

## NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

### Minutes of the general meeting held on 10 September 2015

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed new member Karen Kirkby.
2. **Apologies:** Jackie Millett, Julie Sico.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Frances Clisham, seconded by Sue Clowes.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **NLBS Famous Tack Sale, 11.00 – 2.00 Sunday 18 October, Hest Bank LA2 6JB** Volunteers needed to help on the day. We also need cakes and sandwiches for the refreshment stall, these can be brought to the venue on Sunday morning or left with Eve on Saturday 17th. Details are available on website.
6. **Bridleway at Thrushgill near Wray:** David Goode, Public Rights of Way Manager, Lancaster City Council is currently working with landowners to restore a bridleway near Wray. NLBS member Sheena Robertson has walked the route and provided photographs/descriptions of any problem areas which need attention. Discussions have taken place with one landowner who would like a section of the BW diverted along an existing footpath. The Group plan to offer some financial assistance. We'll keep the Group informed of progress. Once the route has been restored please park up and use it.
7. **Bridleway Clearance – 11.00 Sunday 27 Sep:** Meet and park at Catch 23, Kellet Lane, Carnforth LA6 1JU. Bring along gloves and any tools you may have that are suitable for clearing vegetation. Tea/coffee and cakes provided.
8. **Bridleway routes:**
  - (i) If you have any possible bridleway routes that you would like researching please contact Denise Woodcock tel: 01524 730514.
  - (ii) The application for the route through Thwaite Brow Woods and Mount Pleasant Bolton le Sands to be recorded as a bridleway is progressing.
  - (iii) Ailsa is currently trying to obtain details of the bridleway promised as part of the Heysham Link Road project to establish what is planned and ensure it is appropriately surfaced and separated from the bypass.
  - (iv) Investigations are underway on a possible bridleway near Capernwray, we'll report any progress on this.
9. **Ragwort.** Local farmers are concerned over the amount of ragwort in the area and have approached the Group with a request to write a letter of complaint to the council requesting they undertake measures to control the spread. It was suggested that in addition to this, individual members could report any incidences of ragwort occurring on the highway verges etc via the "Fault Reporting" facility on Lancashire County Council website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel) click on "report it" and enter details.
10. **Pleasure rides:**
  - (i) **Barton Ride - Saturday 3 Oct:** Start Barton EC, Bilsborrow PR3 0RR. Enquiries to: Janet Bebbington on 01995 670887 [jbebbington@btinternet.com](mailto:jbebbington@btinternet.com)
  - (ii) **Ulnes Walton BW Halloween Ride – Sunday 1 Nov:** Entries to:- Sue Taylor-Green, Nursery Cottage, Ulnes Walton Lane, Leyland Lancashire. PR26 8LU Tel: 01772 436043 email: [suetaylorgreen@hotmail.com](mailto:suetaylorgreen@hotmail.com)
11. **Any other business:**
  - (i) *Hi Viz clothing* – It was brought to the Group's attention that a recent magazine article had suggested Hi Viz made no difference to rider safety on the road. The Group continue to encourage all horse riders to follow British Horse Society's advice to "Be seen to be safe" and wear Hi Viz clothing when riding.

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- (ii) *BHS Essential Horse Knowledge Certificate – Helen Wain BHSAI*  
7.00-9.00pm Tues 20 Oct, Over Kellet Village Hall, LA6 1DT  
Seven week course aimed at first time horse owners. For more information visit:  
[www.bhs.org.uk/training-and-qualifications/exams-and-qualifications/essential-horse-knowledge-certificates](http://www.bhs.org.uk/training-and-qualifications/exams-and-qualifications/essential-horse-knowledge-certificates) or contact Helen directly on helenwain@talktalk.net or 01524 736606
- (iii) *BHS Access Training Day*: Everyone has now received their certificates and we hope to have the next stage early next year.

Eve welcomed Mike Tyrell from Lancaster City Council Pest Control Service, who provided information on the various pest complaints they are called out to including rats, mice, fleas, bees, wasps and cockroaches. He also shared amusing anecdotes of some of the more unusual callouts the service had received.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 10 November 2015**

***Speaker: Meg Crossley, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Airedale Hospital***

***First Aid – what to do when out on a ride if the rider suffers an injury***

**Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB**

**Please come along and bring a friend**