

# NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

## Annual General Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

1. **Welcome:** Bridget Pickthall welcomed all members to the AGM
2. **Apologies:** Anne Redfern, Sharon Cash, Ailsa Gibson, Jakie McClure
3. **Minutes of the Last AGM:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 **Proposed:** Carol Dial **Seconded:** Leslie Duncan
4. **Matters arising:** None
5. **Chairperson's and Secretary's Annual Report** (appended)  
**Proposed:** Carol Dial **Seconded:** Hannah Gardner
6. **Treasurer's Report:** (appended)  

Liz Davison reported that over half members are now paying by direct debit and this is to be encouraged. Mr Richmond was thanked for signing off the accounts.

**Proposed:** Bridget Pickthall **Seconded:** Susan Armitage
7. **Membership Secretary's Report** (appended):  

Kate Lennox also expressed gratitude to those who pay by Direct Debit. Subscriptions are now due for 2023, forms can be downloaded from the website. Please include your name in the reference so we can match payments to individual members!

There are 7 new members since the last AGM. There are 166 members including 17 honorary members.
8. **Rights of way report** – report and maps appended  

*Please note, this was read out on behalf of Ailsa Gibson as part of general meeting 104, when it should have been part of the AGM. It is included in both sets of minutes for completeness.*
9. **Election of Officers**

		<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
President	Lady Killlearn	Continuing	
Chairperson:	Bridget Pickthall	Continuing	
Vice Chairperson:	Julie Sico	Continuing	
Treasurer:	Liz Davison	Continuing	
Secretary:	Sarah Fulwood	Bridget Pickthall	Liz Davison
Assistant Secretary: (Rights of Way, website, reporting)	Ailsa Gibson	Continuing	
Minutes Secretary:	Susan Armitage	Continuing	
Membership Secretary:	Kate Lennox	Continuing	
e-mail/Facebook:	Ailsa Gibson, Graeme Bruce	Continuing	
Newsletter:	Sheena Robertson	Continuing	
Rides Leaflets	Ann and Rose Thornton	Continuing	
Official Website co-ord:	Sue Millard	Continuing	

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### 10. Any Other Business:

- a. Thanks were expressed by the NLBS chair, Bridget Pickthall, to Sue Clowes for taking on the Secretary role in the past year which has been much appreciated;
- b. Bridget then thanked all those who are continuing in their society roles in support of NLBS and its members and to Sarah Fulwood for taking on the Secretary's role.
- c. A new role of **Social Secretary** was proposed by Bridget who also proposed Diane Richmond for the role. **Proposed:** Bridget Pickthall **Seconded:** Suzanne Davis.  
**Watch this space!!**

### Rights of Way report & maps (Ailsa Gibson)

"I believe Bridget and others will be touching on the many consultations which NLBS has contributed to over the last year. I'm sorry not to be able to make it this evening, but the only other main point I would have spoken about re the access work is the great progress that has been made on the submission of Definitive Map Modification Orders by our volunteer Di Brooksbank. Di has now has applied to Lancashire County Council to have over 50 routes correctly recorded on the Definitive Map. Only a handful of these have so far been decided upon (there is a queue hundreds deep at Lancashire County Council).

Two were turned down (Green Hill Lane, Nether Kellet and Buckstone Old Turnpike, Priest Hutton), 2 passed committee but now have statutory objections (Lords Lot Road and Moss Lane, Overton) so will probably go to PINS unless the objectors can be persuaded to withdraw. 2 others have passed committee but we still need to wait to see if there are statutory objections (Capernwray to Borwick and Sands Lane in Over Kellet). Snuff Mill Lane at Stodday which links on to the Lancaster to Conder Green greenway route has actually completed the process and been confirmed as a restricted byway. We hope to hear news of others soon.

As many of you may be aware there had been a deadline set of 2026, as a closing date beyond which no more of the Modification Order applications would be accepted. After much lobbying from all sides the government declared an intention to repeal the 2026 deadline. They have now changed the line on that and say they intend to extend it to 1st Jan 2031. Nothing is yet on the statute books though, so anything could still happen...

