

Minutes for general meeting to be held on 9th May 2023, 7:30pm

1. **Welcome and new members:** NLBS Chair Bridget Pickthall welcomed everyone.
2. **Apologies:** Anne Redfern, Sharon Cash, Ailsa Gibson, Jackie McClure
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting: Proposed:** Carol Dial **Seconded:** Bridget Pickthall
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Sealford farm** – agreed we would arrange a work party after Hannah Gardner has spoken to the nearby farm; Hannah will follow up on this for the next meeting.
 - b. **NLBS afternoon tea outing update** – Diane emailed the Applestore to postpone this outing until a future date; Diane suggested exploring the idea of a possible hack out from here for some members, perhaps in small groups, rather than en-masse. There was support for the idea from members present.
 - c. **Horse warning signs** – members were keen to take these and put up around the area in ‘hotspots’; Please email chair@nlbs.org.uk
5. **Bridleway News:** West windermere way is now open (again).

The following report was read out on behalf of 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 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. **(Maps appended)**

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”

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6. **NLBS and members responses to consultations:** none current
7. **Any other business**
 - a. **Speaker ideas** – reminder to send these to vicechair@nlbs.org.uk
 - b. **GDPR training** – Susan Armitage, Kate Lennox to sign up for this training as committee members handling individual contact information. If anyone else is interested in attending in their connection with NLBS please email minutes@nlbs.org.uk for the contact information.
 - c. BHS countryside access officer for the North has been advertised – this was Charlotte Ditchburn’s role, who came to speak to us in 2022. We will let everyone know as soon as a new person is in post (and ask them to visit us 😊). Bridget has been in touch with Helen Brown countryside access officer Hannah has written to South Lakeland about parking, LDNPA came back to say that some bylaws which have restrictions on parking with a trailer. Hannah has asked if this bylaw can be lifted on two car parks that are good access for other and will keep us posted.

Speaker:

The speaker for our AGM on Tuesday 9th May 2023 was Carolyn [Urban Horse supplies](#) from Alston..Cumbria who offer a complete range of natural products for the barefoot and bitless horse and rider, including hoof boots, bitless bridles, horse bareback pads, horsemanship equipment and alternative therapy products.

The talk focused on hoof boots - their sizing and capabilities and the best choice for various activities and conditions such as laminitis or abscesses, including Carolyn’s own experience with her own horse. Several types were brought to the talk and everyone enjoyed being hands on with the various options.

There was then a question and answer session where members asked questions about the hoof boots and heard the experiences of those members who already use them.



Dates of future 2023 meetings:

11th July

12th September

14th November

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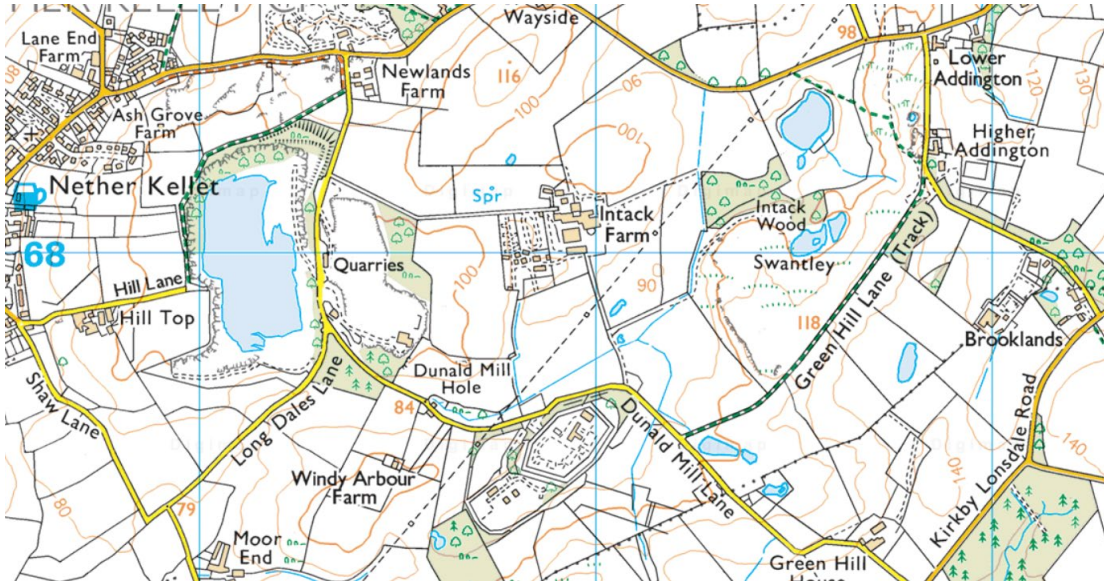


