

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2007

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, opened the meeting by wishing all members a Happy New Year.
2. The following new members were welcomed- Ben & Katy Draper (Winmarleigh), Alison Law (Brookhouse), Rachael Edmonds (Hest Bank), Bridget Pickthall (Hincaster), Alice Beck (Newton-in-Furness), Vanessa Burns, (Aspatria), Lauren Douglas (Winmarleigh), Jenny Creaney (Burton-in-Kendal), Sarah Milligan (Carnforth), Marilyn Dugdale (Hutton Roof), Alison Fiddler (Fulwood), Carol Dial (Great Eccleston) and Zoe Greenwood (Borwick) has re-joined.
3. Apologies for Absence:- Lorraine Hind, Pauline McCartney, Janet Bebbington
4. Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2006 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
5. Matters arising:- none
6. Thanks were given to Sheena for another brilliant newsletter
7. NLBS has been awarded a £4,250 grant towards researching bridleways, from 'Awards for All'. As a result their logo will be appearing on our letterhead in future.
8. Cumbria Bridleways Society has been in touch to give advance notice that the 'Packs & Tracks' event will be running again at Brockhole in 2008. We will be attending with our displays etc
9. Members were told of 2 problem routes being investigated at present – Beaumont Cote to Nether Kellet, and Thursland Hall
10. Social Rides:-
On 10th December Eve and Chris Bell led rides from Bolton le Sands, which were very much enjoyed.
On 18th February 2007 there will be a ride from the Derby Arms at Witherslack & at Easter, Vicky Lowe will lead a ride round the Settle Loop. See overleaf for contact details.
11. The Christmas meal was confirmed for 2nd Feb at the Scarthwaite Hotel at Crook o' Lune. Deposits were taken at the meeting.
12. Anne Thornton has prepared around 20 riding routes throughout the area, for all interested. Blackpool Tourism is interested in assisting with funding to develop these, so this is being followed up.
13. Any other business:-
 - i) The disused railway line between Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh is to become a multi-user track. Good news!
 - ii) Attention was brought to the HOYS overnight trip advertised in the Lancaster Guardian and Morecambe Visitor
 - iii) A letter has been received from the BHS thanking NLBS for all its hard work and for being such a long-running and well-supported group.
 - iv) A member of Craven Bridleways is to give a talk at Austwick in the summer on the group's trips to Spain. More details at a later date.
 - v) A reminder that we need a new Treasurer. Can somebody please volunteer.
 - vi) Glasson Country Supplies is organising a range of events over the coming months and is also holding a NLBS preview sale night in February. Details will be sent round.

A presentation was given by Anita Knagg on Riding and Road Safety. Anita is the BHS Road Safety representative for Lancashire. She reported that there are 3million riders in the UK and 8 accidents are reported daily. 16 riders are killed each year, with half of all accidents happening on minor roads. The BHS runs a Riding & Road Safety Test which has 3 sections:- a theory test, a simulated road route test, and a road route test on the public highway. Contact Anita for details of where training and tests are being held, or hold your own if you have a minimum of 8 people interested. (max 16) The test costs £30 for BHS members and under-16s, or £40 for others, The cost of training varies but is generally about £200 split between all participants.

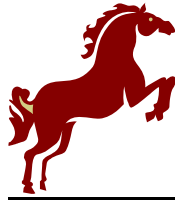
Anita stressed the importance of wearing hi-viz and reflective clothing for horse and rider. At 30mph a rider wearing such clothing can be seen 3 seconds earlier ie 40 metres sooner. This increases to 80m at 60mph. There was an opportunity for questions, which was very popular. Subjects covered included road safety training for car drivers, whether riders should try to control other traffic, the pros and cons of riding 2 abreast, and reporting accidents to the Police & BHS.

It was a very interesting and useful presentation, with some shocking statistics.

Date of next meeting 13th March 2007 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.

The speaker will be Vyv Wood-Gee, who rode her Fell pony from John o' Groats to Lands End.

Everyone welcome and please bring a friend.



North Lancashire Bridleway Society
Pleasure Rides
2007

18th February 2007 – Witherslack

Lyn Hodgson Tel No.. 015395 52293

April – Easter (date to be confirmed) – The Settle Loop

Vicky Lowe, tel no. 01524 832526

28th April – NLBS Fundraising Ride – Warton

Other rides but dates to be confirmed:

- Kath Richardson – Gisburn Forest
- Kath Richardson - Austwick
- Janet Bebbington – Out Rawcliffe or Fleetwood

Additional Information

- West Craven Bridleways Association is to hold an evening meeting at Craven College Equestrian Centre, Skipton when there will be two speakers, with refreshments between the two sessions. The speakers will be Anita Knagg, BHS Road Safety Officer, and Gareth Evans who is working on the Settle Loop & the Pennine Bridleway. The **provisional** date for this meeting is 13th. March at 7.30p.m. and the meeting is open to anyone. NLBS members will be especially welcome. Kath Richardson, who is Chairperson of West Craven BA & also a member of NLBS, will confirm the date a.s.a.p. but if you want to check with her then please 'phone 015242 51488 or e-mail: katie@pkrs.wanadoo.co.uk
- **ANNUAL CHARITY HORSE RIDE** to be held on Sunday 22nd April 2007 at Cardinal Allen High School, Fleetwood. The ride will consist of approx 1 mile of road, a couple of miles of bridleway and the rest is along the beach towards Blackpool (total 25km). Shorter route available. The cost of entry is £15 per rider in advance or £17 on the day. Free refreshments to all riders. Rosettes to all those who complete the ride. Entry forms available from: The PTA, Cardinal Allen High School, Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood, Lancs FY7 8AY tel; 01253 872659 **Please enclose a large SAE with sufficient postage and mark the envelope with "horse ride"**.
- Members have been asking for ads to be placed in the minutes, and in the past these requests have sometimes been met. However, there is a relevant section on the website, so in future all such ads will be passed on to the web site.
- After the meeting we had a volunteer to act as Treasurer. Lyn Hodgson has kindly offered to take on this task & will take over from Liz. in the near future. Thanks Lyn! How wonderful to have a volunteer!
- We would still like more volunteers to lead rides, especially for the second half of the year. Please contact

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