If you encounter any local issues with access (gates, fallen trees etc) please report directly to Lancashire County Council with as much info on location, and photos as possible. You can now just do this directly by email to: [prowreports@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:prowreports@lancashire.gov.uk)"

## Chair and Secretary's Report 2023

Great to be reporting on a full year of activities with meetings, fun rides and the tack sale all back on the agenda.

We have had some great speakers over the last 12 months.

Vyv Wood Gee entertained us with her adventures whilst riding the Lady Anne's Way and the Sandstone Way. Charlotte Ditchburn, BHS Access Field Officer for the North/ North West, inspired us with her drive for better access. Marie Kudrnova, who runs Fit and Healthy with Marie, encouraged us to warm up before we ride. Sarah Fullwood gave an inspiring account of her adventure with gypsy cob Banner along the Pennine Way. Sarah Yeates from Birkby Veterinary Physiotherapy reminded us "Motion is Lotion"!, and most recently, Emily Massey gave an inspiring talk about horseback Archery. Altogether a fascinating and entertaining programme.

Huge thanks to Julie Sico for not only organising our programme of speakers but also running a very successful Tack Sale. If you have any ideas for future speakers, please let Julie know. Without Julie's commitment to finding speakers, our Society wouldn't be in its present healthy state. Our bi monthly meetings and the tack sale are great social activities. Afternoon Tea at Scorton was a highlight, complete with a presentation to Eve Hall for all her wonderful work setting up NLBS.

Big thanks to Susan Armitage for her amazing IT skills, managing the minutes and keeping us all informed. Thanks to Liz Davison for balancing the books and dealing with the bank, a job in itself! Many thanks to Sheena Robertson for the lively and interesting Newsletters she has provided – do pass on any ideas/items for future Newsletters to Sheena. Thanks to Kate Lennox for looking after the membership list – a considerable task. Thanks also to everyone else who helps in running our Society.

Thanks to Di Brooksbank, Chris Peat and Ailsa Gibson who continue to make progress to have horse access to many routes correctly recorded on the Definitive – thank you for all your hard work.

Defra have reneged on last years decision to drop the deadline but it has been extended to 2031 being the final time that applications can be made to modify the Definitive Map. We can't sit back on our laurels, there is much work to be done.

The last 12 months have been a busy time for consultations, giving opportunities for the NLBS and individual members to give their views on proposed access plans and improvements. These have included the Three Counties Lune Valley survey; the River Lune Millennium Greenway Improvements Consultation carried out by Caton Parish Council, as well as a separate questionnaire organised by Sustrans; the Draft Westmorland & Furness Plan Consultation survey; the North Lancaster Strategic Site (Bay Gateway) amended Masterplan; and the South Lancaster to M6 Road Scheme Consultation. There were also a couple of specific proposals brought to members' attention at Aldcliffe and Wray. It's always good to get our presence known and make sure our views are heard!

There have been opportunities for members and/or committee members to attend BHS training events on topics such as Equestrian Common Land and GDPR, plus invitations to



**NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

<b>Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Subscriptions	580	626
Tack Sales Profit (Net of Hall Hire)	621	-
Bank Interest	15	1
	<u>1216</u>	<u>627</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Appeal Challenge	-	50
Sign Post	-	221
Speaker's Expenses	50	-
Stationery & Admin	43	63
Website costs	187	171
Subscriptions etc	149	132
Hire of Hall	72	47
Accountancy	70 (2022)	70 (2021)
	<u>571</u>	<u>754</u>
<b>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>(127)</b>
<b>Surplus brought forward</b>	<b>11369</b>	<b>11496</b>
<b>Surplus carried forward</b>	<b>£12014</b>	<b>£11369</b>
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<b>Represented by:</b>		
Bank Current Account	5195	4565
Bank Deposit Account	6819	6804
	<u>£12014</u>	<u>£11369</u>
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Certified correct according to books, vouchers and information supplied.

