

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting – 10 May 2016

1. **Welcome and New Members:** Eve welcomed all members.
2. **Minutes of the Last AGM 12 May 2015:** These were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Julie Trafford and seconded by Ann Rigby.
3. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairperson's and Secretary's Annual Report:** Another busy and successful year!

We had a variety of speakers and events over the year. They included:

An interesting talk by Sue White on Horse Boots in July

An informative and entertaining presentation by Mike Tyrell from Lancaster City Council Pest Control Service in September.

Tack sale in October raised £650. A special mention of thanks to Chris Bell who organised the tack sale for the first time this year.

In November, Meg Crossley gave a very useful talk on First Aid for Riders.

Adey, dog handler talked about the work of Lancashire Police Dog Unit in January.

Christmas Meal was very successful,

In March, Sue Millard stepped in at short notice to give a very interesting talk on the history of the Fell Pony.

Many successful events - thanks to everyone who helped – we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you Julie Sico for organising all the speakers at our meetings. Members are asked to let Julie have any ideas for future speakers.

16 members attended an extremely interesting and informative course delivered by Chris Peat, North West Regional Access and Bridleways Officer (RABO), about claiming bridleways and much more. It is hoped to arrange a Level 2 course in the future.

Ailsa Gibson has worked hard on preparing the information for the modification order for the route through Thwaite Brow Woods and Mount Pleasant in Bolton le Sands. The officers and Rights of Way Committee at Lancashire County Council (LCC) have accepted the evidence NLBS submitted (historical and user evidence) for the route. The Council have decided to make a legal Order to revise the Definitive Map and mark the route as part-bridleway, part by-way and part-public road. We don't yet know when the Order will be made. It is in a queue in LCC's legal department

Members visits: There were 2 visits to the Lancashire Mounted Police Division and a visit to the Black Horse Fresian Stud at Cartmel. All three visits were well attended. Thanks go to Julie Sico for arranging the visits.

The group has been actively working on Bridleway Clearance for example, in September, 12 volunteers cleared a byway near Hutton Roof. We have also purchased a hedge trimmer which has proved invaluable. Thanks to Nick who has been using the hedge trimmer to good effect!

This year, we have continued to improve bridleway gates and latches. Members are asked to let us know if there are any in their area which need attention.

Unfortunately, due to the appallingly wet winter the races at Whittington this Easter were cancelled so we were unable to help out as we usually do. We also had to cancel our Annual Ride this year – hopes are that these two important events will be part of our calendar next year.

Many thanks to Julie Trafford who circulates our information via email and who has established and maintained our Facebook page, Kay Edwards for taking the minutes of meetings and Sheena Robertson, Newsletter editor for the recent edition. Please let Sheena have your photos, ride reports, horsey holiday ideas, in fact anything you think might be of interest to members.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way at all throughout the year!

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5. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila Kissack circulated copies of the accounts, NLBS has £3643 in current account and £6746 in the deposit account.
6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** : There have been 12 new members since May 2015. The membership currently stands at 213 individuals, including 10 honorary members. However, a total of 37 members subs are overdue from 2014 and 2015 (of which 9 are family members). When these are removed the membership will be reduced to 176. Renewals are now due for 2016.
Membership forms and requests to pay by standing order can be downloaded from the NLBS website. Copies were also available at the meeting.

Overdue May 2014	28
Overdue May 2015:	26
Due May 2016:	32
Due May 2017	11
Standing Orders	106*
Honorary Members:	<u>10</u>
	<u>213</u>

*9 standing orders were not renewed in 2015, these are still included in the above totals but will be removed next month

7. Election of Officers

All current officers are willing to continue in their current roles

President	Lady Reay	
Chairperson:	Eve Hall	
Vice Chairperson:	Julie Sico	also speakers, Lancaster Guardian, Visit co-ord
Treasurer:	Sheila Kissak	
Secretary:	Frances Clisham	
Minutes Secretary:	Kay Edwards	
Agenda Secretary	Denise Woodcock	
Membership Secretary:	Kate Lennox	
e-mail/Facebook:	Julie Trafford	
Newsletter:	Sheena Robinson	
NLBS Brochure:	Janet Casey	
Rides Leaflets	Ann and Rose Thornton	
Official Website co-ord:	Sue Millard	

8. **Public relations** It would be useful to have someone responsible for taking photos and writing up accounts of events for example to send to BHS for inclusion in their publications or local newspaper to keep up the profile of the Bridleways. If anyone would like to volunteer please contact Eve.

9. **Any Other Business:** None

Bridget Pickthall proposed a vote of thanks to the committee for their hard work over the last year this was seconded by all those in attendance

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Minutes of the general meeting held on 10 May 2016

It was with sadness Eve informed the group of the sudden death of Mal Lindsay, husband of long time member Caroline. The Group were also informed of the death of Jean Rogers, BHS representative for many years and known to many. Cards of condolence have been sent to both families.

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed all members
2. **Apologies:** Liz Davison, Steve and Linda Hobson, Sheena Robertson, Julie Sico.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Tribute to Cedric Robinson MBE, Queen's Guide to the Sands** In honour of his long service Grange Town Council commissioned a bronze plaque of Cedric's walking feet. The presentation took place earlier this year in a ceremony at Victoria Hall, Grange over Sands. The plaque will be set in the ground at the entrance to Cedric Walk, Grange over Sands. Eve wrote on behalf of all NLBS members who had enjoyed riding safely across the bay under Cedric's guidance.
6. **Used Postage Stamps for Bransby – Rescue and Welfare** - Eve forwarded all the used postage stamps members had collected and a letter of thanks has been received from Bransby.
7. **Bridleway news** The contractor is looking to repair gates at Yealand Redmayne, Tunstall and Bolton le Sands.
Ailsa is continuing to investigate routes that may be suitable for Definitive Map Modification Orders.
8. **Newsletter** Eve asked the Group for ideas as to where copies of the newsletter could be distributed eg tack shops or other areas where equine enthusiasts may pick up a copy. Please send any stories, photos, items of interest to Sheena for inclusion - email newsletter@nlbs.org.uk
9. **Update of website** The website has been streamlined with the help of Sue Millard. If you have anything you would like including eg riding routes to add then contact Frances, email secretary@nlbs.org.uk
10. **Local rides and events**
 - (i) *Cross Bay Ride – Monday 13 June, 12 noon Humphrey Head* For more information and to book please contact Phyllis Capstick tel: 01729 850295
 - (ii) *Knott End Charity pleasure ride – Saturday 25 June 2016*
Contact: Julie Mcinerney email julz1511@yahoo.co.uk
 - (iii) *Insight Night – World Horse Welfare – Tuesday 24 May 2016*
An evening of demonstrations and information to help you and your horse. Secondhand tack shop will be open. Tickets £5. For more information and to book call in at the farm or tel: 01253 766983
 - (iv) *Morecambe Bay Riding Club shows: Sunday 19 June, 10 July and 14 August.*
11. **NLBS 20th Anniversary 2017** Ideas invited for ways in which to celebrate the 20th anniversary next year. Let Eve know or bring along to next meeting.
12. **Road Safety Leaflets** We have leaflets to distribute to local driving schools, test centres and lorry parks. Let us know if there is somewhere you would like us to leave a supply of leaflets.
13. **Any other business:** None.

Ron Black gave a very interesting talk about the History of Lakeland Hunting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 12 July 2016

Speaker to be confirmed

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend