

Agenda for general meeting to be held on 11th July 2023, 7:30pm

1. **Welcome and new members (16 attendees)**
2. **Apologies:** Carol Dial, Liz Davison, Sheila Kissack, Ailsa Gibson, Hannah Gardner, Anne Redfern, Helen Wain, Diane Richmond, Sheena Robertson, Pauline Robinson
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:**
 - a. **Proposed: Bridget Pickthall**
 - b. **Seconded: Sarah Fulwood**
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **[Sealford farm bridleway](#)** – update from Hannah Gardner – it is not known who has that land now. We need to report this to the council as would make a nice loop through the valley (see map). If you ride this and can take photos and then please report it to [South Cumbria](#) – please let us know if you do so that we can also follow up as a bridleways association.
 - b. **[South Lakeland parking](#)** - The signs contradict themselves. In the fee information, they tell you how much it is for a trailer and then in the main sign it says you cannot park with a trailer.
However, if someone pays for a trailer then you have entered into a contract and so the council should honour that agreement as really they are, by accepting payment, granting you a licence to park. Hannah Gardner will put a letter together to the council about this, along with the photos of the signs. We really cannot see why we all cannot still park at Ferry Nab. These are the signs in all their car parks, but Ferry nab is the only one that allows trailers due to the boats.
 - c. **BHS countryside access officer [for the North West](#)**
Catherine Stott is our new BHS access person Catherine.Stott@bhs.org.uk
5. **Bridleway News**
 - a. **[Capernwray packhorse bridge to Borwick canal bridge](#)** now fully confirmed as a restricted by-way (map appended)
 - b. **[AONB multi-user path near Leighton Moss, Haweswater, Trowbarrow](#)** – correspondence on who is included in multi-user plans. Not equestrians for this particular one, but positive response from AONB staff.
 - c. **Problematic gates on Caton Moor** – Susan Armitage will follow up on this over summer with the 3 separate organisations that are responsible for the 3 gates (!).
 - d. **[Preston Guild Wheel](#)** – Helen Littler has been pursuing equestrian access to more of the Preston Guild wheel (26 miles of cycle route, some of it bridleways). This involved a [long email exchange, see below](#). It was suggested at the meeting that we pursue the issue that signs for horse access have been removed. Helen will forward the email exchange to ask BHS to get involved. Helen has also spoken to a mounted police officer about the route. Bridget will also write in support. We could also suggest identifying and publicising potential circular routes and parking places.

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- e. **Towpath managed by canal and rivers trust** – “No horses” signs have been put up between Crooklands and Stainton. Canal & Rivers trust say this is due to the narrow path under bridges. They did confirm it is OK to lead your horse on this stretch. It was noted that there is no sign at Hincaster. There is in place an “Agreement by licence” for the [towpath south of Carnforth](#).
Bridget will start a dialogue with them to pursue the issue.
Ailsa has good contacts with Northern Reaches part of Lancaster canal and will get in touch to find out more.
- f. **Summer vegetation:** This is the time of year we often experience problems with our favourite bridleways getting overgrown with summer vegetation. Councils no longer have the budgets for routine multiple mowing of ROWs, most only get done once a year, and it seems as if they often only do the ones which are reported. Please report to the relevant council via their websites, you'll need the precise location of the problem (map reference or what3words) and take photos or video if you can.
For Lancashire visit
www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/public-right-of-way/
For South Cumbria visit
www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/streets-roads-and-pavements/road-maintenance-closures-and-improvements/report-problem-street-or-road/trees-hedges-weeds-and-grass
Cumberland Council, Lake District National Park Authority and Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have similar systems through their websites.
6. **Membership update (appended)**
7. **NLBS and members responses to consultations** – none currently
8. **GDPR** – update for members, highlights from the British Horse Society online training event attended by Susan Armitage.

We made the password to the email list more secure, only a sub-group of the committee have access – chair, secretary, membership secretary and person writing the agenda/minutes.

We need to ask members consent regularly for NLBS to continue to hold email information for the purposes of communication about NLBS news and business. This should be done every 2 years to remain compliant with GDPR and BHS requirements. An email asking members to confirm consent to continue to hold your email and name will be sent shortly. **Please respond to this email as we have to assume that you do not give consent to hold your data if we do not hear from you.**

We also need to put in place a Privacy Policy and have available on our NLBS website:

- a Privacy Notice
- Subject Access Request (SAR) Procedure
- Data Breach Procedure

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We can base these on templates provided by the BHS and these are currently being written. There are also templates for responding to the SAR for those responsible.

There will be an update on this at the next meeting in September.

The BHS also shared consent templates for events re: photos and specifically for children if required. Helpful if we run a ride or event.