Figure 1- Green Hill Lane

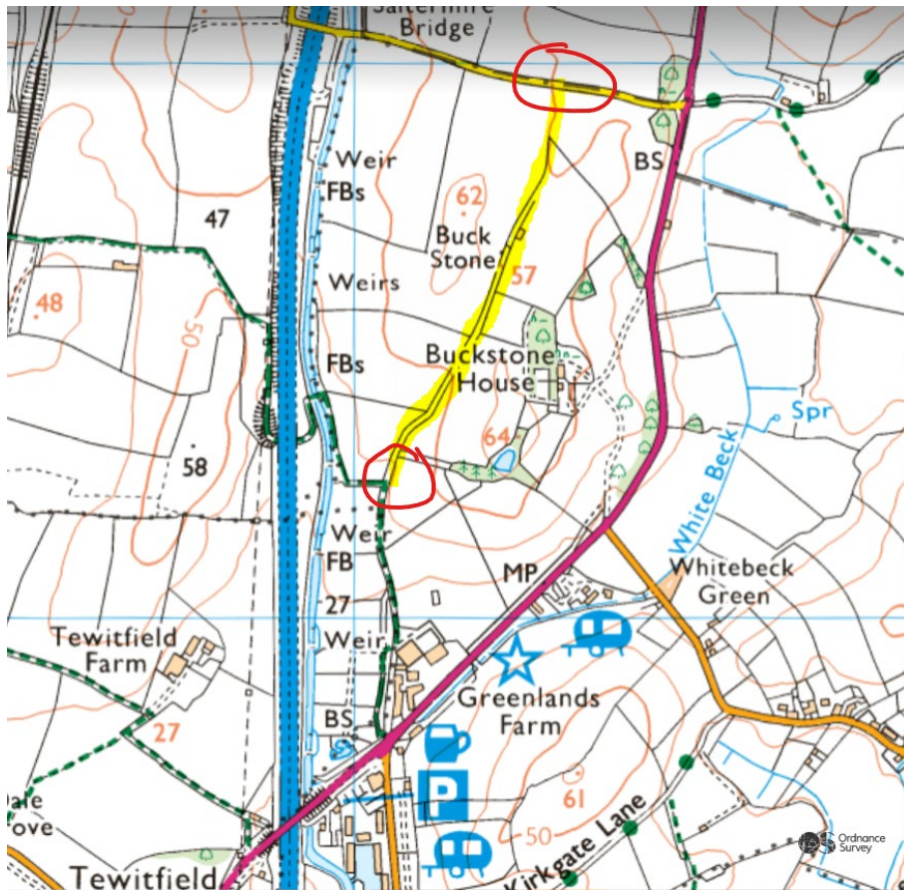


Figure 2 - Buckstone Old Turnpike

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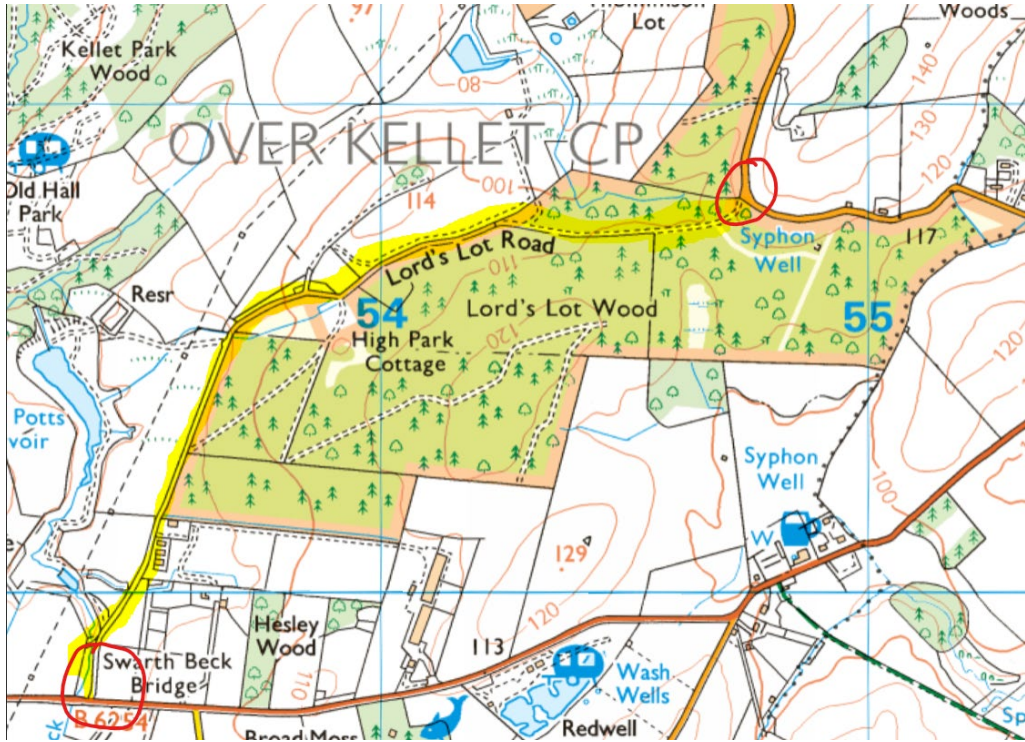