19 April 2023

  
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the BHS Access Conference 2022. It's hoped that as the all-new NLBS line-up becomes fully established more members will be able to take up these opportunities.

Please remember if you encounter a problem with a bridleway in Lancashire, report it to Lancashire County Council or Westmorland and Furness Council via their websites.

This is the first report prepared under new management, and these have been big boots to fill. Massive thanks to everyone, committee members in particular, and with all your support the future of NLBS looks rosy!

Bridget & Sue

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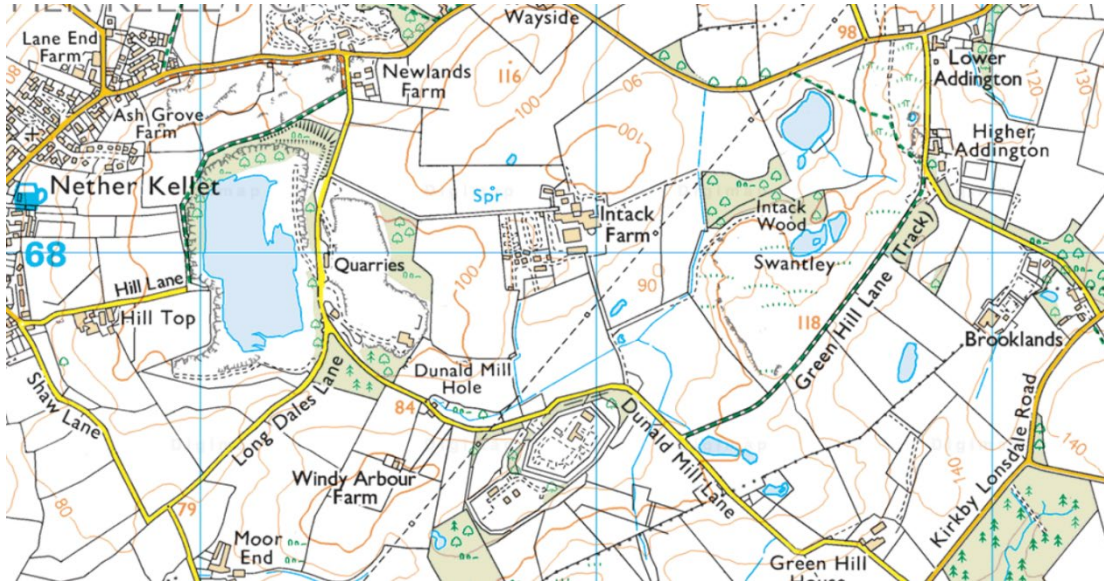


