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14 July 2015

South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum Meeting

A meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum will be held on **Wednesday, 22 July 2015 at 6.00 pm** in **Lancaster Lounge, Barratt Court, Lyndhurst Avenue, Skegness, Lincs PE25 2PQ** for the transaction of business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

Tony McArdle
Chief Executive

Membership of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum

Councillor Ray Wootten (Chairman)
John Law (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor David Brailsford
Councillor William Cross
Bryan Bowles
Rosemary Harris
Audrey Morley
Alec Hill
Gordon Norris
John Williams
Ian Cox
Dr Rebecca Johnson
Paul Marshall
Barbara Smitheringale
2 Vacancies (Users of Local Rights of Way)
2 Vacancies (Land Owners)

**SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2015**

Item	Title	Report Reference
1	Election of Chairman	
2	Election of Vice-Chairman	
3	Apologies for Absence	
4	Minutes of the previous meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum held on 29 April 2015	(Pages 7 - 14)
5	Actions arising from the minutes of the previous meeting (if not already on the agenda)	
6	Joint Annual Report 2014/15 <i>(To receive a report from Andrew Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, which provides a summary of the work of the Forum during the last year)</i>	(Pages 15 - 28)
7	Coastal Access <i>(To receive a presentation from Paul Marshall, South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum Member, on Coastal Access)</i>	(Verbal Report)
8	Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update	
8a	Rutland County Council <i>(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	(Pages 29 - 30)
8b	Lincolnshire County Council <i>(To receive a report from Andrew Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	(Pages 31 - 58)
9	Definitive Map Modification Orders	
9a	Rutland County Council <i>(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	(Pages 59 - 60)
9b	Lincolnshire County Council <i>(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, Lincolnshire County Council)</i>	(To Follow)
10	Public Path Orders Progress Report	
10a	Rutland County Council <i>(To receive a report from Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council)</i>	(Pages 61 - 62)

- 10b Lincolnshire County Council**
(To receive a report from Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, Lincolnshire County Council) (To Follow)
- 11 Lost Ways Sub-Group**
(To receive a verbal update from John Law, Vice-Chairman, South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum) (Verbal Report)
- 12 Countryside for All Sub-Group**
(To receive a report form John Law, Vice-Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which provides an update on the work of the Countryside for All Sub-Group) (Pages 63 - 64)
- 13 Funding**
(To receive information from John Law, Vice-Chairman of South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which was brought forward from the last meeting) (Pages 65 - 66)
- 14 Joint Disability Sub-Group - Bid Submission**
(To receive a report from John Law, Vice-Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which provides Forum members with the projects that would benefit from the funding should this bid be successful) (Pages 67 - 78)
- 15 Countryside Access Education Pack - Download**
(To receive a report from John Law, Vice-Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which provides information about the education resources available in Lincolnshire. Members are asked to visit the website noted in the report in preparation for the discussion) (Pages 79 - 80)
- 16 Consultation - Making our Needs Known and Influencing Decision Makers**
(To receive a draft questionnaire from John Law, Vice-Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which invites comments from Forum members) (Pages 81 - 90)
- 17 Proposal for Future Permissive Access in Stewardship Schemes**
(To receive a report from John Law, Vice-Chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, which invites discussion on the consultation document) (Pages 91 - 106)
- 18 Horse Riding Route Maps**
(To receive a report which invites the members to discuss and feedback their comments on style and information required on map to be used for horseriding – this item has been brought forward from the last meeting) (Pages 107 - 128)

19 Solar Farms

(To receive a verbal report from Dr Rebecca Johnson, South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum Member, regarding a potential solar farm in the parish of Lenton, Keisby, Osgodby and Hanby, situated to the south of Grantham)

(Verbal Report)

20 Next Meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum

(The next meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum is scheduled for Wednesday 21st October 2015 at 6.00pm and will be held at South Kesteven District Council in Grantham)

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R WOOTTEN (CHAIRMAN)

Representing Lincolnshire County Council: None

Representing Rutland County Council: Councillor William J Cross

Representing Independent Members: John Law, Bryan Bowles, Rosemary Harris, Alec Hill, John Williams, Dr Rebecca Johnson, Paul Marshall and Barbara Smitheringale

Officers: Chris Miller (Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, Lincolnshire County Council), Andy Savage (Senior Countryside Access Officer, Lincolnshire County Council), Stuart Crook (Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council), Andrea Brown (Democratic Services Officer, Lincolnshire County Council) and Sean Kent (Group Manager Environmental Services)

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Ian Cox and Mrs Audrey Morley.

43 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2015

The minutes of the meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, held on 14th January 2015, were agreed with no amendments.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

44 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

44a Minute No. 32a - Hedge between Newstead Mill and Belmesthorpe
Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Maps Manager, confirmed that this work was now complete but that the verges were now subject to fly tipping, unfortunately.

RESOLVED

That this item be closed as the works were now complete.

**45 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS AND RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN
UPDATE****45a Rutland County Council**

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, Rutland County Council, introduced the item, advising that they were currently waiting to hear back from Natural England about a number of discrepancies observed in the MENE (Monitoring Engagement with the Natural Environment) data. A condition survey of the whole of the Rutland network was proposed in order to complete the plans the network assessment. A job description was also being put together to enable the appointment of a temporary member of staff to undertake this work. Although a consultant could be appointed to do this quickly, there would be a considerable cost implication. Otherwise, a temporary member of staff could be appointed, for a smaller cost, but this would take longer to do. Further information should be available at the next meeting.

Members raised no questions on this item.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

45b Lincolnshire County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council which outlined the progress made in the implementation of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Andy Savage, Senior Countryside Access Officer, introduced the report and explained that consideration was being given to the budget for the next year and that officers were in the process of identifying suitable schemes for the year. Focus was on urban fringe areas and heritage sites and it was hoped these would be identified in coming months.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Although it would be difficult to quantify the works undertaken to-date, Members requested a spreadsheet which highlighted what schemes had been done or underway to give them an indication of the workload of officers;
- A project was ongoing to quantify the bridge stock. It was thought that 90% of bridges were timber built and had a deterioration rate in excess of the maintenance programme. The development of an asset management programme was also being considered;
- Network Rail was looking at a programme of closures. Out of 117 rail crossings approximately 91 were level crossings and there was a drive from central Government to try and remove those crossings. Not all had suitable alternatives and but strategic options were being considered;
- The Secretary of State suggested that Network Rail work more closely with Local Access Forums during their discussions in respect of crossings. Parish

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Councils would be contacted as part of the consultation process for closure of level crossings.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

46 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDERS

46a Rutland County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Rutland County Council.

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, introduced the report.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Further information or decision was still outstanding from legal colleagues in relation to Preston and, therefore, no progress had been made;
- In Braunston, legal had been instructed to publish an Order but both involved parties had indicated a willingness to appeal or object;
- The case at Thorpe-by-Water was a deviation from an existing route. The owner had fenced off the riverbank and so this required a modification order;

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

46b Lincolnshire County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council which detailed the progress of Definitive Map Modification Order work since the inception of the current prioritisation policy (October 2006 to April 2015) including current caseloads).

Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, introduced the report and referred Members to the table on page 45 of the agenda pack.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- 16 cases were being dealt with and 155 waiting to be dealt with;
- In respect to Skegness, evidence would be collated to enable a case to be built around the original submission. A recommendation would then be made to the Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager whether an Order would be required. If no objection was received, it would be added but if an objection was received the case would be submitted to the Secretary of State following which a Public Inquiry would take place which would be a lengthy process. If the Order was confirmed without any objection this could be complete within 12 months but would take considerably longer if objections were received;
- The Chairman asked about the 26 year old case and was advised that when legislation was drawn up in the late 1970's/early 1980's, the Local Authority did

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not provide any resources to deal with it which had resulted in a constant backlog. The priority order had meant that this case was regularly superseded by other applications;

- It was hoped that the Deregulation Bill would improve the situation as the onus would be put back to the Local Authority for decisions;
- In the cast at Wrangle, notice had been served as Officers were able to establish the details of the current owners under the Highways Act for its removal within 28 days. If the owners did not take action, the Local Authority could do it and issue an invoice to the owners or instigate legal action.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

47 PUBLIC PATH ORDERS PROGRESS REPORT

47a Rutland County Council

Consideration was given to a report from Rutland County Council which provided an update on Public Path Orders in the county.

