

# **NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY**

Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008

1. **Apologies** – Sharon Cash, Janet Bebbington, Sarah Webster
2. **Welcome to new members** Robert & Faye Thackeray (Bolton-le-Sands), Peter Kitt (Preston)
3. **Minutes of the May AGM** were accepted as a true record by Jeanne Smith seconded by Janis Ashworth
4. **Matters arising** – none
5. **Website Administrator's Resignation** – Sarah Harper has resigned this post and Kay Edwards has kindly taken it on. We would like to thank Sarah for her work over the past year and ask members to forward any items for the website to Kay from now on. Kay's e-mail address: [kayedwards53@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kayedwards53@hotmail.co.uk)

## **6. Ongoing Bridleway Work**

- LUNDSFIELD (Bolton le Sands to Nether Kellett) Ramblers have objected to the upgrade from a foot path to a bridleway because of loss of views however as the path is lower than the wall there is not much of a view anyway! Eve has written to CTC and Sustrans and has received replies from both now getting people on our side. This project has been ongoing over 10 years now.
- HAWESWATER (Silverdale) We can have some access if we pay for fencing to go across Fiona Lawtons Land. Mr Sharp is willing to negotiate with LCC. Natural England couldn't attend the meeting.
- ROEBURNDALE (near Wray) There are several lanes up the valley but no cross route. Two permissive bridleways have been suggested by Tarja Wilson (North & West Bowland Countryside Officer) to make the two roads into a loop and this project is progressing satisfactorily.
- CANTSFIELD - Negotiations started in 1996 to get this diversion. The CC will approach landowners for permission.
- RED WELL – One field needs a fence to keep loose horses at bay. NLBS have offered help to pay for this. Negotiations ongoing.
- GOLF BALLS – Eve was hit by a golf ball whilst riding on the Bentham Golfclub bridleway other riders beware!
- HINCASTER TRAILWAY – The meeting approved giving this group a cash sum of £200 to fund this new project.

7. **Meetings** - Vicki and Eve had a meeting with Jayne Elliot, Public Rights of Way Definitive Map Officer, at Eve's house. They drew on lots of ideas for BW's and told her of our own efforts so far. Eve attended the first Lancashire Horse Riders Forum run by Clive Weake, head of Countryside Services. Others attend were two Map Officers, Countryside Officers, Cycleway officers and BHS Bridleway Officers. He explained there was a shortage of money for opening up Bridleways (the old story!) A total of £99,300 was allocated to three BW projects none of which are in our area.

8. **Coastal Access Letter** – Vicki reported the proposed Coastal Access route is to be a four meter wide track around the GB coast; however it was NOT to be used by horse riders. **It is important for everyone to send a letter to their MP NOW otherwise we may be denied coastal access in the future.**

9. **The Famous Annual Tack Sale will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, this is a fantastic event for sellers to recycle their unwanted items and buy everybody else's! Help is needed to run it and make sandwiches and cakes to sell. This year it will be £15.00 per table, £1.00 entrance fee, posters are available to put up in your area and can be downloaded from the website.

10. **Monthly Rides** – volunteers have been thin on the ground and Eve stressed if anyone could offer to lead a ride please contact Jeanne Smith 01524781632 or 077685666624.

- **Rides and Events Planned**
- 13<sup>th</sup> July Fell Pony Show?
- 19th July Witherslack
- 21<sup>ST</sup> July Millennium Park Users Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> July Helwith Bridge

- 2<sup>nd</sup> August Towneley Park Ride
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August TREC East Marton
- 17<sup>th</sup> August Lupton Fell
- 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. Dressage to Music Charity Competition Start 4.00p.m.Myerscough. Spectators welcome. (Contact Rhona 07795 433636 or e-mail Shirley [Shirley.Richardson@rli.mbht.nhs.uk](mailto:Shirley.Richardson@rli.mbht.nhs.uk))
- 7<sup>th</sup>. Sept. Cockerham Pleasure ride (contact 07788984118 or 01524 793004)
- 14<sup>th</sup> September Whittington Ride (contact Liz. Davison 01524 811029 or [www.nlbs.org.uk](http://www.nlbs.org.uk) )
- 20<sup>th</sup> September Holker Hall Ride ( June Chapman 01229 716479 or [www.furnessrda.org.uk](http://www.furnessrda.org.uk) )
- 27<sup>th</sup> September Pony Fun Day Penrith ( contact Lisa 017684 83018 or e-mail [hartleyshome@aol.com](mailto:hartleyshome@aol.com) )
- 27<sup>th</sup>. Sept. Chipping Pleasure Ride (contact Barbara 01254 878139 or Betty 01254 878476)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Black Combe Pleasure Ride, Cumbria Riding Club Field, Newton Manor, Gosforth (contact Andy 01946 821951)

11. The BHS Conference is on the 21st<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at Penrith, BHS and Bridleways **members can attend free.**

12. **Proposed Horse Count** – Eve felt it was important to hold another horse count in our area as the population had doubled since the last one. Forms are being produced for this purpose.  
No names would be recorded. We need every member to assist with this job as up to date information will be of great assistance at meetings with Council and Countryside Officers etc.

### 13. AOB

A Laptop computer was purchased for NLBS use some while ago. It was felt we needed to buy PowerPoint as an add-on to use for presentations. The meeting agreed this would be useful.

Helen Waine is running a BHS Horse Owners Certificate Course starting September 16<sup>th</sup> at Over Kellet village hall. Further information and booking 01524 736606.

Eve reported Geraldine Smith has raised her points with Jonathan Shaw Parliamentary under Secretary at DEFRA.  
**MEMBERSHIP - PLEASE PAY YOUR OVERDUE SUBS!**

### **A talk and slide show followed entitled The Pennine Bridleway through Derbyshire**

by Janice, Jeanne and Shirley. It was an interesting, amusing and fascinating account of their recent 40mile sponsored ride for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. To date they have raised over £3,000.00, well done. Thanks to all our members for sponsoring them.

**Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, in Hest Bank Memorial Hall starting at 7.30p.m.**  
**A Blacksmith will give the talk.**

### Additional Info.:

If you are a postal member and you owe subs. you will have a sticker at the top of the minutes to remind you. If you have paid recently & you still have the reminder, please forgive me but also, please let me know. E-mail members will get an e-mail reminder shortly but please pay up if you know you are owing.

### **We do need your continued support!**

There is to be an article in the Oct. issue of Horse magazine about road safety & hopefully it will include our own project with the Think Horse signs. Eve has been interviewed. Look out for it!

PS I think there is a ride on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, organised by Yvette in the Sawrey area but I have no details. If you are interested, please contact Yvette [yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk](mailto:yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk) or post to Yvette Pavelyn, 1 Bryers Fold , Far Sawrey, Ambleside LA22 0LL (sorry no phone no.)