Figure 1 - Green Hill Lane

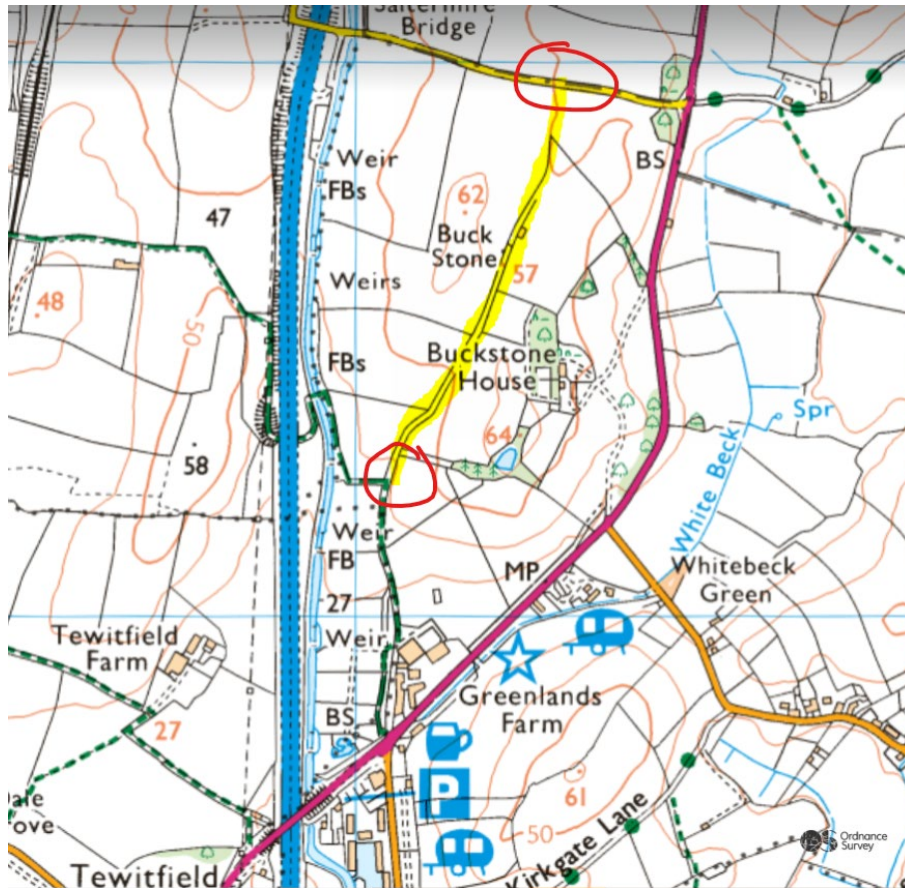


Figure 2 - Buckstone Old Turnpike

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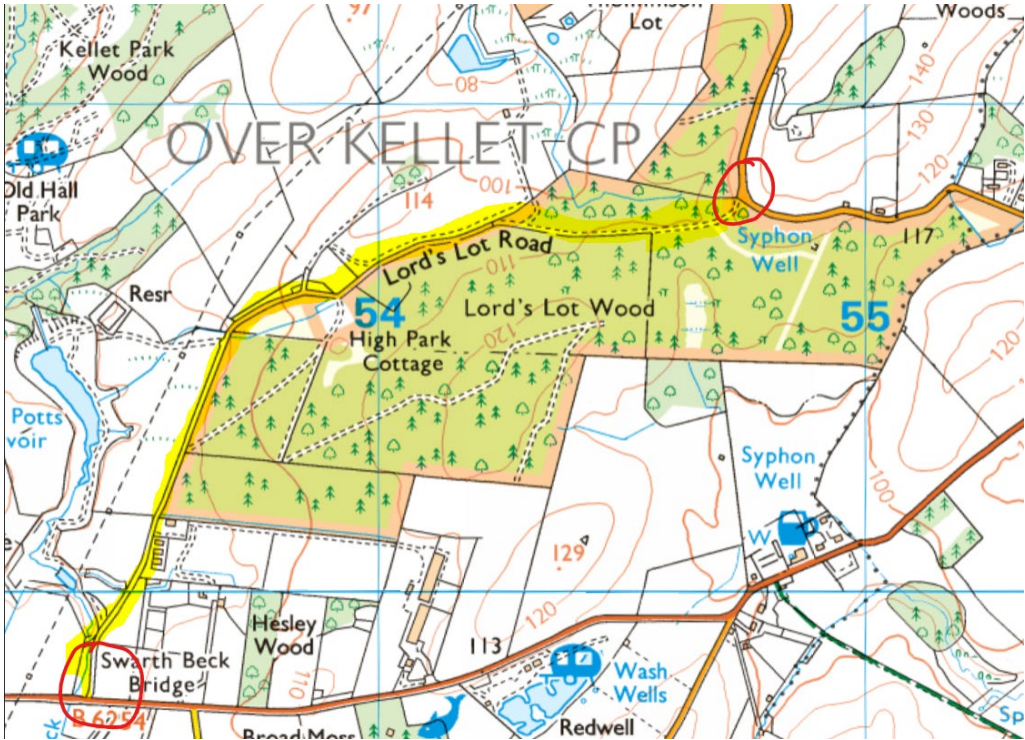


