

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Agenda for Annual General Meeting 2024

14th May 2024

1. **Welcome:** Liz Davison welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Bridget Pickthall, Frances Clisham, Kate Lennox, Suzanne Davis, Sheena , Leslie Duncan, Anna Twiname,
3. **Minutes of the Last AGM:** 9th May 2023 (attached)
Proposed: Carol Dial **Seconded:** Sharon Cash
4. **Matters arising:** n/a
5. **Chairperson's and Secretary's Annual Report 2024**

The aim of NLBS is to raise awareness of horse riders as vulnerable road users, we endeavour to influence decision makers of the benefits and equality of including equestrians as vulnerable road users in their planning and policy decisions. Numerous consultations have been responded to, with the aim of reminding organisations and local councils to consider equestrians in their plans.

Membership stands at a healthy 158 and the popularity of our bi monthly meetings is a credit to Julie Sico who tirelessly seeks out interesting and informative speakers. Kicking off the year following the AGM, Carolyn from Urban Horse talked us through hoof boots, Regina Fraenken explained Bare foot trimming, Clare Dyson shared highlights from her film Thriving, we shared top tips to survive winter, learnt about metal detecting from Janice Halsall, Alan Hiscox spoke of his career in the mounted police before joining BHS, and most recently Tom Lloyd told of his Fell Pony Adventures.

Julie also arranged another successful Annual Tack Sale raising £498 for funds. Thanks to Diane, we had an excellent turn out for Afternoon Tea at Penny Farm, who greatly appreciated the extra footfall in January.

Liz and team attended the Sustrans Lune Valley Greenway "Roll into Spring" event to raise awareness of equestrians and a new banner was commissioned which can be used at future events.

Members turned out to help the Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project work party clear a popular bridleway.

More Slow Horse signs have been printed and handed out.

Catherine Stott replaced Charlotte Ditchburn as the regional BHS Countryside Access Officer but I hear that the role is coming vacant again.

Most of the hard working committee are willing to continue in post but we have a few stepping down. Many thanks to Sarah Fulwood who has acted as secretary in very challenging circumstances.

With our use of facebook and comprehensive minutes from the meetings, the decision was taken to take a break from our newsletter. Many thanks to Sheena and Helen for acting as editors.

My heartfelt thanks to all the committee and local BHS officers who make my job so easy, and with our members support NLBS can look forward to another successful year.

Best wishes Bridget

A round of applause followed the Chair's report

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7. Membership Secretary's Report

The membership currently stands at 167 including 21 honorary members. Although there have been 18 new members since the last AGM, a data protection exercise undertaken last autumn resulted in 24 members saying they no longer wished to continue (moved away, no longer riding) One honorary member stood down and 5 new honorary members were created so the net change since May 2023 is an increase of just one!

99 subscriptions are being received as Regular Payments (direct debits or standing orders) and a number of others as one-off faster payments. Eighteen subs are overdue - 6 for 2023 and 12 for 2024.

The mysterious R J Elliston continues to appear on the bank statement each year together with two other anonymous regular payers.

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	7	6
Due May 2024	14	12
Due May 2025	23	20
Due May 2026	3	3
Regular payment	99	82
Honorary Members	21	0

	167	123

8. Rights of way report

DMMO applications are currently in a queue with LCC with a few confirmed recently (see appended list). Orders have been made but are open for objections. Thank you to those who have supplied user evidence. If you have any routes you think may be

Any problems with access use LCC or LoveStreets who do act on the reports.

NLBS has a budget to help with gates/signage if that can support better access to bridleways in our area.

9. Election of Officers

President	Lady Killearn	Continuing
Chairperson:	Bridget Pickthall	Continuing
Vice Chairperson:	Julie Sico	Continuing
Treasurer:	Liz Davison	Continuing
Secretary:	Lesley Owen	Proposed Ailsa Gibson Seconded by Eve Hall
Assistant Secretary (Rights of Way, website, reporting):	Ailsa Gibson	Continuing
Minutes Secretary:	Susan Armitage	Continuing
Membership Secretary:	Kate Lennox	Continuing
e-mail/Facebook:	Ailsa Gibson, Graeme Bruce	Continuing
Newsletter:	Sheena Robertson	Continuing
Rides Leaflets	Ann and Rose Thornton	Continuing
Official Website co-ord:	Sue Millard	Continuing
Deputy Website co-ord:	Ailsa and Graeme	Proposed Diane Richmond Seconded Helen Wain

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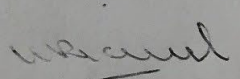
10. **Any Other Business:**

There was no other business.

Officers reports

Approval of Accounts

Our thanks to Mr Richmond for reviewing and approving the yearly accounts.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024		
	2024	2023
Income		
Subscriptions etc	536	580
Tack Sales Profit (Net of Hall Hire)	483	621
Bank Interest	82	15
	1101	1216
Expenditure		
Signs and Banner	245	-
Speaker's Expenses	36	50
Stationery & Admin	5	43
Website costs	17	187
Subscriptions etc	139	149
Hire of Hall	56	72
Accountancy	-	70 (2022)
	498	571
Excess of Income Over Expenditure	603	645
Surplus brought forward	12014	11369
Surplus carried forward	£12617	£12014
Represented by:		
Bank Current Account	5716	5195
Bank Deposit Account	6901	6819
	£12617	£12014
Note – At 31 st March 2024 the Society owed £28.00 Hall Hire, which was paid on 7 th April 2024.		
Certified correct according to books, vouchers and information supplied.		
15 April 2024		
	WL Richmond FCCA	