Stuart Crook, Public Rights of Way Officer, introduced the report by confirming that the oldest case had now been finalised.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- Clarification was given in regard to Path Ref E268 in respect of a potential revocation order. A planning application had been received for two office blocks and the diversion order was made under the Planning Act. One of the blocks had been built but the other was not but the path now diverted around the block which was not built. It is an unusual case where potential options were being considered;
- In Lyddington, E314, the path already there was not followed and it had been decided to divert the path to match the "unofficial" route currently being taken;
- In Clipsham, E315, the order is to move a Definitive Map to where people have been walking for over 20 years and it was felt that this was low priority for Legal Services as there were no issues, either with ramblers or the owners. Although it was acknowledged that Legal Services in Peterborough had a small team, Members felt it was important to write to them to ascertain the delay in dealing with these orders;

RESOLVED

1. That the report be noted;
2. That the Chairman write to Legal Services on behalf of Forum Members to ascertain the delays in dealing with these orders.

47b Lincolnshire County Council

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Consideration was given to a report from Lincolnshire County Council which provides an update on the progress of Public Path Orders in the county.

Chris Miller, Countryside Access and Definitive Map Manager, introduced the report.

Members had no questions in relation to this report.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

48 LOST WAYS SUB-GROUP

John Law, Vice Chairman of the Forum, advised that the Lost Ways Sub-Group held its first meeting in advance of the meeting of the Forum. The draft remit of the Sub-Group was put together and this would be presented to the Forum once finalised.

The frequency of the meetings had not yet been decided.

There were no questions for the Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

49 EAST MIDLANDS LOCAL ACCESS FORUM CHAIRS MEETING

The Chairman thanked John Law, Vice Chairman, for attending the East Midlands Local Access Forum Chairs Meeting on his behalf.

The notes of the meeting had been included in the agenda pack for Members information. It was particularly noted that the LAF Coordinator post was no longer in existence and that Mandy Sims had now, regrettably, left. Natural England would not, in future, take notes for the meetings but they would be willing to provide a conference room for use. The next meeting would be held in Nottingham but it was stressed that Chairs would have to produce their own agendas and minutes going forward.

Leicestershire LAF was more advanced as a Forum so the Vice Chairman was looking to build a better relationship with neighbouring LAFs/counties.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

50 FUTURE OF PUBLIC ACCESS IN STEWARDSHIP SCHEMES

The Vice Chairman introduced the report which provided options in regard to the future of public access in stewardship schemes. The following were proposed:-

1. That the voice of the LAF be heard (Welsh and Scottish LAFs have the right to advise government directly) as need some way of advising DEFRA what the English LAFs would like;
2. Reinstating Permissive Access Funding for easy access routes (for the disabled as seen at the moment). It was felt to be essential that people with disabilities had the same, if not more, access to the countryside than at present.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- It was suggested to link with the Health and Wellbeing Boards in the East Midlands. It had been hoped that a number of LAFs would receive a discussion paper, a form of consultation, and have meetings to discuss further. It was felt that this could be done remotely by sharing information and thoughts electronically thereby keeping costs to a minimum;
- It was agreed that an enormous amount of work had been done and the Forum were supportive of putting these thoughts to Government as a joint view with other LAFs;
- Work would be required to unite groups including BHS, ramblers, LAFs, etc, to try and get the recognition of permissive access by DEFRA.

RESOLVED

That the proposals suggested above be unanimously agreed.

51 COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

Consideration was given to a report by the Vice Chairman on Countryside for All.

Vice Chairman, John Law, introduced the report and thanked Paul Marshall and Gordon Norris for the work to-date. He confirmed that the chosen four route maps had been printed and packaged with some being delivered to Whisby and more included in with Choice Unlimited, recently launched in Leicestershire.

A presentation was then given regarding Dementia Friendly Walks.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- As well as leaflets, it was hoped to implement plinths on some routes so that walker could both see and hear maps/routes. The Chairman of the Round Table in Skegness had offered £500 funding towards this;
- It was agreed that more publicity was required and the Chairman encouraged the group to consider options and to utilise the press office;
- Although the publicity was labelled "Walks in Lincolnshire" it was felt that Rutland should also be included;
- A meeting had been held with the Blind Association and Vista, among others, and they were looking to develop "listen for walk". There was an example of this type of resource on the Lincolnshire website and in a response from Natural England, it was suggested that a "one stop" website for walks was

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needed. Although a number of suggestions had been received from Natural England, it was important to have a discussion with representatives from disability groups on those;

- Funding would be sought for this as it was thought that Area Teams may have access to funds for schemes of this nature;
- It was suggested to contact radio stations to promote this and also local Mobility Centres who sell or hired out mobility scooter.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

52 FUNDING

Consideration was given to a Discussion Document in relation to Funding Countryside Access.

The Chairman suggested that this be brought back to the next meeting to give Members the opportunity consider the paper and to enable the Vice Chairman to provide any further information which may be available.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to the next meeting for consideration.

53 HORSE RIDING ROUTE MAPS

Although the relevant information had been sent to Members via email, the Forum felt it would be have been helpful to have the documents as part of the agenda pack. As a result, the Chairman suggested to defer this to the next meeting to enable a full discussion.

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to the next meeting for consideration.

54 LOCAL ACCESS FORUM SURVEY 2014-15

The Chairman confirmed that he had received notification of a survey which had a response date of 8th May 2015.

The Clerk to the Forum advised that the link provided in the email came up with an error message and was unable to access the survey itself. Officers advised they would try to access the survey before the deadline.

RESOLVED

To endeavour to access the survey before the deadline date.

55 NEXT MEETING OF THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE & RUTLAND LOCAL
ACCESS FORUM

As agreed at the last meeting, the next meeting of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum would be held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015 at 6.00pm. The meeting was to be held at Barratt Court, Skegness and would include a presentation on Coastal Access by Mr Paul Marshall.

56 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman welcomed Sean Kent to the meeting and asked him to address the Forum.

Mr Kent explained that, following a senior management review, waste disposal and natural environment now came under his remit. There were plans to walk the Coastal Access Route in May and his intent was to feedback findings at the next meeting of this Forum. Although it was unlikely that funding would be available from Natural England, Mr Kent noted that his budget was considerable and therefore he would try to support the Countryside Access and Definitive Map team going forward.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local (Countryside) Access Forums Joint Annual Report 2014/ 15



Chairman's Introduction

Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum

The issues facing LAFs seem to remain largely the same from year to year, but the relative size and urgency of each change. The many errors, anomalies, and omissions of rights of way from the definitive rights of way map is one that grows more urgent because of the 2026 so-called "cut off" date. Unfortunately, at the same time the national political support for improving the network has steadily declined. In our LAF concern over this is especially strong over the shortage of bridleways, or roads suitable for horse riding, and the general lack of connectivity caused by "missing links" and anomalous gaps.

One area where we seem to be seeing a gradual thawing of political resistance is the idea that network changes should be made to improve it for users rather than just the traditional convenience of land owners. The concept that authorities not only can, but should, make road crossing safer, if necessary by forcing diversions on unreasonable land owners, has at last taken root, and we hope may gain wider acceptance. There is a similar early slow movement towards the idea of closing some of the more absurd and anomalous missing links by diversions and creation.

With these slow changes it is particularly irksome that we are all now caught in across the board restraints on local government budgets. This is ironic because improvement to the facilities for walking and cycling reduces car use and the need for new roads, and also reduces health service expenditure far more than the cost. Investing to encourage walking, both as exercise and transport is very good value in public expenditure. We must to do more to get this message to government.

Chris Padley

Chairman

Mid Lincolnshire

Local (Countryside) Access Forum

South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum

Welcome to the Joint Annual Report of the Lincolnshire Local Access Forums for 2014/15.

It has been a very interesting year and I believe that we have made a great deal of progress despite a very challenging financial situation. We are extremely fortunate in having an enthusiastic forum, and as chair of the forum I would like to take this opportunity to thank members and officers for their support during the past year.

Members of the forum were saddened to hear of the deaths of two of our members during the year. Brian Montgomery, who was the first chairman of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum, passed away in August and Alan Gibbon who had been a LAF member for three years pass away in December. Both Brian and Alan contributed a great deal to the work of the forum and will be sadly missed.

The forum has continued to examine a wide range of issues over the last twelve months from familiar areas of interest such as Rights of Way Improvement Plans to emerging issues such as public rights of way affected by level crossings.