Figure 3 Lord's Lot



Figure 4 - Moss Lane Overton



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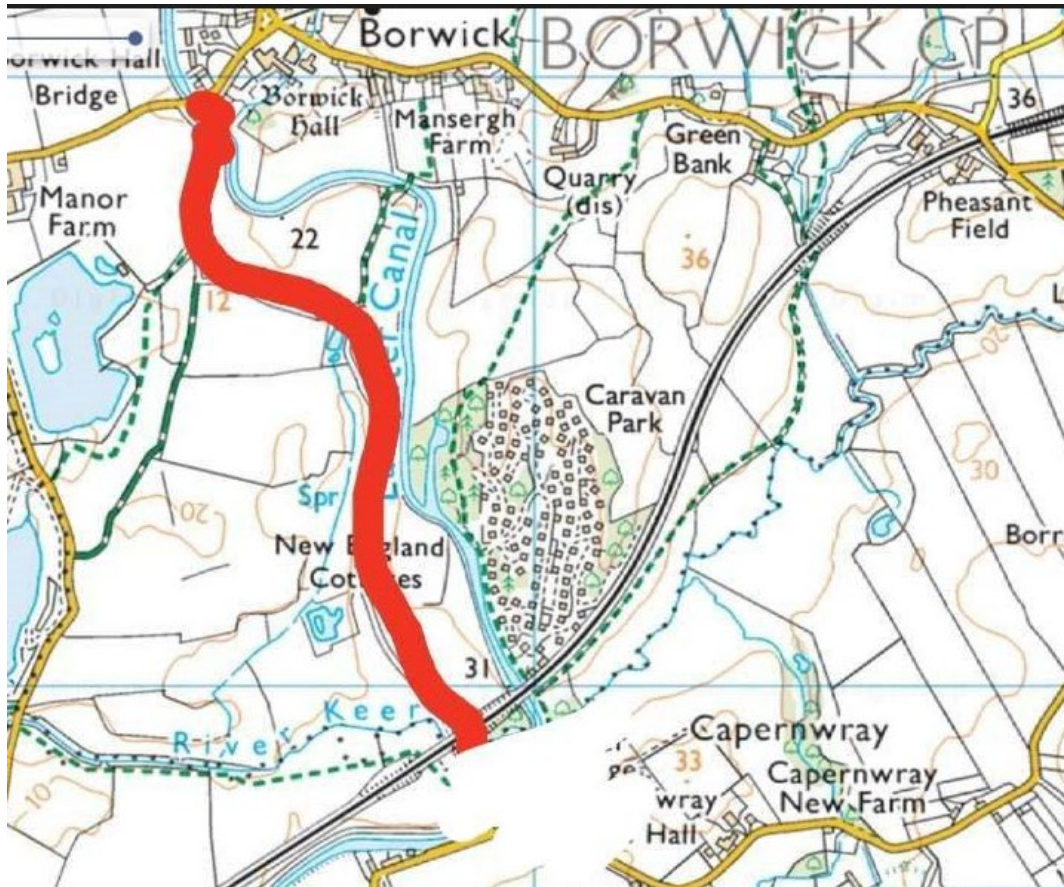


