

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting – 8 May 2018

1. **Welcome and New Members:** Eve welcomed everyone to the meeting along with new member Phyllis Coulsting
2. **Apologies:** Lorraine Chambers, Steve and Linda Hobson, Julie Sico, Julie Trafford.
3. **Minutes of the Last AGM 9 May 2017:** These were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Diane Richmond and seconded by Kay Edwards.
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
5. **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:

In May, we celebrated our 20th Anniversary! Mark Weston, British Horse Society Director of Access presented Eve with an Access Award and the NLBS with a certificate of recognition for the 20 years the NLBS had been in existence. Everyone enjoyed the special cake!!

The Annual Ride was held in May and was enjoyed by the 35 riders who took part. We hope for more participants for the 2018 ride that we are going to run in conjunction with Cumbria Bridleways Society and The Rosemere Cancer Foundation.

In July, we had an interesting talk by Lianne O'Boyle from Northern Laser Therapy on Class 4 Laser Treatment.

We had an informative presentation by Rebecca Sisson in September about the subtle signs an uncomfortable horse might show.

The Tack sale in October raised over £500. Although numbers were a bit down this year, a good profit nonetheless!

In November, a representative from The Calvert Trust spoke about providing challenging outdoor adventure holidays for people with disabilities"

Liz Davison gave a very interesting talk to our January meeting about taking her horse to a TREC competition in Europe.

The Christmas Meal was very successful.

In March, Jess Wain talked entertainingly about her adventures competing in TREC competitions both in the UK and abroad.

Sheena Robertson produced our latest Newsletter in March, many thanks to Sheena for all her hard work. Please let Sheena have any photos, ride reports, horsey holiday ideas, in fact, anything you think might be of interest to members for the next NLBS Newsletter.

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

Bridleway News:

- i. In September, several members helped clear the bridleway at the Lune Millennium Path in Halton.
- ii. There is a new Bridleway at Wray – a new circular route near Lower Broadwood Farm. Thanks to Michael Helme for his work on this.
- iii. Michael has also informed us of two proposed bridleways, one from Mill Head to Warton and the other in the AONB, just north west of Gait Barrows. Also, Forest of Bowland AONB have received funding for a full time Rights of Way person. NLBS has pledged to support these initiatives in any way we can.
- iv. We are still working on a list of potential bridleways claims and will be arranging a meeting to further this work.
- v. We are still waiting for Lancashire County Council to make a legal Order to revise the Definitive Map and mark the route through Thwaite Brow Woods and Mount Pleasant in Bolton le Sands as part-bridleway, part-by-way and part-public road. It was in a queue in Lancashire's legal department, but we have heard recently from David Goode that progress on making Orders is now going well so this one should be made soon. Thanks to Ailsa Gibson for following this up.
- vi. BHS Road Safety Leaflets have been distributed to garages etc.

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- vii. Many thanks to Julie Trafford who circulated our information via email and who looks after our Facebook page. Julie has now handed this over to Tracy Howard, Ailsa Gibson and Graeme Bruce – many thanks to the new team! Thanks also to Kay Edwards for taking the minutes of meetings.
 - viii. Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way at all throughout the year! We couldn't do it without you!
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Sheila Kissack circulated copies of the accounts, NLBS has £3656 in current account and £6774 in the deposit account. Contact Sheila if you would like a copy of the full breakdown.
7. **Membership Secretary's Report:** There have been 7 new members since May 2017. The membership currently stands at 175 individuals, including 10 honorary members. Reminders have been emailed to the 9 subscriptions that are overdue for 2016 and 2017. Renewals are now due for 2018. Membership forms and requests to pay by standing order can be downloaded from the NLBS website. Copies were also available at the meeting.

	No. of Members
Overdue May 2016	4
Due May 2017	7
Due May 2018	41
Due May 2019	6
Due May 2020	2
Standing Orders	105
Honorary Members:	<u>10</u>
	<u>175</u>

8. **Election of Officers**

All current officers are willing to continue in their current roles

President	Lady Killearn (formerly Reay)	
Chairperson:	Eve Hall	
Vice Chairperson:	Julie Sico	also speakers, Lancaster Guardian, Visit co-ord
Treasurer:	Sheila Kissack	
Secretary:	Frances Clisham	
Minutes Secretary:	Kay Edwards	
Agenda Secretary	Denise Woodcock	
Membership Secretary:	Kate Lennox	
e-mail/Facebook:	Julie Trafford, Tracey Howard, Ailsa Gibson, Graham Bruce	
Newsletter:	Sheena Robertson	
NLBS Brochure:	Janet Casey	
Rides Leaflets	Ann and Rose Thornton	
Official Website co-ord:	Sue Millard	

9. **Any Other Business:** None

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Minutes of general meeting held on 8 May 2018

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3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
Proposed: Ann Rigby, seconded Diane Richmond.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **New Data Protection Regulations** – new regulations come into force at the end of May. The Group are in the process of ascertaining requirements to conform with this legislation and an email will be circulated shortly which will require members to respond. It would be greatly appreciated if members could provide a prompt response.
6. **Dynamo Cycle Campaign** – there are plans by the Council for a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Lancaster to be drawn up and Dynamo are to be consulted on this. Dynamo are asking their members for ideas of what infrastructure to include in a 'wish list' so Eve is going to write to the Group to put forward a case for the inclusion of horse riding in this plan.
7. **Bridleway news:**
 - (i) Bridleway clearance – at the end of April volunteers from NLBS joined members from Cumbria Bridleways to clear an overgrown bridleway near Endmoor.
 - (ii) Gates in need of repair – the Group have been notified of several gates in the Tunstall area and one in the Yealand area that are in need of repair. A local contractor has been instructed to carry out the necessary repairs.
8. **Any other business:**
 - (i) *Towpath Trail Project* Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership (LCRP) are developing a Towpath Trail between Kendal and Lancaster, improving access, signage and interpretation. They are holding Roadshows around the area to share their improvement ideas and find out about the issues you see on Lancaster Canal. Please go along and give your support for the inclusion of horse riders. The Roadshows are being held between 4 – 8 pm at the following venues:
Carnforth Canal Turn – Wednesday 30 May
White Cross Lancaster – Thursday 31 May
The Factory Tap, Kendal Thursday 7 June
Holme Village Hall – Thursday 14 June
 - (ii) *Bowland TREC Group - Level 1 TREC Competition 16 and 17 June*, Tarnwater Farm, Ashton with Stodday LA2 0AH
Entries secretary: Diane Richmond email: diane2richmond@yahoo.com or visit www.trecgb.com.

Speaker: Yvette Pavelyn from Classic Hackers gave an overview of their tailor made horse riding holidays and guided rides. More info at www.classic-hackers.co.uk. There was also a short presentation from Rachel Hamer who recently qualified as a McTimoney practitioner.

Next meeting: AGM and General meeting Tuesday, 10th July 2018

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Hest Bank LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend