety Team, we are delighted to present a joint conference for 2023, to explore how working together, we can access more safely.

Scheduled for **Saturday 18 November 2023, 10am-4pm**, the day will feature keynote speakers, on topics such as road safety, the work of BHS and partners, and how we can achieve more for the benefit of equestrians. Further details and a full programme for the day will be shared in due course.

For the first time ever, the conference will be run as a hybrid event, hosted in person and online. Attend from the comfort of home via Microsoft teams or join us at BHS HQ. Full details on booking options available via the online booking link below.

As an affiliated Equestrian Access Group, we'd like to offer early-bird booking before tickets are available to the public. Pre-booking is essential to secure your place, be it online or in-person. Early-bird booking will be available until 25 August 2023.

Please note that for the conference to be viable to run in person, a minimum number of bookings is required. If you wish to attend in person, please do not delay in booking your ticket. A decision will be made on 29 September 2023 as to the viability of the conference running in person. If the minimum booking number is not achieved, those booked will be automatically moved to online attendance and a ticket refund issued as per the terms and conditions.

Book online at <https://buytickets.at/bhsaccess/966335>

If you have any queries, please contact access@bhs.org.uk.

Best wishes,

The BHS Access & Safety Teams