Figure 3 Lord's Lot



Figure 4 - Moss Lane Overton

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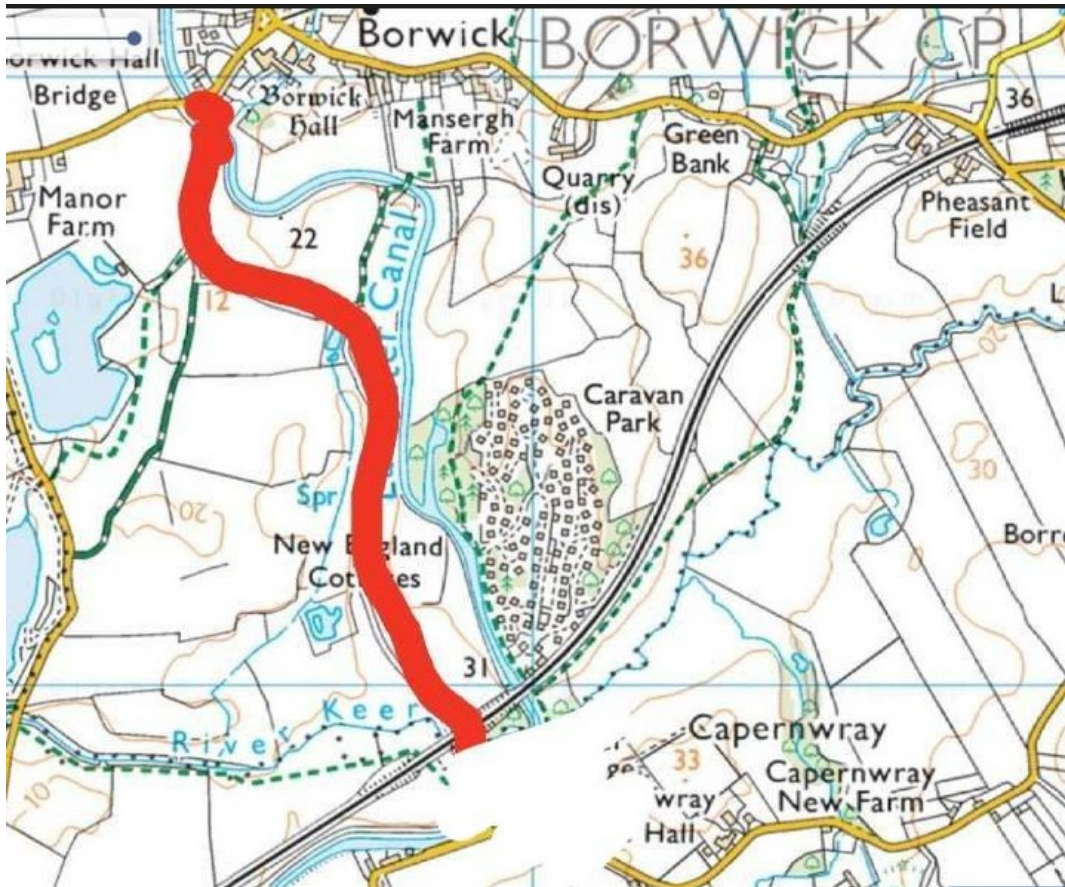