I would also like to thank the Disability sub group for it's continued efforts outside of full forum meetings. During the last twelve months the group has published an additional four access for all leaflets for routes at Gibraltar Point, Skegness, Boston and Lincoln. In the coming year the group are planning to embark on a diverse range of tasks including the publication of additional access for all leaflets, the provision of walk leader training and the wider promotion of disabled access in Lincolnshire and Rutland.

The coming year will hold many challenges and a great deal of creative thinking will be needed in a rapidly changing financial environment.

County Councillor Ray Wootten

Chairman

South Lincolnshire and Rutland
Local (Countryside) Access Forum

Role and Purpose of Local Access Forums

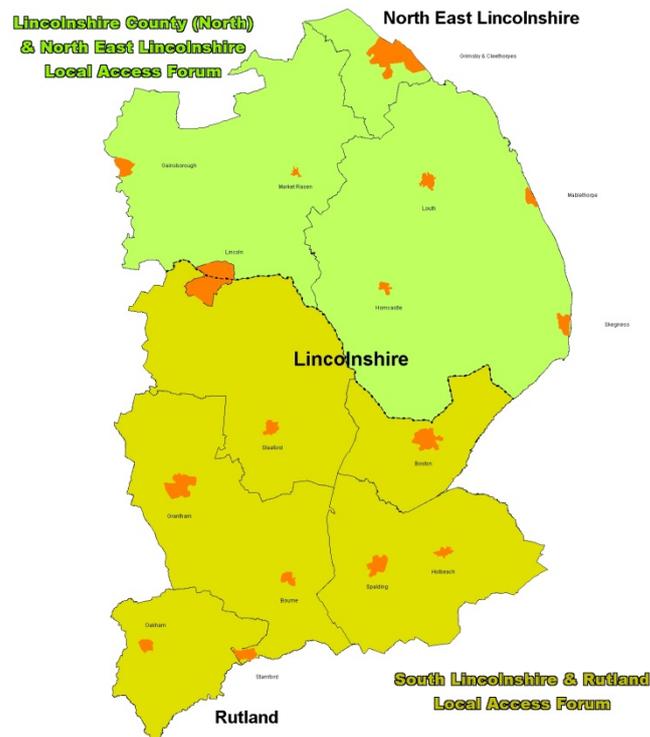
Local Access Forums (LAFs) are statutory bodies established under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. Two LAFs were established in 2003, covering Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and Rutland. The Mid Lincolnshire LAF (Mid Lincs Forum) is a joint forum between Lincolnshire County Council and North East Lincolnshire Council. The South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF (South Lincs Forum) is a joint forum between Lincolnshire County Council and Rutland County Council.

Lincolnshire County Council provides a secretariat service to both Local Access Forums.

Local Access Forums provide independent advice to the local authorities and other relevant bodies on how to make the countryside more accessible and enjoyable for open- air recreation, in ways which address social, economic and environmental interests.

The Mid Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forums provide advice on three main areas:

- the development of recreation and access strategies which cater for a wide range of people;
- improving the rights of way network; and
- the implementation, management and review of the statutory right of access to the countryside.



Membership of Local Access Forums

Each LAF consists of up to 18 members representing a wide range of interests, including rights of way users, land managers and farmers, rural business, health, heritage, nature conservation, tourism, transport, disability groups and minority groups.

Members are appointed for up to three years and the appointing authorities are required to maintain a balance of interests on each forum.

A list of members is shown in the membership section of the Annual Report.

Changes in membership and appointments

-Mid Lincs Forum

Irene Unsworth resigned from the forum at the end of her appointment.

-South Lincs Forum

Members of the forum were saddened to hear of the deaths of Brian Montgomery in August and Alan Gibbon in December. Dr Rebecca Johnson was appointed to the forum in September 2014.

-Chair Appointments

Chris Padley was re-elected as Chair of the Mid Lincs Forum and Dr. Christopher Allison was elected as the Vice-Chair at the July Annual General Meeting. County Councillor Ray Wooten was elected as Chair of the South Lincs Forum and John Williams elected as the Vice-Chair.

Review of meetings and discussions of the past year

Meeting Details

Both forums held 4 full meetings during the reporting period. Meetings have been held at the following venues:

Mid Lincs LAF	South Lincs and Rutland LAF
15 April 2014 – Lincoln	16 April 2014 – Oakham
22 July 2014 - Huttoft	9 July 2014 – Lincoln
28 October 2014 - Waltham	15 October 2014 - Grantham
22 January 2015 – Wragby	14 January 2015 – Stamford

The average attendance rate for the Mid Lincs LAF during the reporting period was 58% and the South Lincs and Rutland LAF was 68%.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe local access forum meetings and members of the public and other interested parties who would like to raise items for consideration by the forums may do so by contacting the Secretary.

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Rights of Way Improvement Plans (RoWIP)

Lincolnshire County Council

Both forums have continued to receive updates on the implementation of the first Lincolnshire RoWIP. Improvement works have again concentrated on promoted routes, routes in popular areas of the county and those in the vicinity of villages and towns.

During the reporting period RoWIP implementation has included

- the creation of one public footpath
- surface improvements on 15 routes
- extensive access improvements on Leadenham Public Footpath No. 1
- the publication of two bus walk leaflets
- the publication of two walk leaflets in the Coastal Country Park
- the publication of one Lincolnshire Walk leaflet for Saltfleet

The pre-draft of the Second Lincolnshire RoWIP was presented to both forums at the April meetings. The second ROWIP will have an increased emphasis on community involvement and partnership working as a result of the County Council's decreased capability to deliver the plan on its own.

Three broad themes have emerged for the future development of the Lincolnshire PRow network.

Theme 1 – Network Improvements

Theme 2 – Improved Customer Service

Theme 3 – Social Inclusion

The process of developing the Second RoWIP has been influenced by a number of factors including significant changes in national policy, County Council priorities and the potential for a further reduction in funding in the coming years. It is envisaged that the draft document will be published in the coming financial year.

North East Lincolnshire Council

The Mid Lincs LAF has continued to receive updates on the implementation of the North East Lincs RoWIP. Particular focus has once again been given to addressing those routes that intersect with busy trafficked roads within the Borough. In this respect, working in partnership with the Casualty Reduction Officer for Humberside Police, a legal order has been made to divert a section of a key promoted route (Ashby Cum Fenby BW91), forming part of the Wanderlust Way, to provide a safer crossing point on the A18 Barton Street. In addition, officers have also been working to reinstate Waltham FP72.

Works are continuing towards the production of a Consolidated Definitive Map for North East Lincolnshire, which would provide a much needed and more relevant Map and Statement to replace the current version with a relevant date of 1953.

In addition, officers have produced a draft protocol regarding 'Gaps, Gates and Stiles', which is currently awaiting approval. This protocol will then provide formal guidance for landowners and their tenants as to how to apply for permission to install/replace/change path furniture.

Rutland County Council

A timetable showing the stages in preparing the second Rutland ROWIP was presented to the forum at the January meeting, but until it [the second plan] is published delivery against the objectives in the first ROWIP will continue to be reported.

Over the past year work in Rutland has been focused around our core actions of 'Improving standards of maintenance across the network' (Core Action 1) and 'Reducing the number of physical barriers on the network' (Core Action 3). A review of the annual mowing programme has now been completed and some significant savings are now anticipated for 2015/16. We invested heavily, spending almost 30% of the annual budget, on improvements to the surface and drainage of footpaths and bridleways across the county whilst continuing to fund the replacement of existing (lawful) stiles with gates. Requests for the creation of new routes and projects requiring significant capital investment must be considered against Highways schemes through the County Councils prioritisation system; at the time of writing two requests for new bridleways are seeking approval by cabinet.

Delivery of the second Rutland ROWIP in accordance with the timetable presented previously no longer appears possible. The analysis of user needs through a review of existing data sources relevant to countryside access and rights of way was delayed whilst errors in the MENE (Monitoring Engagement with the Natural Environment) data were raised with Natural England (NE) and, more significantly, the proposed condition survey is now being undertaken in-house in order to reduce costs. Despite this the authority will meet its obligations under section 60(30) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, which requires that local authorities review their plans at intervals not exceeding 10 years in length, and endeavour keep the forum apprised of its progress towards this objective.

Access for the Disabled

The Disability sub group has continued working on the development of a series of access for all leaflets aimed at disabled users and families with pushchairs.

The sub group has produced an additional four leaflets during the reporting period at;

- Gibraltar Point, Skegness
- Grand and North Parades, Skegness
- Westgate Woods, Boston
- Hartsholme Country Park, Lincoln

Each leaflet provides detailed route information describing path surfaces, path gradients and cross-slopes, as well as the location of path infrastructure, parking and on site facilities.

