

Follow up to Lost Ways Report for LAF meeting on 19th July 2016

1. Training Courses.

As expected we met Phil Wadey at the Open Spaces AGM in London and asked him about future training courses. He explained that all courses were fully booked by Ramblers and BHS and nothing is planned until later this year. This is partly because he is still finalising the second edition of his book. Kate Ashbrook of OSS and Ramblers thought that a course aimed at Ramblers and others may then be possible in the East Midlands. Miriam and I will write to Janet Davis at Ramblers HQ who is organising the courses. We will formally request that a course be held in East Midlands. Note, numbers on each course are limited to about 30.

The British Horse Society and The Ramblers have joined forces to run 'Restoring the Record' training courses across England. The aim of the training events is to enthuse, enable and empower rights of way researchers to make definitive map modification order applications to ensure that routes that would be extinguished in 2026 are saved from the cut off date.

The day will concentrate on identifying routes, the key sources of evidence of historic ways, where that information is located, what it can tell us, and how a systematic research method is the best way forward. For further details contact the BHS Access Team, 02476 850 515 / access@bhs.org.uk

Once a date and venue for a new course is known Miriam will re-contact those people who have shown an interest in attending.

2. ORPAs.

Phil also emphasised that it is important to record all known ORPAs and then check whether they are on the List of Streets. The List of Streets should be available through the County Council.

Since ORPAs are most likely to be shown on OS Explorer maps I believe that this is a job that can easily be done by anyone with modern maps, without the need to go to Archives.

Is anyone interested in doing some of this work?

3. 'Missing Links' in Kesteven

A few links from the data base have been checked but with no definite results. Much more work needs to be done, particularly in the Sleaford area.

4. The chairmanship of the South Lincs and Rutland LAF 'Lost Ways Sub Committee has now changed from John Law to Alec Hill.

Colin Smith.

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