

# NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

## Minutes of general meeting held on 8 January 2019

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed everyone to the meeting and new member Suzanne Davis.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Armitage, Janet Bebbington, Frances Clisham, Sue Clowes, Phyllis Coulsting, Elaine Edmondson, Kate Lennox, Petra Rowley, Sue White.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Sue Nelson, seconded: Bridget Pickthall.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Thanks from Rosemere Cancer Foundation** – a letter of thanks has been received for the £800 donation following our successful joint fundraising ride with Cumbria BW Society. The monies contributed towards their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal. A further £400 for the appeal was raised through sale of refreshments and raffle. Thank you to all who contributed to this event.
6. **Christmas Meal, Smithy Inn, Holme - 25 January** final numbers were established and payment collected.
7. **Horse Access Campaign (HAC)** – following a call for examples where horses have been excluded on new off road paths to be sent to the BHS the NLBS wrote highlighting the decision to exclude horses from the Towpath Trail.
8. **Bridleway News**
  - (i) Due to illness the planned bridleway gate repairs have been delayed.
  - (ii) *Thwaite Brow Woods, Bolton le Sands* – conservation work has begun. The bridleway through the woods may be blocked at times due to tree felling.
  - (iii) *BW 10 – Yealand Redmayne* – the fallen tree no longer obstructs the bridleway
  - (iv) *Arnsdale and Silverdale ANOB Landscape Trust* - the Trust has purchased two meadows at Coldwell on the main route between Silverdale and the Yealands. The new land is adjacent to Back Wood owned by RSPB. One of the Trust's plans for the new land is to make a concessionary bridleway to provide a safe route for horse riders between Cold Well Lane and the road to Silverdale this path would connect with an existing permissive route. An appeal has been launched. Further information on the Coldwell Project is available at [www.landscapetrust.org.uk](http://www.landscapetrust.org.uk).
9. **Any other business and dates for your diary:**
  - (i) **Karl Greenwood, Rider Confidence Seminar – Sat 2 February 2019 at 13.00** Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Slyne with Hest LA2 6JB. £25 - must be booked in advance. Further places are available as the larger hall has now been booked. For more information and to book a place contact Liz at [klmdavison@btopenworld.com](mailto:klmdavison@btopenworld.com)
  - (ii) Field shelter/stable – member Bev Hodgson recommended Bespoke Timber Construction – [www.stables-northwest.co.uk](http://www.stables-northwest.co.uk)

*Viv Wood-Gee kept us enthralled with tales of her journey to visit the various white horse sites scattered over Britain. Riding her fell pony Micky (Murthwaite Mikado) along with Magic (Murthwaite Magic Spell) they covered in excess of 1500 miles in 3 months. Raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK. Further information is available at [www.horselandjourney.uk](http://www.horselandjourney.uk)*

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 12 March 2019**

*Liz Davison, TREC GB International rider will give a talk on her Italian adventure – competing at the TREC European Championships*

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

**Please come along and bring a friend**