9. Any other business

- a. **Speaker ideas** - reminder to send these to vicechair@nlbs.org.uk
- b. **Ragwort is on the rise** – please all report this to the relevant councils (see item 5f)

Speaker:

Our speaker for TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023 was Janice Halsall.

Janice gave a lively talk about her decision to take up metal detecting following health issues which limited her mobility. She shared her enthusiasm for this pastime, which she only started in January 2023. She has already appeared on TV finding Roman coins at a dig at Carlisle cricket club!

Janice now provides a service with her metal detector finding horse shoes and clearing metal objects from grazing pasture...plus any other items of interest she may uncover! Contact her on 07507326698 or jan_halsall@hotmail.com

Janice is a registered member of the National Council for Metal Detecting and is insured for public liability.



**** Janice was referred to me by a member..thank you..any other suggestions always welcome to vicechair@nlbs.org.uk*****

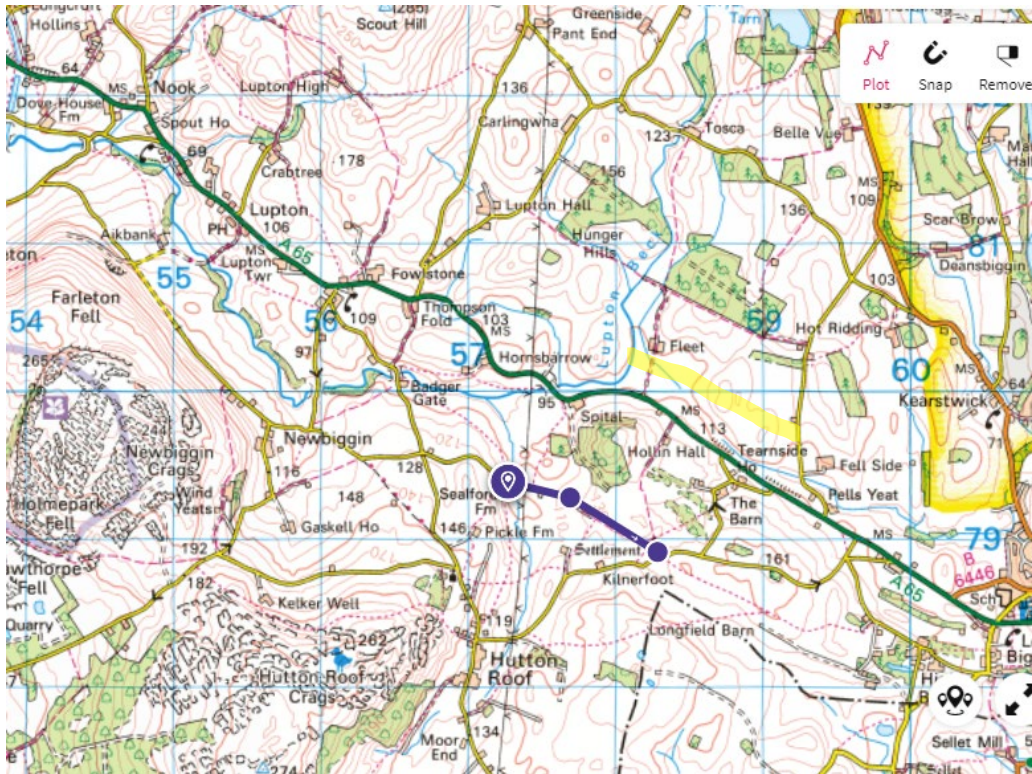
Dates of future 2023 meetings:

12th September

14th November

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Sealford Farm bridlesway



Signs in carpark

A Westmorland and Furness Council Car Park (W&F) Operated under the current Off-Street Parking Places Order. A Penalty Charge Notice not exceeding £70 (reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days) will be issued under the current Traffic Management Act if you:

- Do not clearly display a Pay & Display ticket or relevant permit
- Overstay the time paid for
- Do not park within the marked bays
- Park in a disabled bay without a correctly displayed valid Disabled Person's badge
- Park with a trailer or caravan
- Park a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) (see notes) (seating capacity of 17 or over)
- Park a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) (see notes) (carrying capacity of 3.5T or over)

Ferry Nab Car Park
 Parking tariff payable 8am-8pm seven days a week including Bank Holidays.

