

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting on 9th September 2008

1. Chairperson Eve Hall welcomed everybody to the meeting and made us all laugh by displaying her 'Caution Young Horse' bib which she has converted to 'Caution Old Rider'! A special welcome was extended to new members: Tracey Sharpe (Killington), Andrew & Jane Martin (Bolton-le-Sands), Helen Bonnick (walker – Milthorpe), Sarah Tordoff (Heversham) and to Gill Newhouse (Winmarleigh) and Brian Wilson & Jackie Boow (Gatebeck) who have re-joined. Good to have you all 'on board'!
2. Apologies from Tina Graham, Sheena Robertson, Pauline McCartney, Michael Helm, Sarah Webster, Kath. Richardson, Chris. Evans, Pat Hodkinson.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.
4. Matters arising – none
5. Bridleway progress:-
 - i) Cantsfield & Roeburndale. These routes are going ahead, landowners' permission has been given where needed, and no objections put forward.
 - ii) Grimshaw Lane (between Halton & the Moor Hospital). The status of this track is currently under investigation and user evidence has been supplied.
 - iii) Haweswater, Silverdale. Unfortunately one of the landowners and Natural England are not in agreement with this scheme, so it may have to be put back on hold.
 - iv) Arkholme, opposite Red Well Inn. The issue regarding loose horses on the bridleway is still under discussion
6. Horse Count. As was suggested at the last meeting, forms were sent out to all the farriers in the area and 24 replies have been received out of 65. These responses alone give the number of horses in the area as 1,600. The information is useful when dealing with local authorities, Countryside Officers etc. A big thank you goes to the farriers who've responded so far.
7. Horse Ownership Survey. A questionnaire has been put together to find out how much we spend on our horses i.e. how much we put into the local economy. This is another useful statistic to use when putting our access case forward.
8. North Lancashire Bridleway Survey. Views are being sought by Bowland Bridleways Group on a particular section of this route. Anybody who has ridden the NLB is asked to participate by visiting www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bowland/nlb2008.
9. Tack Sale 12th October. Help is needed the evening before at 7pm for putting tables out, also on the day of the sale taking money on the door and cleaning up afterwards. Please could members also provide refreshments, as these are a big moneymaker and display posters for the event on their yards, in their cars etc. Anybody wanting to book a table (if there are any left!) should contact Hilary on 01524 761184 (evenings)
10. Trec. Bowland Trec Group is holding a Level 1 BHS Trec Competition on 20th Sept at Chipping. Contact details not given here as event will have already taken place.
11. Whittington Ride on 14th Sept. There was concern as to whether this will be able to take place due to the weather. Again, this event will have already taken place when these minutes come out so no details given here.
12. Monthly Rides. Will volunteers to lead monthly rides please contact Jeanne Smith 01524 781632 / 07768566624 – we need some!. Eve also floated the idea of arranging a sidesaddle display at Wrea Green over the winter, which was received favourably.

13. Speakers. We have had some really good speakers at our meetings, covering a wide range of subjects, and it has been decided that, instead, at the next meeting, we will have a social evening, where we bring drinks & nibbles and have an informal get-together.
14. Events. On 19th October Yvette will again be organising rides in the Lake District. She can be contacted on Yvette@classic-hackers.co.uk. Details have been circulated to members. Also, on Sunday 26th October, Oxenholme Pony Club is organising a pleasure ride over Farleton Fell. Details are available under 'downloads' on www.oxenholmeponyclub.co.uk or by phoning Sue Clowes on 01524 782766 / 07766928118.
15. Any Other Business:-
- i) Members were alerted to look out for a white Renault van which has been stealing tack in the area
 - ii) Please can members provide articles for the November newsletter, to Sheena Robertson by post, Lower Thrushgill, Wray, Lancaster LA2 8QY or e-mail sheena@creativemarketingsolutions.co.uk

Member Gill Newhouse then gave a short talk on the new Equine Tack Agency she has set up, '2nd Place' for buying and selling all items of 2nd hand tack. Based at Winmarleigh, the agency will be open daily, but there will also be 'wishlists' on the website for items wanted. Visit www.2ndplacetackagency.co.uk or phone 01524 792904 / 07979918542 / 07776006659.

The main presentation of the evening was given by Alex Pimbley of Ardex Farriery. He began by explaining that farriers serve a 4year 3month apprenticeship, plus 18 months at college, just learning about horses' legs, so they really are the experts. Shoes are needed for wear (ie roadwork), grip (eg jumping) and corrective reasons, and Alex had brought along a selection of shoes including for conditions such as laminitis and navicular. Members asked a lot of questions, which Alex was happy to answer, and the session was extremely interesting.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th November 2008
7.30pm in Hest Bank Memorial Hall.
Members' Chat!!

Don't forget your drinks & nibbles, and **bring a friend!**

Additional Information

For sale synthetic driving harness to suit 14.2 - 15.2 hh black with brass buckles good condition with 5" wilson driving bit and whip £150 ono contact Hannah Watson on 015242 62038

For sale - a special horse (as he LOVES bridleway rides!) He's a super safe, confidence giving 12 year old 15.3hh piebald cob. Here is a link to his details: http://www.colouredcontacts.co.uk/horseforsale_20870
Tel. Angela 01524 854678 or e-mail terry_and_angela@btinternet.com

If there is any member who receives the minutes by post but who now has an e-mail address & would be prepared to get the minutes and/or Newsletter electronically then can you please e-mail Barbara on Batmillhouses@aol.com Using e-mail is so much easier, less time-consuming & cheaper.....and you get extra info. between mailings, hot off the press!!

We are getting new members regulary every month but we do have a problem with current members who do not renew, often because they just forget. The deadline for subs. is Christmas so if your subs. are not up-to-date by then we will assume you no longer wish to support us. **Please do not desert us!!!! Every member counts!** Postal members have already been reminded but there will be e-mails shortly to those who need to renew. Address for renewals (sorry it was omitted last time!!) Mrs. B. Hartley, The Cottage, Millhouses, Tatham, Lancaster LA2 8NF

Come to the Tack Sale & renew then.....and better still, bring a new member.
See you there!!!!