

## Minutes for NLBS general meeting

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7:30pm

1. **Welcome and new members**
2. **Apologies:** Kate Lennox, Janet Casey, Helen Littler, June Chapman, Anne Garland, Suzanne Davis, Ailsa Gibson
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Proposed:** Carol Dial      **Seconded:** Lesley Owen
4. **Matters Arising:**

- a. **Tack sale** – this was a great success. Members at the meeting gave a huge thank you to Julie for organising such a popular event and we were sorry not to see her on the day. Bridget thanked those who managed the door and the pop-up café. Great help from all members present to set up and put away in time for the child's party later that afternoon!

**£315 for tables**

**£79 on the door**

**£174 catering**



We have now paid hall hire of £70 so a **grand total of £498** – well done all!

- b. **Bridleway clearing at Thwaite Brow Woods, Bolton-le-Sands** with the Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project and Mike the [parish council lengthsman](#). NLBS was well represented by members turning up to help clear the bridleway. [Apologies that I didn't think to take names or count numbers at the time! Susan]



*Hard at work chopping overhanging branches*



*A local rider comes through*

### 5. **Bridleway News**

The Stainton to Crooklands Canal enquiry reported on in the last two NLBS meetings is still ongoing with BHS in consultation. Bridget is collecting evidence to support equestrian access to the canal. If you ride, or have previously ridden, this section of the canal, please let Bridget know [chair@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nlbs.org.uk)

6. **[Membership update](#)** – appended (thank you Kate 😊)

### 7. **NLBS and members responses to consultations**

- a. **Coast to Coast Path National Trail consultation** ([see poster overleaf](#)): **Deadline 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Link to survey <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx...>  
Bridget will send a letter from NLBS

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- b. **Pennington Flash (Wigan) survey:** Share your opinions and experiences of Pennington Flash... and you could win a £50 voucher for The Hide Coffee House ☕ (T&Cs apply) <https://bit.ly/PFvisitorsurvey>  
[Information about Pennington Flash](#)  
Bridget will send a letter from NLBS
- c. Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB trust, now known as [Arnsdale & Silverdale National Landscape](#), are renewing their development plan in 2024 so we will keep everyone posted. Bridget attended a recent meeting on behalf of NLBS and will keep in touch with them

### 8. Any other business

- a. **Speaker ideas** – reminder to send these to Julie at [vicechair@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@nlbs.org.uk)
  - i. We believe Wolfwood have purchased Wild Duck Hall and are potentially a good place to visit if they are willing and/or invite to give a talk on their work.
  - ii. Members suggested inviting someone from RDA and members with contacts in the RDA will check out willingness before passing on names to Julie. **(Update:** Westmorland RDA have offered a speaker and details have been passed to Julie. Thank you to Leslie Owen for the connection 😊)

### b. Horse riding routes in AONB

The routes will be reviewed with a view to Hannah Gardner producing GPX files of routes to ride in the area for people to download for suitable smartphone apps.

Links to leaflet and booklet are on [our NLBS website](#).

### c. NLBS Social at [WHW Penny Farm](#) - afternoon tea.

Names were taken at the meeting and since the meeting, a message has been emailed to all members with the following details:

The event will take place on **Sunday 7th January, 2pm, World Horse Welfare, Penny Farm, Blackpool, FY4 5JS.**

The cost will be £14.50 pp. payable on the day.

Please email [nlancsbs@hotmail.com](mailto:nlancsbs@hotmail.com) by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** to let us know **how many afternoon teas** you are booking and **any dietary requirements**.



### Speaker:

Our speaker for Tuesday 14th November 2023 was going to be [Clare Dyson](#) and members were sad that, in the event, Clare was unable to attend. We hope she can meet us all at a future date! Members enjoyed horsey highlights from the film Thriving and are encouraged to [watch this uplifting and local insight](#) into how the area is responding to climate change.