Figure 5 Capernwray to Borwick

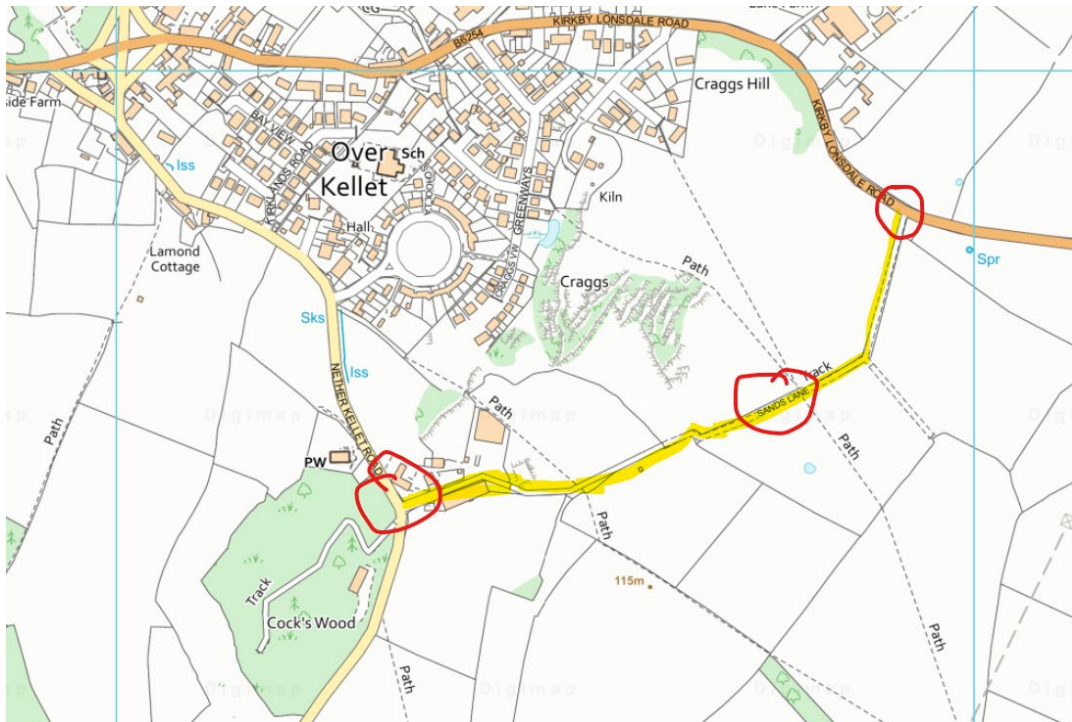


Figure 6- Sands Lane



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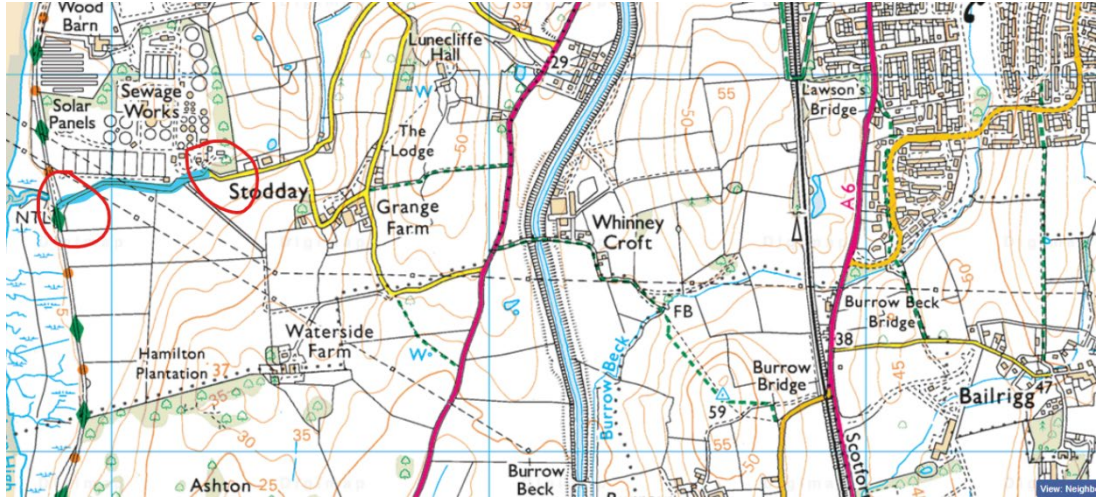


Figure 7 - Snuff Mill Lane – blue highlight