The group has also become increasingly involved in the promotion of disabled access in Lincolnshire. The Willingham Woods access for all route was featured in the summer 2014 edition of County News magazine, Gordon Norris and John Law attended the 'Give it Some Buzz' Health and Fitness Show in Spalding and the group has produced a slide show for use in doctors surgeries to promote countryside access opportunities in the county.

In the coming year the group are planning to undertake a diverse range of tasks including;

- The publication of four additional access for all leaflets,
- Providing dementia walk leader training
- Providing countryside for all training
- The production and installation of interpretive panels.

Public Rights of Way and Level Crossings

Both forums have shown an increasing interest in the issue of public rights of way affected by level crossings.

Network Rail manages in the region of 9000 level crossings across the country. Approximately 1,500 level crossings are on public vehicular roads and the rest are in locations where public footpaths, bridleways and private roads and tracks cross the railway. The RoWIP rail crossing audit identified over 93 locations in Lincolnshire where public rights of way cross the rail network. Some of these are provided for by grade separated crossings such as a bridge or underpass, however, the majority are at level crossings with no control measures other than a stile/gate at the line side and infill boarding between rails to avoid trip hazards.

The Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) policy on level crossings is to seek to reduce risk through a variety of means and, where practicable, reduce risk as far as possible through the elimination of level crossings in favour of bridges, underpasses or diversions. Where elimination is not possible, the ORR aims to ensure that Network Rail and other duty holders introduce measures to reduce risk so far as is reasonably practicable. During the course of last 12 months Network Rail has worked on a number of schemes in Lincolnshire aimed at improving the safety of public rights of way affected by level crossings

Members of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF expressed concern that some public paths have been unofficially closed by Network Rail and are keen to establish dialogue on this issue. The forum believes that they should be an initial point of contact on any rail crossing proposals effecting public rights of way in Lincolnshire and Rutland. Rail crossings and public rights of way is now a standard item on the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF agenda.

The Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum discussed the proposed closure of Lincoln Public Footpath No. 41 at Ballast Hole crossing(*) and the Chairman attended the public inquiry on behalf of the forum.

(*)The public path order to extinguish Lincoln Public Footpath No. 41 was confirmed on the 18 May 2015.

Other Topics Discussed

- The future of the permissive path network
- South Lincolnshire Walking Festival
- Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park
- The Department for Transport's Cycle Delivery Plan
- The Future of Public Rights of Way Delivery in Lincolnshire
- The East Midlands LAF Chairs meeting
- Definitive Map Modification Order and Public Path Order Updates
- Travel4Rutland Cycle Route Infrastructure

Sub Groups

- County Farms
- Access for the Disabled
- Lost Ways

Presentations

The Mid Lincs LAF received one presentation during the reporting period;

- Phil Garner, Public Health, Lincolnshire County Council – The role of public health.

The South Lincs and Rutland LAF did not receive any presentations during the reporting period;

Forum Expenditure

Mid Lincs Forum

Democratic Services support	£1,200.00
Member travel expenses	£ 276.90
Total	£1,476.90

South Lincs and Rutland Forum

Democratic Services support	£1,200.00
Member travel expenses	£1,720.95
Sub Total	£2,920.95
Total	£4,397.85

Membership

Mid Lincolnshire Local (Countryside) Access Forum		
Name	Area of Interest	End Date of Appointment
Sheila Brookes	Carriage driving	July 2015
Alison Healey	Land Management/ Horse riding, Health	July 2015
Christopher Padley	Walking, Cycling	July 2017
Raymond Shipley	Conservation/ Game keeping	July 2016
Peter Skipworth	Walking, Conservation, Tourism	July 2017
Irene Unsworth (1)	Farming, Rural Business	July 2014
Dr. Christopher Allison	Walking	July 2015
Colin Smith	Walking, Health Walking	July 2017
Richard Graham	Health Walking, Walking	July 2015
Sandra Harrison	Horse riding	Sept 2016
Councillor IB Colquhoun	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor D. C. Hoyes	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor D. McNally	Local Authority Representative	n/a

(1) Irene Unsworth resigned from the forum at the end of her appointment.

South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local (Countryside) Access Forum		
Name	Area of Interest	End Date of Appointment
Bryan Bowles	Farming / Land Management	July 2015
Rosemary Harris	Landowner, Local History	July 2016
Barbara Smitheringale	Walking, tourism	July 2015
Audrey Morley	Farming, Horse Riding	July 2015
William Cross	Land Management	July 2017
Alec Hill	Recreational Motoring	July 2016
Gordon Norris	Walking, Access for people with disabilities	July 2015
Alan Gibbon (3)	Walking	July 2014
John Williams	Walking	July 2015
John Law	Other Interests	July 2017
Ian Cox	Countryside Management	July 2015
Paul Marshall	Disabled Access	August 2016
Dr. Rebecca Johnson (2)	Other Interests	September 2017
Councillor B. Montgomery (1)	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor R. Wootten	Local Authority Representative	n/a
Councillor D. Brailsford	Local Authority Representative	n/a

- (1) Brian Montgomery passed away August 2014
(2) Dr Rebecca Johnson joined the forum in September 2014
(3) Alan Gibbon passed away in December 2014

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www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside

Rutland Rights of Way Improvement Plan: Update

South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum (22/07/2015)

A draft project plan for the second Rutland ROWIP was presented to the forum at the January meeting. However due to particularly high demand for other aspects of the [rights of way] service and ongoing pressure to reduce costs, delivery in accordance with the plan will not now be possible. The single most significant reason for the delay is that the asset condition survey that was proposed is currently being undertaken in-house; the time scales in the project plan depended upon this work being undertaken by external consultants.

Despite this the authority will meet its obligations under section 60(30) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, which requires that local authorities review their plans at intervals not exceeding 10 years in length, and endeavour keep the forum apprised of its progress towards this objective. Furthermore, until the second Rutland ROWIP is published progress towards the objectives in the first plan will continue to be reported. With this in mind a brief summary of the recent work carried out in Rutland is provided below:

Core Action 1: Improving standards of maintenance across the network

- Major bridge works including the replacement structures on footpaths E174 (Belmesthorpe) and E317 (Thorpe by Water) at a combined cost of £25k.
- Completed the mapping and digitising of annual mowing programme resulting in projected savings of approximately £10k per annum (**Actions 1E,1F**)
- Commenced in-house asset condition survey in preparation for the second Rutland ROWIP; approximately 51km or 16% of the total network completed since the 1st June (**Action 1A**)
- Discussions ongoing with the staff Health & Wellbeing group about permitting RCC staff from other departments to volunteer for rights of way work parties (**Action 1L**)

Core Action 3: Reducing the number of physical barriers on the network

- Improved surface and drainage on two bridleways at Langham/Ashwell (E145) and Pickworth Great Woods (E136) at combined cost of £25K (**Action 3E**)
- Minor surface / drainage improvements to a bridleway at Leighfield (C72) & a footpath at Gunnel Lane, Empingham (E217) (**Action 3E**)
- Replaced 27 existing (lawful) stiles with kissing gates (**Action 3C**)

Core Action 4: Extend the network currently available to cyclists and horse-riders

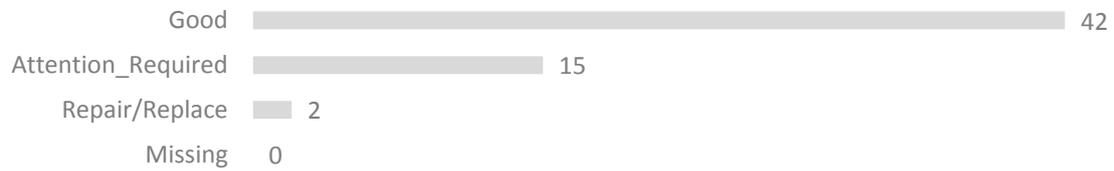
- A request for highways capital funding to upgrade a footpath between Greetham and Thistleton (E114) to a bridleway is currently being considered (**Action 4A**)
- A request for highways capital funding to create a new bridleway alongside the A47 is currently being considered (**Actions 4D,8B,8E**)

Preliminary results from asset condition survey [51/320km surveyed]

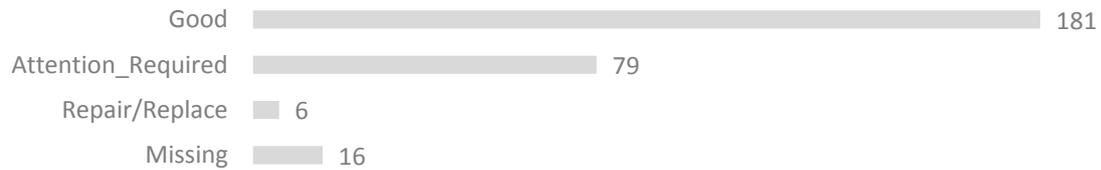
Bridge condition:



Gate condition:



Sign Condition:



Stile condition:



Issue type:



**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills - Executive Director –
Environment & Economy**

Report to: **South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access
Forums**
Date: **22 July 15**
Subject: **Countryside Access and Rights of Way
Improvement Plan Update**

Summary:

A report outlining the progress made in the implementation of the Lincolnshire Countryside Access and Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Recommendation(s):

i) That the forum notes the contents of the report.

