

Agenda for NLBS general meeting

Held on 12th March 2024, 7:30pm

1. Welcome and new members

Sarah Thwaite, Suzanne Armstrong plus 11 new members who joined at the previous meeting (see item 6).

2. Apologies

Ailsa Gibson, Suzanne Davis, Hannah Gardner, Pauline Robinson, Kate Lennox

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

a. **Proposed:** Sharon Cash **Seconded:** Carol Dial

4. Matters Arising:

- a. [Permissive route](#) over Caton Moor (Update from Liz Davison) – conversations are still ongoing and we hope a solution that continues to allow equestrian access will be found.
- b. [Engagement Event with Sustrans on the Lune Valley Greenway Saturday 17th February](#) - This was a successful event and it was really good that Sustrans involved many different groups including ourselves. There were lots of positive conversations with around 40 visitors to the NLBS 'stand' and many more passing through on the day, including a couple of pairs of horse riders (who were a little surprised at all the activity!).

Sustrans are working to develop the route further towards Ingleton and also another more North/South route through Ingleton. More information on this as we receive it. It is not straightforward as much of the route of the old railway has been sold off to separate landowners, so there are many people to negotiate with/persuade that this is a positive thing!

Any support you can give to this initiative through Sustrans or just talking to people you know along the route would be much appreciated.

[I just spotted on their website that in January, [the Government announced that it will give them extra funding if they open new or improved public routes across their land](#). Hopeful news

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- c. **Signs on Lune Valley Greenway** – Caton with Littledale Parish Council had requested the multi-user signs and “Share with care” markings and NLBS has written to thank them for asking for this.



6. Membership update – [see appended details](#)

Please note: Annual Membership of £5 will be due beginning of May 2024. If you have already set up regular membership payment thank you! If you haven't yet and would like to, please see “How to join us” on [our website](#) and the link at [top of our FB page](#).

7. NLBS and members responses to consultations

Bridget as NLBS Chair has been sending letters to the following:

- Feedback letter to Sustrans re recent event
- Powder house lane Development proposal
- Proposed Sandylands cycleways funding in Morecambe
- Written in support of disability access
- Bay Gateway feedback 5 years on – thank you to local members for information and points to be made, the letter has been acknowledged
- Yorkshire Dales Millenium route discussions – requested that we are involved

8. Any other business

- a. **Thwaite brow woods** – a working party has recently removed low hanging branches – thank you. Please check dates below in case you can help 😊
- b. **Emu approached someone who was on foot on the bridleway at Greenlands** – they are friendly, but be aware. Greenlands farm have said we can ring the office during opening hours 15 - 20 mins before we want to ride through to get help with the two sets of hurdles currently across the Bridleway. Their tel. no is 01524 784184.
- c. **NLBS Newsletter** – is taking a break. Updates and information will be included as an item on the meeting agenda going forward and the latest news is always posted on our NLBS facebook page. **Huge thanks to Sheena for all the effort in pulling this together over the years ([previous issues on the NLBS website](#)) and also to Helen Wilkinson for always writing a few paragraphs and pics to include 😊**
- d. **Speaker ideas** - reminder to send these to vicechair@nlbs.org.uk
- e. **Happy Birthday Eve!**



The next meeting will be the NLBS AGM on Tuesday 14th MAY, 7.30pm

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Speaker: Our speaker for Tuesday 12th March 2024 was Tom Lloyd.



Tom is a film maker, podcaster and owner of the Hades Hill Fell ponies which his family have been breeding and working since 1957. Tom has spent much of his life travelling with ponies, driving the length of England and back again with a pair of Fells in 1995.



**FELL PONY
ADVENTURES**

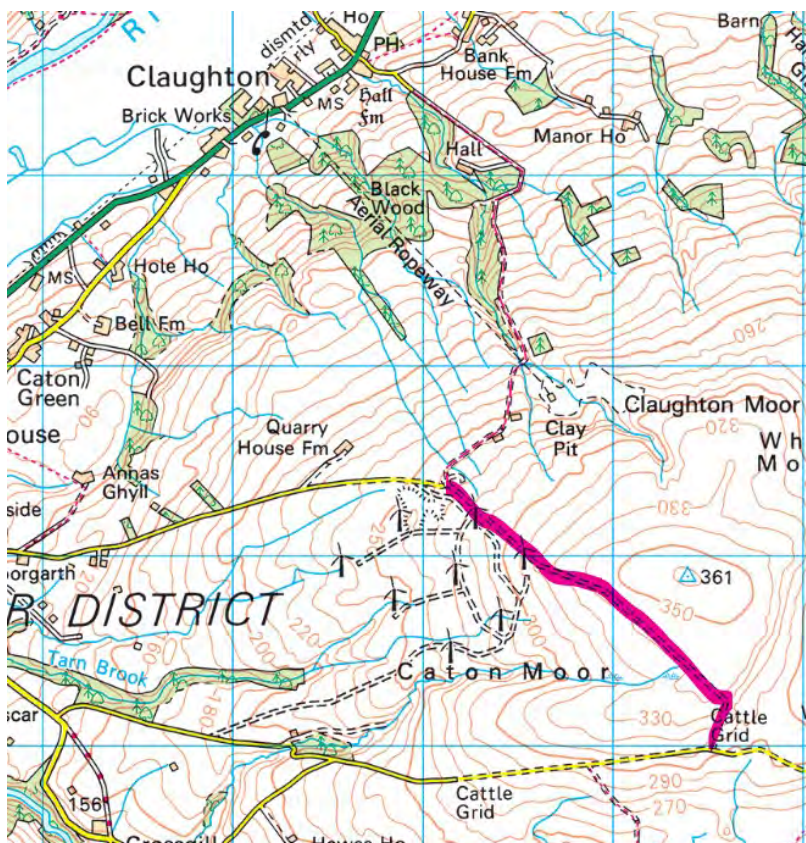
In 2021 Tom established [Fell Pony Adventures](#) taking clients wild camping with pack ponies in the Lakeland fells.