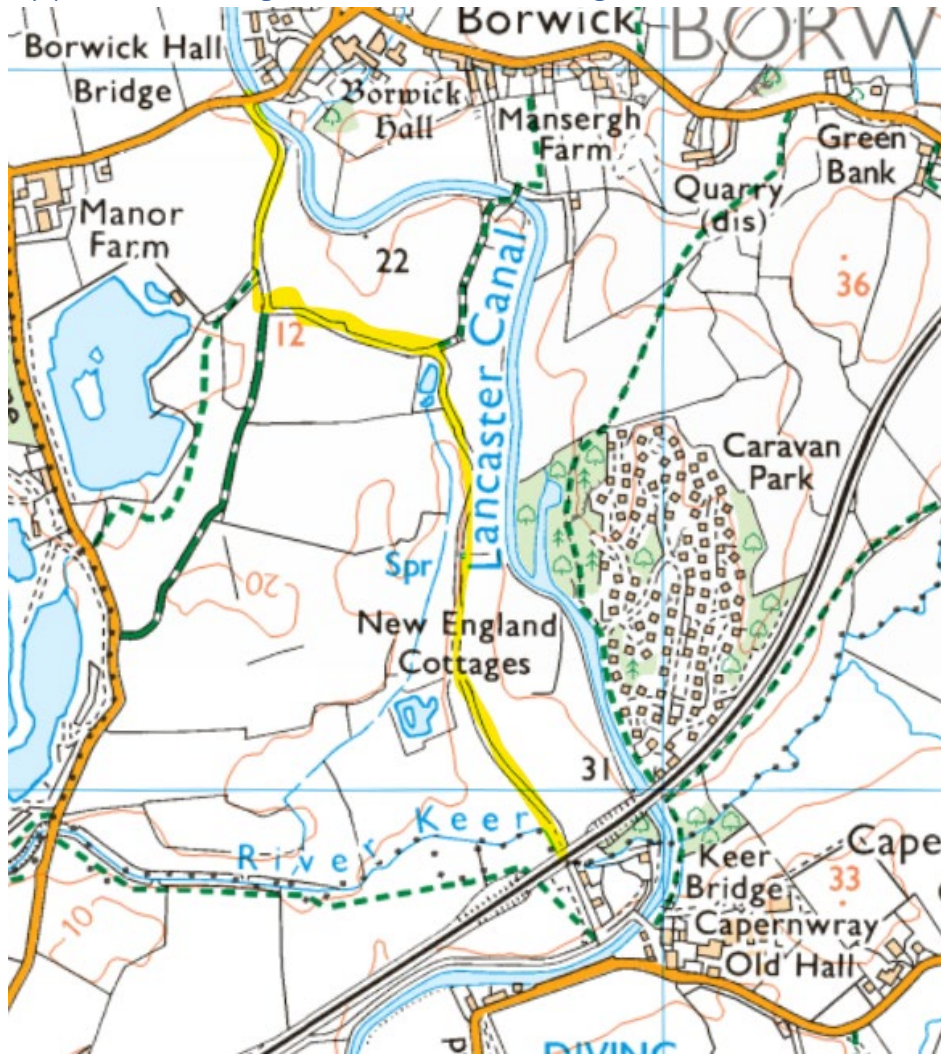
Up to 1 hour	£2.00	Up to 2 hours	£3.60
Up to 3 hours	£4.70	Up to 4 hours	£6.00
Up to 6 hours	£7.30	Up to 10 hours	£8.80
Up to 12 hours	£9.90	Up to 7 Days	£38.50
Up to 3 Days	£19.80		

Motorcycles are free

With a Trailer up to 12 hours £14.90 two tickets must be purchased if not using 12 hour tariff.

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Capernwray packhorse bridge to Borwick canal bridge



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AONB multi-user path near Leighton Moss, Haweswater, Trowbarrow



Hi Alisa

Thanks for getting in touch. Indeed there is a plan to get a tramper accessible route from Leighton Moss, through Trowbarrow, Gaitbarrows and beyond which we are currently working on. It was originally hoped to be launched this spring but there have been some delays for various reasons. The route will be predominantly using public footpaths, permissive paths, short sections of public road, then short sections of public bridleway and permissive bridleways. Unfortunately there are no plans to make it shared use for cycling and horse use due to the legal status of the different sections. The route will be more accessible for people with limited mobility, and also pushchairs etc.

There is a possibility we will be developing more routes in 24/25 for access for all and would be keen to discuss any options to make more routes multi user.