1. Background

The responsibility to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan is a statutory duty arising from the Countryside and Rights of way Act 2000. The first Lincolnshire Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) was adopted by the County Council on 3 April 2007.

The ROWIP is being implemented under four themes, each with a strategic aim and supporting the wider social objectives of the County Council including the aims of the LTP2:

- Sustainable Transport – *Strategic Aim to increase the use of the network for sustainable transport and utility trips*
- Health and Well-being – *Strategic Aim to make it easier for people to incorporate exercise into their daily lives and lead healthier lifestyles*
- Rural Economy and Tourism – *Strategic Aim to support local businesses and tourism through access improvements*
- Social Issues – *Strategic Aim to enable more people to enjoy walking and riding*

There is also a separate strand of Core Tasks that will assist in the management of the network and access opportunities.

The Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Year Action Plan is attached to this report as Appendix A.

2. Summary

Progress Report

Network Management- The highway divisions have continued to make general improvements through improved maintenance and enforcement works. In the period April 2007 to March 2015 these have included;

- 1,031 stiles provided or repaired,
- 1,889 new roadside signs,
- 2,297 routes waymarked,
- 651 gates provided or repaired,
- 424 new bridges,
- 333 stiles replaced with kissing gates,
- 260 stiles removed.

Improvement Schemes – Work has now commenced of the 2015/16 improvement programme. Schemes have again been focussed on routes in urban areas and on the urban fringe, routes in the region of countryside heritage sites and promoted routes. This year improvement works will also target the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park area.

Improvement schemes are currently being prepared at Market Deeping, Foston, Legsby and Chapel St Leonards.

3. Consultation

Scrutiny Comments

n/a

Executive Councillor Comments

n/a

Local Member Comments

n/a

Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Countryside Access & Rights of Way Improvement Plan Action Plan

5. Background papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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APPENDIX A

Review of Statement of Action

Core Tasks

Ref	Action	Target date	Work Undertaken	Level of Completion
CT1	Review the Definitive Map Modification Order Priorities Policy and Public Path Order Policies in line with the RoWIP, to give a potentially higher priority to key routes that will improve or increase access.	2008	-Comprehensive review of DMMO policy completed in 2010. -PPO policy reviewed 2010.	Completed
CT2	Review the current Path Priority System for the maintenance and enforcement of PRow	2008	Path Priority System maintained under review.	Completed
CT3	Review Maintenance and Enforcement Policies for PRow and publicise to farmers, landowners and the public	2008 – 2009	Draft Enforcement Manual completed.	Partially Complete
CT4	Review current Parish Paths Partnership scheme and explore new ways to increase community involvement	2008	Review of parish paths partnership scheme completed in autumn 2009.	Completed
CT5	Undertake whole network condition survey	Complete by 2010	Survey complete – undertaken through the proactive inspection regime which ensures all paths receive an inspection at least once in a three year period.	Completed
CT6	Seek opportunities to reduce the number of unnecessary stiles and barriers on the PRow network	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	260 unnecessary stiles and barriers removed and 333 stiles replaced with kissing gates. Promoted routes surveyed to identify unnecessary stiles and barriers.	Completed
CT7	Continue to fully sign and waymark the PRow network	Throughout	1,889 new roadside fingerposts installed either	Completed

		Plan life 2007-2012	in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,297 paths waymarked. Promoted routes surveyed to identify routes requiring signing or waymarking.	
CT8	Continue the annual programme of vegetation clearance on PRow	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Additional paths added to the schedule during ROWIP implementation years 1 - 4 as necessary and in line with improvement schemes and the development of new promoted routes. Austerity measures resulted in the re-examination of vegetation cutting schedule during implementation year 5.	Completed
CT9	Continue to ensure that the public has access to designated areas of Open Country and Registered Common Land under CRow Act 2000	2008	-Access Land Management Plan reviewed. -Access land inspection regime introduced. -Interpretative panels installed at South and West Commons in Lincoln. -Woodnook Valley, Grantham – Access controls and signage installed. -Lincoln Commons leaflets published.	Completed
CT10	Continue to provide information and promote wider use of the PRow Network	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Promotion of the network through various media including the LCC website, County News, local and national press and GP and community magazines. Searchable database of leaflets now available on the LCC Countryside website. 46 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets have been published (since Apr 07) 8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets have been	Completed

			<p>published (since Apr 07)</p> <p>Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism)</p> <p>Visitor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism)</p> <p>15 walking discovery packs produced with Lincs Tourism - 2009</p> <p>12 'Countryside for All' walks produced.</p> <p>'Walk more in Lincolnshire' produced in association with stakeholder groups.</p> <p>'Countryside Access' education pack produced.</p> <p>LCC Countryside microsite redesigned.</p> <p>Revised Countryside Code promoted on LCC web site.</p> <p>Walks Leaflets produced for the Poacher Line.</p> <p>4 Bus Walks produced for the Lincoln area.</p>	
CT11	Develop longer distance routes and trails	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Viking Way – Review provisionally planned for 2015.</p> <p>Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 given Royal Assent. No further action required at this time.</p> <p>Partnership Working</p>	Partially Complete

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spires & Steeples Trail now launched. • Lindsey Trail –completed. <p>Macmillan Way – Programme of infrastructure improvements undertaken around Boston and Surfleet.</p> <p>Save the Children walk – Assistance provided in route development.</p>	
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Sustainable Transport

Ref	Action	Target date	Work Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA1	Identify and improve off road routes linking communities with schools, employment centres and local services	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Comments submitted regarding reviews of Community Travel Zones for Lincoln and Louth.</p> <p>Targeted improvements implemented on the following routes;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claxby BOAT 753 – Improvement works 2. Lincoln PF No. 3 – Improvement works to increase accessibility to pushchairs. 3. Louth PF No. 11 – Improvement works to increase accessibility to school. 4. Crowland PF No. 6 – Surface improvement works undertaken at Wheatsheaf Yard. 5. North Somercotes PF No. 30 – Surface improvements works undertaken on village path. 6. Goulceby PF No. 25 – Surface improvement works undertaken on village path. 	Completed

