

Minutes for NLBS general meeting

held on 9th January 2024, 7:30pm

1. Welcome and new members

- a. Eleven new members joined this evening – Welcome to one and all 😊

2. Apologies

- a. Suzanne Davis, Kate Lennox, Sharon Cash

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

- a. **Proposed:** Carol Dial **Seconded:** Ailsa Gibson

4. Matters Arising:

- a. **Afternoon tea** – WHW were very pleased to see us on Sunday for the afternoon so early in the year as it is usually very quiet.

WHW apologised that the yard was off limits on our visit and invited us to go again as a group in the summer and they will give us a guided tour of the facilities.



5. Bridleway News

- a. **Permissive route** – Permissive BW track over Caton Moor above wind turbines revoked – highlighted in pink on map (Update from Liz Davison) Possible solution in progress – Liz will update members at later meetings.
- b. **Engagement event with Sustrans on the Lune Valley Greenway Saturday 17th February** (Liz Davison) 10-2:30pm. Sustrans are currently in the process of undertaking improvement works to the greenway as part of a DfT funded project, you can find out more here: [Lune Valley Greenway: Caton to Bull Beck Improvements](#).

The engagement event is “Roll into Spring”. There will be lots of bike related things and activities. NLBS would like to raise the profile of horse rider use of this greenway and have offered support to the event. BHS will provide some “Be Kind Say Hi” materials to hand out and we will take our posters that promote how to pass horses safely.

The potential for photo opportunities with horses riding along the path has been discounted due to the other activities Sustrans has planned. However Sheena has provided a hobby horse and we plan to use this for demonstration purposes 🐾!

Volunteers will be needed to be on an NLBS stand between **10 and 2 on Saturday 17th February**.

If you are able to help even for a short time, please email Liz Davison at treasurer@nlbs.org.uk

We will also liaise further with BHS & BHS North West re: messages to promote and any supporting materials or banners/stands they may be able to lend.



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c. **DMMO for bridleway in Over Kellet between Nether Kellett Road and Kirby Lonsdale road** (Ailsa Gibson)

The objection to this route from the landowner has been removed following Ailsa's conversation with the landowner and their agent. Their concern is around the way the route currently goes through a busy working yard. Once the DMMO is approved, we will work with the landowner to provide a diversion and NLBS will support this financially if necessary for gates and horse-friendly latches.

This route is not yet a bridleway, so please don't use it until we get the green light!

6. **Membership update** – current numbers are 142 and after the meeting are now 153

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

- a. Bridget has responded on behalf of NLBS to the following consultations:
- i. PROPOSED CREATION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AT HANNAHMOOR LANE, ST BEES AND BLACK HOW CLEATOR MOOR - COAST TO COAST NATIONAL TRAIL
 - ii. Coast to Coast National Trail – Potential Creation of Public Footpath 306036 at Bowderthwaite and Band End, and changes to Public Footpath 306003 at Haweswater: Lakeshore, Bampton Parish

Both to try and promote a multi-user routes rather than footpath.
Cycling UK is also supporting this idea for

Horses have open access rights to the common (but we note it is a very difficult route to actually ride on horseback).

8. **Any other business**

- a. **Speaker ideas** - reminder to send these to vicechair@nlbs.org.uk

Speaker:

Alan Hiscox..the Head of Safety for the British Horse Society..gave us an entertaining and informative talk about his career in the Mounted Police...32 years in the Police, 26 of them in the Mounted Branch.

He was the Ride Leader of the Police Display Ride for 14 years, performing at Olympia, Horse of the Year Show and abroad.

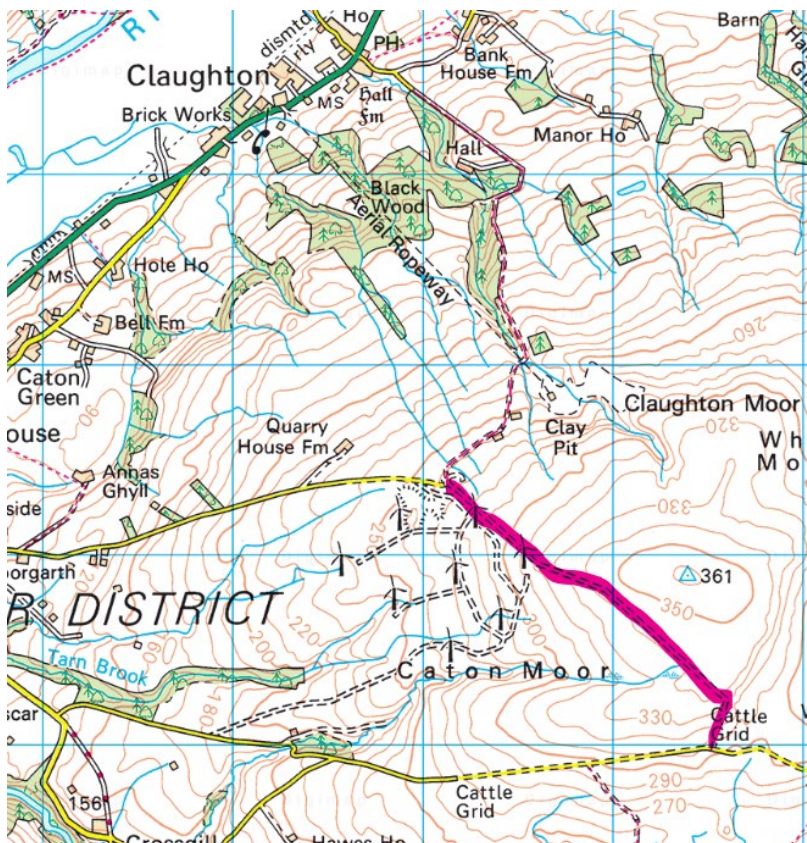
Taking part in ceremonial events, serious public disorder events and many football matches, Alan explained the passion, professionalism and sometimes pantomime that he has experienced whilst on a police horse in London. He also let us know how police horses are trained and the amazing job that these incredible animals do, every day.



Thank you Alan!

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Permissive route – revoked



DMMO Over Kellet



Membership report

NLBS Membership – Report for January 2024 meeting

Welcome to Jo Archer and Kelly Holmes who joined at the annual tack sale last October and to three returning members (Vicky & Imogen Murgatroyd and Linda Clarkson)

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The membership currently stands at 142 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 2021	1	1 (rejoining, £5 awaited)
Due May 2023	11	10
Due May 2024	15	13
Due May 2025	5	4
Due May 2026	2	2
Standing Orders	88	71
Honorary Members	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>142</u>	<u>99</u>

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