Cheers

Dougie

Dougie Watson, [Arnside and Silverdale AONB](#) Countryside Officer

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Guild Wheel

Public Rights of Way Team Lancashire County Council

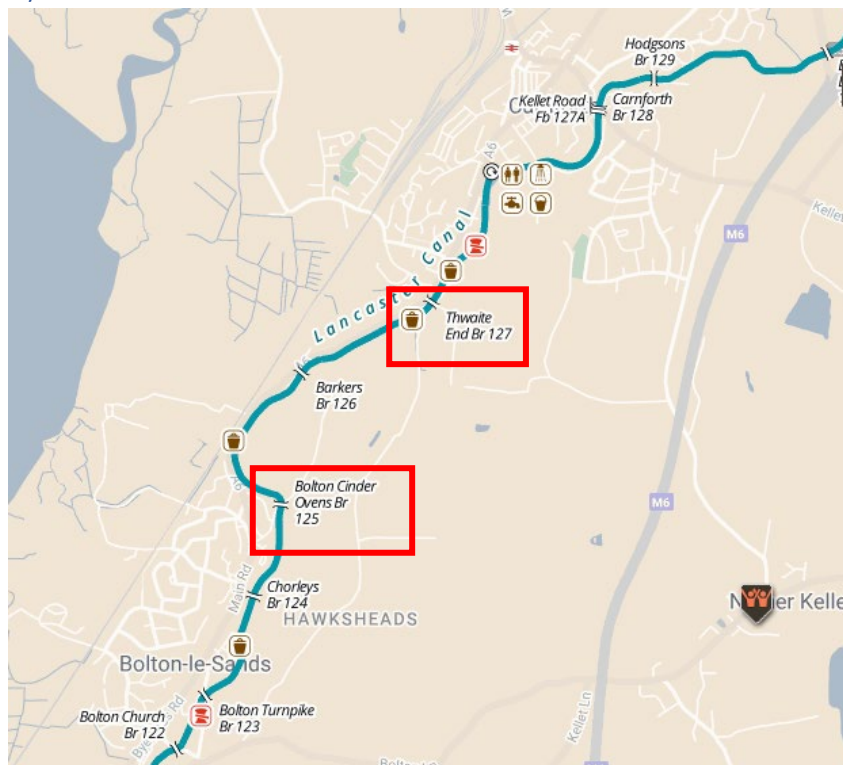
“The Guild Wheel runs over different types of paths and roads. Some do have equestrian rights but many do not. Those which do not are either permissive paths, or permissive for cyclists over public footpaths. We don't know whether the land owners would be prepared to offer similar permission – one of the major landowners is Preston City Council and their support and agreement would be essential in order to know whether you could realistically pursue such a project. However, given the amount of effort which would be involved and the significant lengths which have a tarmac surface this might not be the best circuit for equestrians to pursue.

Further to your email below, we do not see any reason why you could not put this to Preston City Council. However, we have no idea how receptive they might be because they've probably not been asked rather than that they've refused. The initial project was driven by cyclists.

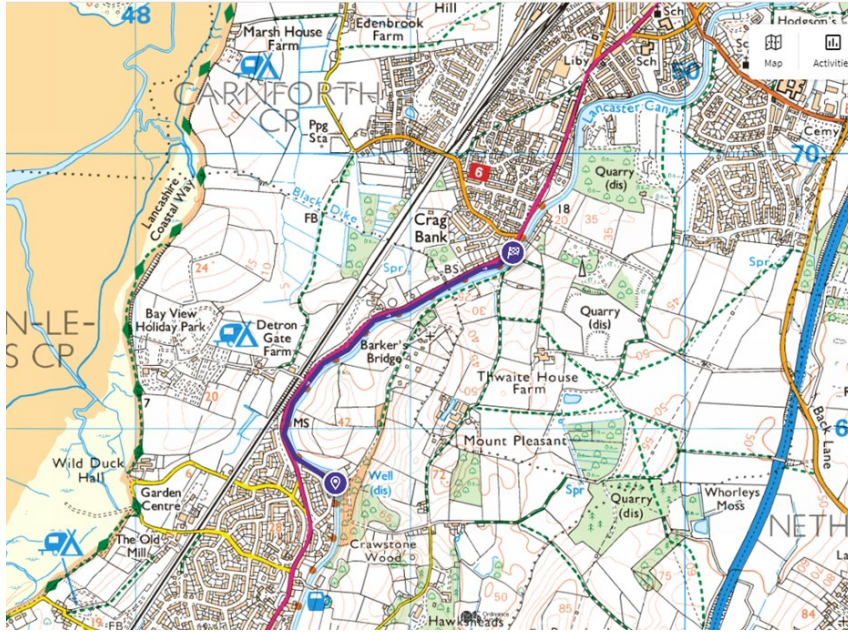
If equestrians want to push this as a project then we wish you well but, unfortunately, we do not have the resources, or the funding allocated to such a project at this time. So it would be something you would need to pursue. We do carry out bridleway improvements throughout the County and we believe these have greater benefit than adapting the Guild Wheel would have.

We apologise if this is not the answer you were hoping for.”

“Agreement by licence” section of canal south of Carnforth



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NLBS Membership – Report to July 2023 meeting

There have been no new members since the last meeting.

The membership currently stands at 160 including 21 honorary members.

We are still trying to find contact details for 'R J Elliston' who pays subs each year but there's no record of their membership so if anyone knows him/her please let me know by email - membership@nlbs.org.uk