		<p>7. Wainfleet St Mary PF No. 323 –Access improvement works undertaken on village path in conjunction with parish council.</p> <p>8. Branston PF No. 14 – Seating installed on village path.</p> <p>9. Tattershall PF Nos. 222 and 225 – Footpath connecting Tattershall village and Tattershall castle upgraded to full accessibility standard.</p> <p>10. Market Rasen PF No. 167 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>11. Doddington PF No. 8 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>12. Skellingthorpe PB No. 3a – Surface improvements.</p> <p>13. Skegness PF 297 (Vine Walk) – Surface Improvements.</p> <p>14. Horncastle PF 76 - Surface Improvements.</p> <p>15. Lincoln PF 60 – Surface improvement works undertaken between Doddington Road and Hartsholme Country Park.</p> <p>16. Saxilby PF 204 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>17. Holton le Clay PF 1 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>18. North Somercotes PF 32 – Surface improvement works School Lane to Warren Road.</p> <p>19. Scotton PF 4 – Surface improvements.</p> <p>20. Quadring PF 5 – Bridge upgraded between village and primary school.</p> <p>21. Boston PF1 – Bridge upgrading works.</p> <p>22. Horncastle PF80 – Resurfacing works.</p> <p>23. Glentham PF 844 – Resurfacing and revetment works.</p> <p>24. Market Rasen PF 162 – Resurfacing works.</p>	
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		<p>25. Conningsby PF 224 – Resurfacing works. 26. Skegness PF 307 – Surfacing works. 27. Upton PF 50 – Surfacing works. 28. Gedney PF 15 – Surfacing and revetment works. 29. Sleaford PF 17 – Surface improvements 30. Skellingthorpe PF No. 15 –Surface improvements 31. Wellingore PF 5 – Surface Improvements 32. Nocton PF 10 – Surface Improvements 33. Reepham PF 131 – Culvert Improvements 34. Waddingham PF 72 – Surface Improvements 35. Walesby Byway 524 – Surface Improvements 36. Lincoln PF 11 – Surface Improvements 37. Bourne PF 1 – Surface Improvements 38. Saxby PF 9 – Bridge Upgrading 39. Market Rasen PF 163 – Surface Improvements 40. Grasby PF 49 - Surface Improvements 41. Trusthorpe PF 863 – Surface Improvements 42. Trusthorpe PF 816 – Surface Improvements 43. Sleaford PF 948 – Surface Improvements 44. Lincoln PF60 – Surface Improvements 45. Skellingthorpe PB 3 – Surface Improvements 46. Waddington PF 3– Surface Improvements 47. Claxby PF 107 - Surface Improvements 48. Barrowby PF 7 - Surface Improvements 49. Grantham PF 12 - Surface Improvements 50. Mablethorpe PF 317 - Surface</p>	
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			<p>Improvements</p> <p>51. Grantham PF 18 - Surface Improvements</p> <p>52. Colsterworth PF 20 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>53. Welton PF 169 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>54. Scothern PF 153 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>55. Skegness PF 318 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>56. Folkingham PF 17 –Surface Improvements</p> <p>57. M Deeping PF 2 –Surface Improvements</p> <p>58. Nettleham PF 145 –Surface Improvements</p> <p>59. Lincoln PF 62 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Additional small scale works undertaken at various locations by LCC highway divisions.</p>	
SOA2	Improve enforcement and management of urban rights of way to combat litter, fly tipping and dog fouling	2011	<p>LCC Divisions and Borough Councils contacted regarding issues of flytipping on public rights of way to highlight areas experiencing excessive flytipping.</p> <p>Borough Councils contacted to clarify protocols for dealing with dog fouling on public rights of way</p>	Completed
SOA3	Seek improvements for non-motorised travel in proposals for new developments. Schemes funded through developer contributions	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Regular liaison takes place with planning authorities to ensure that maximum public benefits are realised.</p> <p>Comments are submitted on planning applications as they arise.</p> <p>Comments submitted to: -Stamford – Newstead Development Proposals consultation.</p>	Completed

			-Lincoln Eastern Bypass -Grantham Southern Quadrant Relief Road	
SOA4	Develop walking and cycling from public transport interchanges	2011	<p>Railway walks leaflets produced from Poacher Line stations;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heckington to Sleaford 2. Ancaster to Sleaford. 3. Skegness to Wainfleet. 4. Metheringham <p>Information included in Getting Around Lincolnshire (Lincs CC)</p> <p>Walking and cycling details included on all new (LCC) bus and train guides.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Walks information displayed at selected bus stops locations.</p>	Completed
SOA5	Promote use of public transport on leaflets and website	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Public transport promoted on publications and web site.</p> <p>Information is added to promotional material (ie Lincolnshire Walks.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information included in Area Bus Guides.</p> <p>Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations.</p> <p>Bus stop information displayed on the revised</p>	Completed

			<p>CAMs Web system.</p> <p>ADT participation in the Lincolnshire County Council 'Walk, Bike and Share ...' event.</p> <p>Development of 2 walks from Lincoln bus routes.</p>	
SOA6	Public rights of way guidance for planning authorities and developers	2008	Meetings held with planning authorities to standardise the format and promotion of orders. Specific guidance to developers and district councils to be undertaken in 2012.	Completed

Health and Well Being

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA7	Improve infrastructure on paths used for health walks initiatives	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Improvement of health walking network undertaken with £110,000 of Lincolnshire PCT funding. 496 miles of health walking routes surveyed for improvements and programme of improvement works devised.</p> <p>The programme of improvement works included surface improvements, bridge upgrading and improvements to path infrastructure.</p>	Completed
SOA8	Reduce number of unnecessary barriers on PROW	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Unnecessary stiles and barriers identified during routine maintenance works removed on identification of funding.	Completed

			260 stiles were removed as unnecessary and 333 stiles were replaced with gates.	
SOA9	Ensure cross field paths are reinstated after ploughing	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Enforcement Policy Manual completed.	Partially Completed
SOA10	Improve routes in areas of highest health deprivation in Lincolnshire.	2012	<p>Areas of highest health deprivation identified and mapped - information sent to LCC highways divisions with recommendation of targeted improvements in highlighted areas.</p> <p>Walking and cycling information distributed to 18 health centres in highlighted areas (March 10).</p> <p>Walking and cycling information offered to all health centres (2011).</p>	Completed
SOA11	Undertake accessibility audit of the network	2011	<p>Following consideration full network accessibility survey considered impossible to undertake. Full network condition survey therefore used to obtain accessibility information.</p> <p>Accessibility audit undertaken of all Lincolnshire Walks during 2010.</p>	Partially Completed
SOA12	Develop a range of key routes in conjunction with disability groups.	2012	<p>5 Countryside for all routes published using Aggregate Levy Sustainability Funding (2010)</p> <p>7 Countryside for all routes published in association with the Lincolnshire LAFs using LCC Public Health funding – spring 2014.</p>	Completed
SOA13	Promote health walking schemes and help partners	Throughout	Promotional links established and support	Completed

	with development of new schemes.	Plan life 2007-2012	<p>mechanisms in place.</p> <p>Ongoing. PCT funding enabled expansion of health walks schemes and GP referrals. Funding secured through "Choosing Health".</p> <p>Support given to Boston leisure and health walks to produce 6 walks leaflets.</p> <p>Attendance at the 'Getting out There' event.</p> <p>'Explore the Lincolnshire Countryside' – Posters published July 10.</p> <p>Funding provided in association with Lincolnshire PCT to enable the creation of additional access in the Westgate Wood extension at Boston.</p> <p>Anderby health walking group established. 2 bridges installed at Anderby.</p> <p>Support given to Sustrans in East Lindsey to produce health walks leaflets.</p> <p>Attendance at Lincs Walks forum.</p> <p>Annual advert placed in GP and community magazines.</p>	
SOA14	Promote benefits of rights of way to wider range of potential users	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Assistance provided in the Wolds Walking Festival, LCCP, Countryside Events Programme and Wash week.	Completed.

			<p>Attendance at the 'Sustainable Schools Showcase' to promote countryside access to young people (2010).</p> <p>Attendance at 'Walk it, Bike it, Share it'.</p> <p>'Walk more in Lincolnshire' leaflet produced in association with stakeholder groups.</p> <p>Lincolnshire articles published in the East Midlands LAF newsletter.</p> <p>'Countryside Access' education pack published.</p> <p>Countryside for all pack produced (2010)</p> <p>Adverts placed in GP and community magazines.</p> <p>Attendance at 'Get out There' events (2009).</p> <p>Articles in County News.</p> <p>Attendance at Lincolnshire Show.</p> <p>Attendance at Heckington Show (2011)</p>	
SOA15	Produce targeted information for doctors surgeries, health centres in areas of highest health deprivation	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>8 Adverts and editorial articles featured in various editions of the 'Lincolnshire New GP Community Health Care Magazine'.</p> <p>Leaflets sent to health centres (2010).</p>	Completed

			Information sent to all health centres (2011).	
SOA16	Publicise barrier free routes	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Audit undertaken of all routes included in Lincolnshire Walks series of leaflets.</p> <p>12 Countryside for all routes promoted.</p> <p>Infrastructure information displayed on the Cams Web Map.</p>	Completed
SOA17	Promote responsible countryside access	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Responsible countryside access promoted through various media including the LCC website, County News, Agenda magazine and local and national press.</p> <p>. Countryside Code promoted on the Countryside web site.</p> <p>Attendance at 'Get out there' event (2009).</p> <p>Attendance at 'Sustainable Schools Showcase' (2009).</p> <p>'Countryside Access' education pack published.</p> <p>Attendance at local shows (Lincolnshire and Heckington shows).</p>	Completed