There then followed some sharing of [top tips to survive winter](#) for horses and humans – see below! If you have any top tips to add, please email [minutes@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:minutes@nlbs.org.uk)

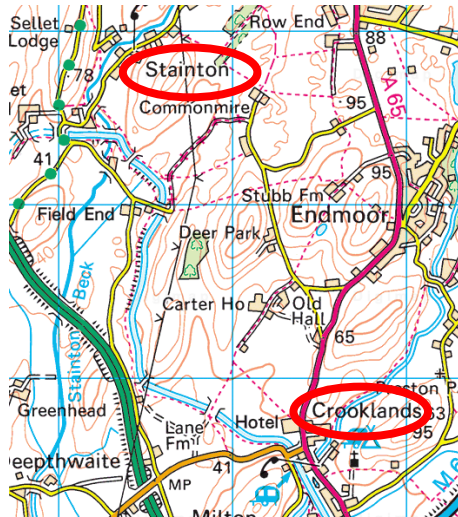
### Dates for 2024 meetings – get them in your diaries now 😊

**They are all on a Tuesday at 7:30pm in Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Hanging Green Lane, Slyne with Hest..LA2 6JB**

- 9<sup>th</sup> January
- 12<sup>th</sup> March
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- 9<sup>th</sup> July
- 10<sup>th</sup> September
- 12<sup>th</sup> November

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## Stainton to Crooklands canal section



## Coast to coast National Trail

**NATURAL ENGLAND** **ldf** **NATIONAL TRAILS**  
Lake District Foundation

### THE COAST TO COAST PATH NATIONAL TRAIL

This Trail begins at St Bees on the West Coast and ends at Robin Hood's Bay on the East Coast. We want local views to shape the development of the Trail.

Business owners

Residents/Community Groups

Land managers

Scan the QR code to fill in a short survey before 24th November 2023.

We are the Lake District Foundation, a small charity that works to protect the wildlife, heritage and landscapes of the Lake District and Cumbria.

We are working with Natural England to hear from communities along the entire Coast to Coast Path. As well as passing through the Lake District National Park, this runs through the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales.

For more information:  
emily.hicks@lakedistrictfoundation.org  
Learn more about the project via [lakedistrictfoundation.org/national-trails](https://lakedistrictfoundation.org/national-trails)

## NLBS Membership – Report November 2023 meeting

There have been no new members since the last meeting.

The membership currently stands at 137 including 20 honorary members.

Membership forms and requests to pay by standing order can be downloaded from the NLBS website.

	No. of members	No. of Subs
Due May 2023	12	11
Due May 2024	14	12
Due May 2026	2	2
Standing Orders	88	71
Honorary Members	21	0
	<b><u>137</u></b>	<b><u>94</u></b>

Repeated request re 'R J Elliston' who pays subs by BACS each year but there's no record of their membership so if anyone knows him/her please let me know by email - [membership@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:membership@nlbs.org.uk)

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### Top tips for surviving the winter!

- Good waterproofs
- Wash the tail and when dry spray with Mr Sheen (other products are available) the mud should slide off!
- Plait the tail and tie end with a hairband – then mud is only on a bit – DO NOT LEAVE IN FOR MONTHS!
- Pig oil and sulphur in longer (horse) hair to keep mites at bay
- Merino undergarments
- Rubber matting in gateways – the stuff for vehicles to drive on or old stable mats
- Good pair of heavyweight waterproof gloves (thermal lined?) – see e.g. [toolstation](#)
- Good torch/headtorch
- Old big round bales of hay that is no good – roll this out in the gateways. Carol Dial is trying this this winter and will report back!
- Heated socks – e.g. Day Wolf Heated socks with usb rechargeable battery - again lots of different ones on market.....after reading lots of reviews Liz Davison [went for these](#).....but they seem to be out of stock currently 😞
- Neoprene toe covers – [see ebay](#)
- Rain legs
- Ear muffs
- Waterproof phone case – e.g. [this one](#)
- Woolly hat with inbuilt light (rechargeable) ([Amazon](#) or [ebay](#)) – lots to choose from.
- [Ski helmet earmuffs](#) work also.
- Silk buff under the hat
- If there has been a freeze and then a slight thaw – use two towels one for each foot – put on floor and it will stick to the damp and then not slip. Repeat until you are where you need to be.
- Micro-crampons
- Heat up a wheat (or similar) neck warmer and put in your boots before putting on.
- Blow a hairdryer into the boots to warm them before putting them on
- Plastic sledge for poo picking on wet/muddy ground.

A note that some members shared that carpets in school surfaces are being banned due to presence of chemicals and metals. We understand that existing surfaces are not being required to be lifted, however they cannot be 'topped up' with new.