

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting – 10 May 2022

1. **Welcome:** Eve welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Julie Sico, Sheena Robertson, Suzanne Davies, Lesley Owen
3. **Minutes of the Last AGM 14 September 2021:** These were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Carol Dial, seconded Helen Wain.
4. **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Chairperson's and Secretary's Annual Report:**
This is a short report as the last AGM was held in September 2021 due to the pandemic. That was the first meeting we had been able to hold since the lockdown in March 2020 and it was great to be able to meet up again.

We have had some great speakers over the last few months. Helen Wain spoke to us about her experiences attending Equirando in France, Alan Hiscox from the British Horse Society spoke about the work undertaken by the BHS on Road Safety, Clare Guest from Bowland Equine Therapy spoke to us about Equine Hydrotherapy and David Wilson from Clean-a-Bean spoke about Equine Genital Hygiene. Altogether a fascinating and entertaining programme. Many thanks to Julie Sico who has organised our programme of speakers. If you have any ideas for future speakers, please let Julie know. Without Julie's commitment to finding speakers, our Society wouldn't be in its present healthy state.

We are also very grateful to Sheena Robertson for the lively and interesting Newsletters she has provided – these have been much appreciated! If you have any ideas/items for future Newsletters, please pass them on to Sheena.

Our wonderful volunteer, Di Brooksbank who has applied to Lancashire County Council to have horse access to many routes correctly recorded on the Definitive Map, and Ailsa Gibson has made great efforts to take this work forward – thank you for all your hard work. Defra have dropped the deadline of 2026 being the final time that applications can be made to modify the Definitive Map. This is good news, but the work still needs to be done on this.

Thanks to Susan Armitage for looking after the email circulation of information to members. Thanks also to Kate Lennox for looking after the membership list – a considerable task. Thanks also to everyone else who helps in running our Society.

Thanks also to Denise Woodcock for all her work preparing Agendas for several years.

Please remember if you encounter a problem with a bridleway in Lancashire, report it to Lancashire County Council via their website.

Plans are in place to hold the Tack Sale later this year – it will be good to have this popular event back on our calendar.

This is the last report prepared by Eve and Frances. We would like to thank everyone for their support – we couldn't have done it without you!

Eve Hall and Frances Clisham, May 2022

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the accounts were circulated at the meeting. Proposed: Ann Rigby, Seconded: Jan Crookes
7. **Membership Secretary's Report:** There have been 3 new members during the last year. The membership currently stands at 159 including 16 honorary members.

During the past two years of pandemic restrictions, it has been difficult to obtain subscriptions from members who pay in cash so there are still 5 subscriptions overdue from May 2019, 10 from May 2020 and 10 from May 2021

The table below is a breakdown of membership numbers and shows the overdue subscriptions compared to actual member numbers.

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	No. of members	No. of Subs
Due May 2019	5	4
Due May 2020	10	10
Due May 2021	10	10
Due May 2022	7	6
Due May 2023	8	6
Due May 2024	3	2
Due May 2026	1	1
Regular payments	99	87
Honorary Members	16	0
	159	126

8. Election of Officers

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President	Lady Killearn	to continue	
Chairperson:	Bridget Pickthall	Kate Lennox	Susan Armitage
Vice Chairperson:	Julie Sico	to continue	
Treasurer:	Liz Davison	Janet Casey	Carol Dial
Secretary:	Sue Clowes	Helen Wain	Bridget Pickthall
Assistant Secretary (Rights of Way, website, reporting):	Ailsa Gibson	Ann Rigby	Susan Armitage
Minutes Secretary:	Sue Armitage	Ailsa Gibson	Carol Dial
Membership Secretary: e-mail/Facebook:	Kate Lennox	to continue	
Newsletter:	Ailsa Gibson, Graeme Bruce		
Rides Leaflets	Sheena Robertson		
Official Website co-ord:	Ann and Rose Thornton		
	Sue Millard		

- 9 **Any Other Business:** A vote of thanks was taken for the long serving members of the committee who retired at this AGM.

Minutes of general meeting held on 10 May 2022

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2. **Apologies:** Julie Sico, Sheena Robertson, Suzanne Davies, Lesley Owen
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Carol Dial, seconded Helen Wain.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Recent Surveys**
 - (i) Thank you to everyone who responded to the Three Counties Project survey and Lancashire LCWIP Engagement survey.

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- (ii) *Farleton Knott* – an application is being submitted to have a route over Farleton Knott designated as a public bridleway (details of the exact route have been circulated to members via email along with a user evidence form for completion). User evidence forms are needed to support this application so if you have ever ridden this route, please complete a form and forward it to Hannah Gardner, email: hannah@envtech.co.uk
- 6. **Afternoon Tea 2.15pm Wednesday 25 May, The Barn, Scorton** – it was suggested we hold an Afternoon Tea instead of the annual Christmas meal which had been put on hold during the pandemic so Diane Richmond has kindly organised this for us. If you would like attend, please let Diane know by 16 May - email diane2richmond@yahoo.com or phone 01524 791821.
- 7. **NLBS Tack Sale** – Sunday 23 October 2022, Hest Bank Memorial Hall – please make a note of the date. Full details will be circulated in due course.
- 8. **Any other business:**
 - (i) *Caton Moor bridleway* - very strong springs fitted have been fitted to some of the gates on this route and they are proving quite difficult for riders to negotiate without dismounting. It was suggested that a mounting block would be very useful or something suitable that could be put in-situ for riders to remount from.
 - (ii) *Cumbria Bridleways Society Guided Jubilee ride, Roundthwaite Common, Tebay* – Saturday 4 June 2022 – if you are a member of CBS and have always wanted to ride in the fells but not got around to it or didn't have anyone to go with, here is your opportunity. Closing date 31 May 2022. Places are limited. For further information contact Lisa Hartley email: hartleyshome@aol.com

Speaker: Vyv Wood Gee - entertained us with her adventures whilst riding the Lady Anne's Way - a 100 mile route from Skipton to Penrith. Also, the Sandstone Way another long distance route from Hexham to Holy Island.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 12 July 2022

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Hest Bank LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend