

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2007

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed all new members. These are J. Almond (Blackpool), Emma Walsh, Karen Helliwell and Diane Russell (Lancaster) and Jackie Naylor (Halton). We now have 300 paid-up members!
2. Apologies for Absence:- Rosemary Worrall, Jim McQueen, Janet Bebbington, Pauline McCartney, Kath Richardson, Claire Simpson, Sheena Robertson, Pat & Clive Gregory, Rachael Edmonds & Barbara Hartley.
3. Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2007 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. Matters arising:- Lyn Hodgson has kindly volunteered to take over the Treasurer role in the near future. Thanks Lyn!
5. Liz Davidson was thanked for organising the 'Christmas' meal at the Scarthwaite Hotel, which was well-attended and enjoyed by all.
6. Eve announced that we now have a new President, Lady Reay from Whittington Hall.
7. Rose Thornton has compiled a set of local horseriding routes, which will be available shortly at £2.50 per set. The routes for the Silverdale/Arnside AONB are also at the final draft stage now, so will be printed very soon.
8. Dates have now been set for Road Safety training and tests. These are to be held in April at Wild Duck Hall – please contact Andrea Awde on 01524 833916 for details.
9. The list of monthly rides for this summer was distributed. The Settle Loop ride has now been confirmed for 11th April 2007, please contact Vicky Lowe on 01524 832526 for details. PLEASE NOTE: the Arnside Knott ride, which was scheduled for 17th June, has had to be postponed until 24th June – please contact Sue Clowes on 01524 782766 or 07766928118 for details.
10. Due to Hest Bank Memorial Hall being available earlier on a Tuesday evening, future meetings will start at 7.30pm, not 8pm.
11. May 2007 will be the 10th anniversary of NLBS. We wish to hold an event to celebrate this, and are looking for ideas. Suggestions include a BBQ at Vicky's field or Jason Lee offered to organise a day's activities at Cote Farm. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
12. We have been awarded £250 from LAMPAC towards funding more 'Caution Horse' signs.
13. The creation of a new multi-user route between Hincaster and Arnside is being investigated. Fingers crossed!
14. Complaints have been received regarding a person riding dangerously on the Millennium Track, also a rider at Warton riding off permitted routes. This is a reminder to us all to respect routes and other route-users.
15. More rides have been announced. On 3rd June there is a ride at Great Asby, Tel:01768351210 / 07980822747 and on 22nd April is the annual Cardinal Allen Ride at Fleetwood 01253 872659
16. Help is needed to man the gates at Whittington Races on Easter Saturday 7th April, also at our fundraising ride at Warton on 29th April.
17. Any other Business:-
 - i) Accident report forms (including near-misses) have been obtained from BHS and are being distributed round livery yards. Please use these.
 - ii) On 29th April there will be a Spring Working day at Primrose Hill near Ormskirk. Details from Andrea Awde, 01524 833916



North Lancashire Bridleways Society
Pleasure Rides 2007

Wednesday 11th April – Easter – The Settle Loop

Approx 10 miles. Please contact Vicky Lowe 01524 832526 or vicky.lowe453@btinternet.com
Please note Vicky is on holiday the week before so you must ring prior to the 4th April.

Sunday 29th April – NLBS Fundraising Ride – Warton

15 Miles of tracks, bridleways and country lanes. Warton, Nr Carnforth-10 mins. from Junction 35 off the M6.
Large car park with hard standing. Entry Fee £10 / £15 on the day.

Contact: Eve Hall, Rusha Lea, Hest Bank Lane, Slyne, Lancaster, LA2 6AH, Tel: - 01524 824205,
E mail: evhall@beeb.net Entry forms can be downloaded from:- www.nlbs.org.uk

Sunday 6th May - Gisburn Forest Tosside

A ride through the Forest on hard tracks and grassy paths. Lovely, quiet off-road riding, 2-3 hours Good free parking. 10.00 am start. Minimum 5 riders. Interesting link for photos and map -

[http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/Gisburnguide.pdf/\\$FILE/Gisburnguide.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/Gisburnguide.pdf/$FILE/Gisburnguide.pdf)

also nice pictures at http://www.dalehead.org/gisburn_forest.htm

Tel Kath 015242 51488 or email katie@pkrs.wanadoo.co.uk for more details or to book on the ride.

Sunday 24th June – Arnside Knott

Starting from Elmsfield Park at Holme, approx 4 hours, with a large proportion of roadwork but some nice bridlepaths and lovely views. Mainly walk and trot because there aren't many places suitable for cantering. 10.30 start. Contact Sue Clowes 01524 782766 or 07766928118.

Sunday 1st July – Scorton, Nr Garstang – Nicky Nook

Approx 6 ½ - 7 miles. Maximum of 6 riders (2 groups of 4, Janet & Liz to lead the groups). Parking will be limited so it will be an early start, 9.45 am - 10.00 am The route is quiet lanes and the bridleway through the valley and Nicky Nook.

Contact Janet Bebbington on 01995 670887 or Janet@inj.eclipse.co.UK

August- Yvett – Far Sawrey (tbc)

Sunday 9th September - Austwick

In the Three Peaks area of the Yorkshire Dales, a stones throw from Ingleton and Settle. This ride is a mixture of quiet lanes, bridleway tracks and fields in the Austwick area with fantastic views if the weather is good.

Ample parking at the free car park at Helwith Bridge. Approx 3 hours. Minimum 5 riders. Photos -

<http://www.yorkshire-dales.com/austwick-views.html>

Tel Kath 015242 51488 or email katie@pkrs.wanadoo.co.uk for more details or to book on the ride.

OTHER RIDES:

25th-28th May - Trawden Forest & Borders Bridleway Association is organising a Pendle Riding Festival with a different ride on each of the 4 days. Details from C Towneley on 01282 831832 or 07817725976

3rd June – Gt Asby, Eden Valley - Tel:01768351210 / 07980822747

22nd September – HOLKER – June Chapman e-mail Junechapman1@hotmail.com or phone no. 01229 716479