

Minutes from NLBS general meeting

Held on 9th July 2024, 7:30pm

1. **Welcome and new members:** Denise Brookes
2. **Apologies:** Liz Davison, Kate Lennox, Suzanne Davis, Janet & Stephen Casey, Helen Littler
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting**
 - a. **Proposed:** Carol Dial **Seconded:** Hannah Gardner
4. **Matters Arising:** none
5. **Bridleway News**
 - a. **River Lune Millenium Greenway (RLMG) extension updates**

Two NLBS members attended recent Wray Parish Council meeting as the RLMG was on the agenda for discussion following receipt of correspondence from NLBS. The PC seemed much in favour of the idea that, should it come to pass that the Greenway is extended, NLBS should be consulted along with all other users. They all agreed that getting horses off the highway, especially the fast moving A683 and the high sided B6480 is a very good idea. However, it's unlikely anything will happen in the immediate future given the amount of landowners that need to be approached and got on side. Still, positive parish councillors are a good start. RLMG extension on Hornby PC agenda for their next meeting second Thursday in July following correspondence from NLBS.
 - b. **High Street Planning application**

Planning application for putting gates and tarmac and retracting bollards on a drive on High Street has been responded to confirming this is not appropriate for a designated BW.
 - c. **Morecambe Bay Beach riding**

Ailsa Gibson confirms that the signs are a 'request' rather than legally binding. An order may be put in place in the future, but consultation will take place with NLBS as and when this process begins.
 - d. **Three rivers consultation group**

NLBS is now part of the three rivers consultation group re: disused railways between Kirkby Lonsdale, Ingleton and Lancaster.
 - e. **Overgrown Bridleway?**

If you come across overgrown BW, please report to the local council by going to the relevant local council website, find the link to the highways department and report overgrown vegetation.
 - f. **Stainton to Crooklands towpath**

Stainton and Crooklands conversation is still ongoing and Bridget will soon be meeting with the Dick Vincent, National Towpath Manager for Canal and Rivers Trust.

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6. Membership update

We are pleased to welcome two new members. Elen Rees, joined at the May meeting and as noted above, Denise Brookes joined last week. **The total membership now stands at 169.**

Please note: Annual Membership of £5 is now overdue (beginning of May 2024). If you have already set up regular membership payment thank you! If you haven't yet and would like to, please see "How to join us" on [our website](#) and the link at [top of our FB page](#).

7. NLBS and members responses to consultations

a. **Westmorland and Furness Local Plan Consultation 8th July – 9th September 2024** <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/localplan>

b. Lancashire County Council are consulting on their draft "Safer Cycling" action plan – [available here](#) – and want feedback **by 31 August**. Any comments should be sent to the road safety education email: roadsafetyeducation@lancashire.gov.uk.

8. Any other business

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

Date of next meetings, 7:30pm, Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Hanging Green Lane, Slyne with Hest Nr Lancaster LA2 6JB

Tuesday 10th September

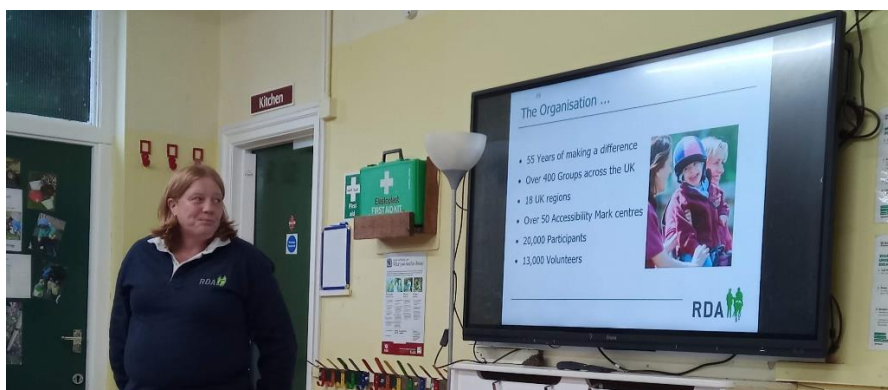
Tuesday 12th November

Speaker:

Our speaker for Tuesday 9th July 2024 was Rebecca Kemp from the [Westmoreland Riding for the Disabled Association](#). Rebecca explained that the "Riding for the Disabled Association is a national organisation which for the last 55 years has provided people with disabilities the opportunity primarily to ride or carriage drive to promote their health and wellbeing. Over these years the organisation has expanded to include vaulting, polo, showjumping, dressage, endurance and tea with a pony. She shared inspirational stories and pictures about the work of the RDA.

The organisation involves over 470 groups, 14,000 volunteers and 5,000 horses and ponies providing over 200,000 sessions each year to 25,000 children and adults. Within Lancashire there are 5 groups and in Cumbria a further 7 all operating a range of activities.

For more information please see: [Riding for the Disabled Association \(RDA\) - Enriching lives through horses](#)



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