Rural Economy and Tourism

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA18	Identify and develop circular and linear recreational routes to and from countryside / heritage tourism sites	2011	<p>Improvement works undertaken in the influence of tourism sites as required.</p> <p>6 Limewoods walks leaflets published.</p> <p>2 Limewoods cycling leaflets published.</p> <p>2 Walks leaflets produced for the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park.</p> <p>1 Walk leaflet produced for the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes project</p> <p>Most walks/cycle designed to include connections with local heritage.</p> <p>Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak finger posts extending from Bardney to Wragby, Fiskerton and Faldingworth.</p> <p>Missing link dedicated to create circular walking route at Bassingham.</p> <p>North Willingham No. 523 – Surface improvement works undertaken through Willingham Woods.</p> <p>Tattershall Public Footpath Nos. 222 and 225 – Footpath connecting Tattershall village and</p>	Completed

		<p>Tattershall castle upgraded to full accessibility standard.</p> <p>Horncastle PF 76 - Surface Improvement works.</p> <p>Lincoln PF 60 – Surface improvement works undertaken between Doddington Road and Hartsholme Country Park.</p> <p>Scotton PF 4 – Surface improvement works.</p> <p>Anderby PF 16 and 22 – 2 new bridges to be provided on existing footpaths in the LCCP area.</p> <p>Middle Rasen BW 514 – surface improvement works.</p> <p>Claxby with Moorby BW 194 – surface improvement works.</p> <p>Fiskerton Public Bridleway No. 221 – bridge improvements.</p> <p>Skegness PF 307 – surface improvement works.</p> <p>Viking Way – Installation of benches.</p> <p>Gedney PF 15 – Surface Improvement works.</p> <p>Sleaford PF No. 17 – Surface improvement works adjacent to the River Slea.</p>	
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			<p>Fiskerton PF No. 116 – Access Improvement Works.</p> <p>Walesby Byway No. 524 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>Bourne PF 1 – Surface Improvement Works</p> <p>Muckton PB 307 – Surface Improvement Works</p>	
SOA19	<p>Improve the maintenance and management of routes close to popular areas of the county and key tourist attractions.</p>	2011	<p>Routes identified in the influence of tourism sites and designated areas and implement improvement works as required.</p> <p>See SOA 18</p> <p>Gedney access improvements. Infrastructure improvements on Gedney ‘Lincolnshire walk’ undertaken.</p> <p>North Willingham Byway 523 – Surface Improvements.</p> <p>Linwood Byway 764 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Lindsey Trail Surface Improvements – Winceby High Barn to Ashby Puerorum UCR and Ranby Restricted Byway No. 61.</p> <p>Viking Way Surface Improvements - Somerby PF49 and Waddington PF No. 3</p>	Completed

			<p>Ingoldsby PB 14 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Chapel St Leonards PF 21 – Surface Improvements</p> <p>Brinkhill BW 119 – Surface Improvements</p>	
SOA20	Improve maintenance and promotion of promoted routes and county trails	2011	Audit of Lincolnshire Walks routes undertaken to identify infrastructure and waymarking/ signage improvements and improvements to vegetation cutting regime.	Completed
SOA21	Support and encourage new tourist attractions to include walking and cycling through the planning consultation process.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Highways divisional staff comment on planning applications as they arise and suggest recommendations for improved walking and cycling provision during the planning consultation process.	Completed
SOA22	Support partners with development of new trails	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>Partners supported with the development of new trails.</p> <p>-Spires and Steeples Trail launched 3 May 2008.</p> <p>-Spa Trail works completed.</p> <p>-Support given to South Holland Borough Council to develop a series of walking and cycling routes.</p> <p>-6 Limewoods walks leaflets published.</p> <p>-2 Limewoods cycling leaflets published.</p>	Completed

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nottinghamshire Strategic Cycle Network – Support given to the provision of a strategic cycle path between Sherwood Forest and Lincoln city centre. -Support and advice provided to ASR- Leisure in the development of Cycle Touring Routes in the Northern Wolds. -Save the Children route. Support provided to initial route development. -Macmillan Way – Infrastructure improvements undertaken between Boston and Surfleet in conjunction with the Environment Agency. -Viking Way – benches installed at Walesby and to the south of Lincoln. -The Lindsey Trail carriage driving route opened in spring 2012. -Support given to Boston BC in the development of the health walks network. -Supports given to Sustrans in the development of the health walks network. -Support provided for the re development of the Trent Valley Way. -Support given to the LCCP for the production of the walks leaflets. 	
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			-Access advice provided for the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes project.	
SOA23	Develop a Lincolnshire Coastal trail	2012	Marine and Coastal Access Act provided Royal Assent in November 2009. No further action required at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA24	Provide public transport information at key sites and promoted routes	Ongoing	Travel Line and LCC public transport information published on walking and cycling leaflets. Lincolnshire walks information now displayed at selected bus stop locations. Lincolnshire walks information included in the LCC area bus guides.	Completed
SOA25	Produce walking, cycling and riding information in a variety of formats and for holiday accommodation providers	Ongoing	Lincolnshire Tourism produced 15 Walking Discovery Packs as part of the 2008 marketing campaign promoting Lincolnshire as a short break destination for walking, cycling and golf. Packs made available to accommodation providers. Outdoor Guide produced (Lincolnshire Tourism). Lincolnshire Outdoor Guide distributed to TICs in Lincolnshire, Cambridgeshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and South Yorkshire. 12 Countryside for all routes published.	Completed

			<p>Searchable database of Lincolnshire Walks produced.</p> <p>46 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets produced.</p> <p>8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets produced.</p>	
SOA26	Develop website to include interactive web walks with links to local services and tourist attractions	2007	<p>Searchable walks database published in 2010.</p> <p>LCC Countryside micro site redesigned in 2011.</p> <p>Revised Countryside Access Map published in 2011.</p>	Completed
SOA27	Develop a range of information panels at gateways sites/ villages to promote access opportunities and local services available	2012	<p>Consideration given to installing interpretation panels in P3 parishes. Austerity measures prevent full implementation. PRow plans provided for P3 groups for display on parish notice boards.</p> <p>Interpretation panels installed on South and West Commons in Lincoln.</p>	Partially Complete

Social Issues

Ref	Action	Target date	Works Undertaken	Level of Completion
SOA28	Improve quality of waymarking to increase user confidence and assist land managers	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	<p>1,889 new roadside fingerposts installed either in new locations or to replace those in poor condition in addition 2,297 paths waymarked.</p> <p>Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way</p>	Completed.

			<p>signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak fingerposts with some containing destination and distance information.</p> <p>Promoted route survey completed.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park Signage – Public rights of way signage in the LCCP area replaced with oak fingerposts with some containing destination and distance information.</p>	
SOA29	Identify all missing bridges on key network routes, develop and implement a work programme	2010	Missing bridges identified. Capital bridges programme commenced, reduced funding prevents further action at this time.	Partially Completed
SOA30	Implement programme of signing selected unsurfaced unclassified county roads	2011	Officer time spent identifying UCRs and gap analysis using GIS of PROW network and other access. Programme of signage based on demand and necessity nearing completion.	Partially Completed
SOA31	Clarify who can use which route through better signage.	2007	<p>Officer time spent to identify UCRs and gap analysis undertaken using GIS of PROW network and other access.</p> <p>Alternative formats of signage considered by LAF and highway divisions. Signage for restricted byways produced 2008.</p>	Completed
SOA32	Develop a programme of improved vegetation cutting on key routes close to settlements with parish councils	2009	Programme of improved vegetation cutting in place on key routes. Additional paths added to the schedule during ROWIP implementation years 1 - 4. Austerity measures resulted in re-examination of vegetation cutting schedule	Partially Complete

			during implementation year 5. P3 scheme review currently underway.	
SOA33	Complete audit of busy road crossings and implement prioritised programme of improvements	2011	Audit of road and rail crossings now complete. Short list of most 'hazardous' crossings forwarded to LCC Divisions, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, Highways Agency and Network Rail. Austerity measures prevent any further action at this time.	Partially Complete
SOA34	Improve management of existing routes available for motorised users and carriage drivers.	2011	Audit of unsurfaced UCRs completed. Production of management plan underway.	Partially Complete
SOA35	Identify all cross boundary links with neighbouring authorities to ensure consistency of maintenance and promotion.	2011	Identification of cross boundary links and issues yet to commence.	No action taken
SOA36	Pilot a project to prepare signage incorporating distance and destination information to key routes.	2012	Limewoods Signage – Public rights of way signage in the Limewoods area replaced with oak fingerposts.	Completed
SOA37	Support highway divisions with the implementation of Quiet Lanes.	2012	Funds no longer available to undertake Quiet Lanes project in North Division pilot area.	No action taken
SOA38	Develop a range of circular routes for cyclists and equestrians in areas of highest demand. Identify suitable roadside verges and "behind the hedge" links to create safer links between existing routes and improve management of those links identified. Support DEFRA schemes that increase access and link PRow.	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Officer time spent on ROWIP area priorities mapping. 8 Lincolnshire cycling leaflets produced. Lindsey Trail – route opened spring 2012. Consultation responses provided to Natural England in response to Higher Level Stewardship Applications.	Partially Completed

