

North Lancashire Bridleway Society

Minutes of general meeting held on 9 November 2021

1. **Welcome and new members:** There have been no new members since the last meeting. The membership total at November 2021 was 156 and 16 honorary members, there are several subscriptions still overdue.
2. **Apologies:** Janet Bebbington, Eve Hall, Suzanne Davies, Denise Woodcock, Kate Lennox, Helen Wain
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Item 8 Election of Officers should read:
e-mail/Facebook: Sue Armitage, Tracey Howard, Ailsa Gibson, Graeme Bruce. The minutes were then confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Diane Richmond, seconded Carol Dial.
4. **Matters Arising:** Secretary's job – this post becomes vacant in May 2022. Details of the duties involved were circulated at the meeting. Further info is available from Frances email: secretary@nlbs.org.uk. The Chairman and Treasurer posts will also become vacant in May 2022.
5. **Bridleway News –**
 - (i) *Greenhill Lane, Nether Kellet* – a definitive map modification order has been submitted to upgrade this to a bridleway. It will be discussed at a council meeting on 17 November 2021. If you are local and have regularly ridden this route in the past or keep horses nearby and would benefit from riding the route in the future a polite email outlining why it would be important to you should be sent to the Planning Committee Chair Sue Hind.
 - (ii) *Helton to Whale BW No. 305007* – Although this bridleway is in Cumbria it is within a reasonable distance for riders from North Lancashire to have ridden along the route. The bridleway route crosses the river Lowther by a bridge though horse riders have been known to use the adjacent ford which has now been fenced off. The bridge has gates at either end which are difficult to negotiate on horseback and there is chicken wire on the timber deck which is a potential hazard for horses. Cumbria Bridleways are hoping to resolve this situation with the landowner.
6. **Used Postage Stamps.** Please bring these along to the next meeting and we will forward them to Bransby Horses Rescue and Welfare Charity.
7. **Any other business:**
 - (i) **Christmas meal:** if there is sufficient interest we will need a volunteer to organise this for late January 2022. Please let Eve or Frances know if you are willing to do this.
 - (ii) **BHS Riding Out Safely Silver Challenge Award**
BHS Accredited Trainer - Helen Wain, is willing to run a course for people to achieve this award. Helen can be contacted via email: helenwain@talktalk.

Speaker: Alan Hiscox, Director of Safety, British Horse Society

A presentation on the work being undertaken by BHS to ensure road safety for horse riders through the Dead Slow campaign and their work to ensure horse riders are included in the new Highway Code. There is a new horse incidents reporting app, *Horse i*, which allows you to quickly and easily submit details of any incidents you encounter directly to the BHS via your mobile or tablet device. Incidents can also be reported at www.horseincidents.org.uk.

**Next meeting: AGM Tuesday, 11 January 2022
Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Hest Bank LA2 6JB**

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Please come along and bring a friend