Figure 5 Capernway to Borwick

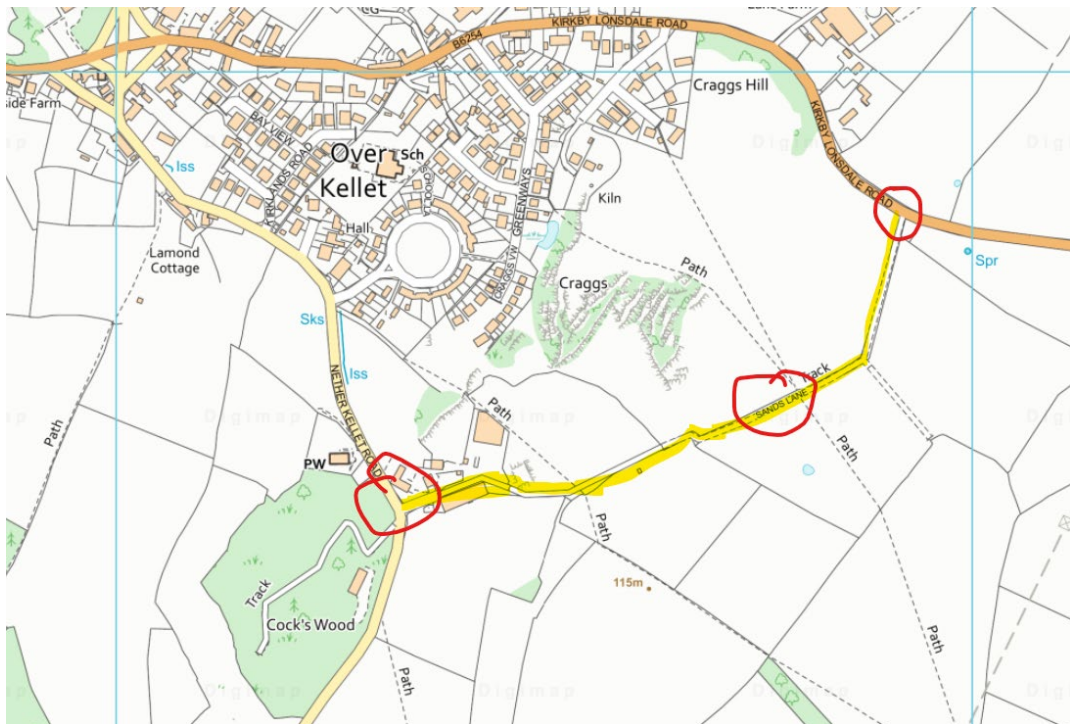


Figure 6- Sands Lane

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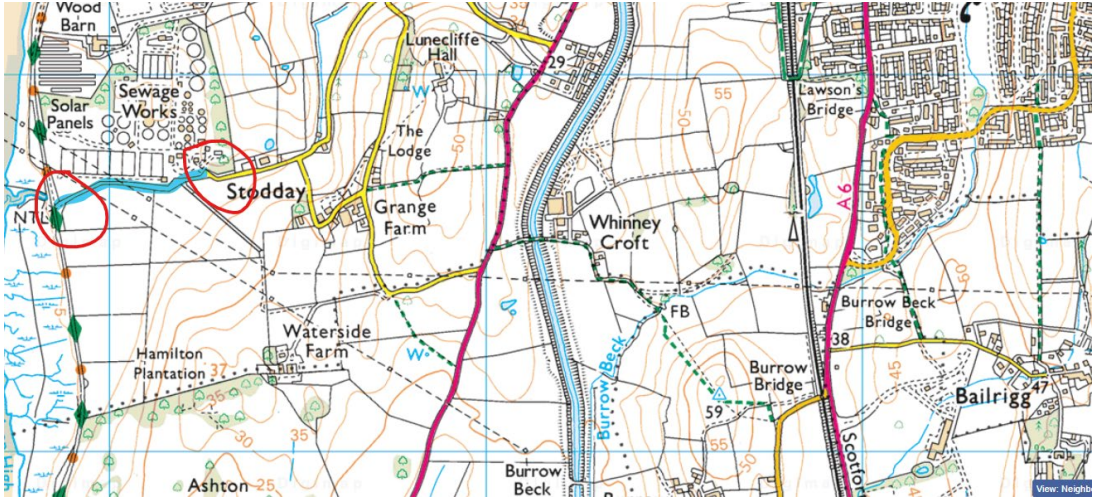


Figure 7 - Snuff Mill Lane