Three years ago Tom and his daughter Flo took up the sport of carriage driving . Tom says “If there’s a way to have more fun with a horse or pony I’d like you to show me !!”

The talk was called “Travels with ponies, mules and donkeys” and Tom shared a fascinating history of the herd which his family have been breeding since 1957, his many travels, some with the Gypsies to Appleby Fair, and working with pack ponies in the Lake District.



Permissive route – revoked



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SUSTRANS event



DMMO Over Kellet



Lune Valley Greenway – access from Bull Beck



Permissive route National Trust Sizergh Castle Estate, Near Kendal

[request from Hannah Gardner]

I have been contacted by the tenant farmers of Lane End Farm as they have found horse riders using paths through their farm without agreement from the National Trust.

These routes are only footpaths or permissive footpaths and at no point has the National Trust discussed and agreed with their farm tenants about the routes being upgraded to bridleways. Please can I ask that we all keep to the legal routes and the permissive bridleway up the drive to the castle

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and along Ashbank Lane. Currently on Lane End Farm cows are in calve meaning they are sensitive to disturbance, as this land is managed for wildflowers it is not the best route to use as a permissive bridleway and importantly as the land is only open to walkers the tenants only have public liability insurance for those on foot not on horseback. Obviously the farm tenants will be discussing this with the National Trust, but I hope by posting here equestrians can be made aware of this issue and respect the farm tenants wishes.

So attached there are two maps. The first map is the National Trust walking map, horse riders have been using the orange route. I have highlighted the part that should not be used in red.

The second map is the OS map marked up:

- route - legal bridleways ✓
- route - permissive bridleway up the driveway and along Ashbank Lane ✓
- route - footpath and permissive footpaths should only be accessed on foot and is not a permissive bridleway ✗



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NLBS Membership – Report to March 2024 meeting

Welcome to 11 new members who joined at the January 2024 meeting:

Diane Holywell
 Joel Hannah
 Margaret Holmes
 Fiona McDougall
 Kate Tebbett
 Alice Helyar
 Peter & Glenys Webster
 Sheryl & Ian Robinson
 Pauline Robinson

The membership currently stands at 158 including 20 honorary members.

Membership forms and requests to pay by standing order can be downloaded from the NLBS website.

	No. of members	No. of Subs
Due May 2023	7	6
Due May 2024	17	15
Due May 2025	19	15
Due May 2026	3	3
Standing Orders	92	79
Honorary Members	20	0
	158	118

The above totals exclude the mystery member, 'R J Elliston', who pays subs by BACS each year but there's no record of their membership. Once again, if anyone knows him/her please let me know by email - membership@nlbs.org.uk

Thwaite Brow Woods Conservation Project

Thwaite Brow Woods
2024 Working Party dates:

- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 14th January 2024
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 11th February 2024
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 10th March 2024
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 14th April 2024
- 7pm, Tuesday 21st May 2024
- 7pm, Thursday 20th June 2024
- 7pm, Thursday 18th July 2024
- 7pm, Thursday 15th August (if wanted)
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 8th September 2024
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 13th October 2024
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 17th November 2024
- 10am/1.45pm, Sunday 8th December (if wanted)



- 2nd Sunday of the month, September to April at 10am and 1.45pm
- 3rd Tuesday in May (nest box survey)
- 3rd Thursday of the month June to August at 7pm
- Meet at Thwaite Brow Bridge
- Wear suitable clothing
- Bring your gardening gloves

- All outdoor meetings are supervised.
- The work is enjoyable and straightforward.
- Tools are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.
- Do as little or as much as you are able - members need only do the jobs they enjoy.

Find us on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/Thwaite.Brow.Woods.Conservation.Group

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 Parish Lengthsman: Mike Ashton 07747024333

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