SOA39	Identify areas deficient in access where access proposals would benefit the rights of way network.	2007	Discussions have taken place with Natural England and LAFs were briefed in October 2007 in relation to HLS access. ROWIP implementation priorities overview mapping completed for transport and health.	Completed
SOA40	Review current Definitive Map Modifications Order priority system to give priority to key cases that will improve connectivity of the existing network of users.	2007	New priority system introduced in 2006. Review undertaken in 2010.	Completed
SOA41	Establish a priority system for Public Path Orders giving higher priority to cases that will improve connectivity on the existing network of users	2007	Public Path Order Priority System maintained under review.	Completed
SOA42	Implement programme of staff training to raise awareness of diversity issues relating to countryside access	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Disabled Access Audit training event held for LCC PRow staff in November 09. Relevant information disseminated to staff as required.	Completed
SOA43	Identify existing routes that meet needs of restricted mobility users and publicise	2011	12 Countryside for All routes published. Promoted routes surveyed to identify unnecessary stiles and barriers. PRow infrastructure details displayed on the countryside access map.	Completed
SOA44	Develop and implement an accessibility policy in conjunction with disability groups	2009	Accessibility Guidance produced.	Completed
SOA45	Develop links with organisations to implement a programme of themed guided walks, rides and events	Throughout Plan life 2007-2012	Continuing to build on existing contacts and partnerships. Funding required to implement countryside access projects. Involvement in the Wolds Walking Festival, Spires and Steeples Trail events, Wash Week,	Completed

			LCCP programme of events and Boston Community weekend.	
SOA46	Develop policies and guidance which explain how the authority manages PROW and access	2011	Policy areas identified and included in officer work programmes. Work undertaken to produce; -Path priority system, -Accessibility Guidance, -DMMO policy, -PPO policy, -Enforcement Manual.	Completed
SOA47	Promote leaflets and access information to increase confidence and take up by none users.	2007	Natural England produced leaflet for the revised Countryside Code. Information also displayed on the LCC Countryside micro site. Searchable database of Lincolnshire Walks produced for LCC website. 46 Lincolnshire Walks Leaflets produced. 8 Lincolnshire Cycling Leaflets produced. 12 Countryside for all routes published.	Completed
SOA48	Improve driver awareness of equestrians	2011	Equestrian leaflets distributed through Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership as part of Driver Improvement Programme.	Completed
SOA49	Produce Countryside Access newsletter	2011	Publication of newsletter to commence in 2012.	No action taken

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Definitive Map Modification Orders update - Rutland County Council - Jul 2015

Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	File Date	Comments
Preston	Footpath	Barbers Lane	WCA s53(3)(b)	17/12/2003	Waiting for legal to submit to PINS
Braunston	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	22/07/2011	Instructed legal to publish Order
Thorpe-by-Water	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	08/11/2013	
Oakham	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	04/12/2013	
Clipsham	Footpath		WCA s53(3)(b)	12/11/2014	

Since Apr 2015:

- 0 Orders confirmed
- 0 Case referred
- 0 New cases received
- 0 Order declined

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Public Path Orders update - Rutland County Council - Jul 2015

Location	Status	Path Ref	Legislation	Application Date	Comments
Uppingham	Footpath	E268	TCPA s257	15/12/2005	Planning Issue (Possible revocation order?)
Caldecott	Bridleway	E315	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Lyddington	Footpath	E314	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Clipsham	Bridleway	E135	TCPA s257/S261	N/A	Waiting on opinion from Legal Services
Clipsham	Bridleway	E134	HA s119	N/A	Order to be drafted
Seaton	Footpath	E320	HA s119		Still no formal application submitted. Remove from list?
Langham	Footpath	D85	HA s119	24/04/2015	Ranksborough Ltd have resubmitted an application for a diversion from 2004
Hambleton	Footpath	E341	HA s119	07/05/2015	

Since Apr 2015:

- 0 Orders made
- 0 Orders confirmed
- 0 Order came into operation
- 0 Orders abandoned
- 0 Cases referred
- 2 New case opened

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Agenda Item 12

COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL

22nd July 2015

Countryside For All routes

Unfortunately Gordon Norris has resigned to enable him to have more time to focus on his stroke club. Gordon will be missed, as he has been the driving force on the Countryside For All sub group. So we need help from anyone on the LAF that feels they can assist Paul in auditing routes to enable us to create further routes in the Countryside For All format. We have obtained funding (£2845) from Phil Garner, the Public Health manager, for six of the original routes created by Lincolnshire County Council to be reprinted and a further four new routes to be printed. We need to ensure there are no changes on the six original routes as well as survey the four new routes. So there is a lot of work to do.

In Rutland we have requested funding through the bid for improving accessibility on two new routes, the artwork for route literature for two of the routes and printing costs for three routes.

Promoting Countryside For All using the slideshow

We have arranged a meeting with representatives of the Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group (LECCG) at Skegness 22nd July prior to the LAF meeting. This is so the LECCG can view the slideshow and ask questions. They are aiming to present it to their practice managers meeting 28th July. The comment from the secretary is *"I am sure they will be more than happy to have your presentation included on their TV screens."* So let's keep our fingers crossed.

Choice Unlimited Event

Choice Unlimited is an event provided by Independent Living (LCiL) which is an organisation established by disabled people for disabled people, whose aim is to empower disabled people and to support them to live an independent lifestyle. The event is 19th August at Lincoln University. We aim to show the slideshow and give out Countryside For All packs. We have not got the times or details yet. Phil Garner has agreed to fund this (£100). We believe this will be a long day. As soon as we have the details I will email them out. It would be good if some of you could attend to give us a short break.

Audio walks for the visually impaired

We had discussions with Action for Blind People, RNIB, VISTA and the walk leader and a representative from the visually impaired group at Whisby to specify what was required. The RNIB have audio describers and agreed to price up the job for us. The extract from the RNIB email in relation to price can be found below:

"I've had some guide pricing for the audio description of the routes come through for you.

The price to produce the scripts and audio would be £2167 + vat per route. In addition to this we would need to look at some options for getting further information as the PDF's would probably not provide enough information and do enough justice to getting the points of interest from the route. Our suggestion is that we would go down and walk around each route with yourself or a park ranger

who would describe all of the interesting points to us and we would record this as the beginnings of the script, this part is not in these costs and this would be £400 per day plus travel and subsistence. The number of the days would obviously depend on how many routes we could fit into each day.

These prices are for the adult version of the script only. We would need some conference calls to develop the children script as what we have done in the past is maybe do the route in the character of a hedgehog for example.

Hope this is of some help, any questions please let me know. "

Needless to say the sub group will now be looking at other options.

Natural England's Interest

The sub group have a meeting 4th August where we will be discussing how we go forward on including Natural England on standardising symbols, the national responsibility to hold the symbols and a one stop web site encapsulating all Countryside For All routes across England.

Dementia Friendly Walks

All the dementia friendly walk leader training courses for Lincolnshire have been delivered. Approximately 50 delegates have been trained. A programme for the dementia friendly walks is now available throughout the County.

Funding for further walk leader training is in the bid (14 places for Lincolnshire and 10 places for Rutland). This is training for Alzheimer's Society volunteers to lead dementia friendly walks.

2016 Lincolnshire Wolds Walking festival

We have been given the opportunity to organise a Countryside For All walk for the 2016 Wolds Festival. We hope to do this at Willingham Woods, Market Rasen. We will be discussing this further at our meeting 4th August. If we do organise this walk, we will need your help to ensure the day goes smoothly. We will come back to you with more details at the next LAF meeting.

Accessible Toilet Information

The countryside for all route literature provides information on the location of accessible toilets. Some routes do not have these on site. It would be helpful if both county councils could provide a web page of links to businesses, such as pubs and restaurants who wish to promote their business and have accessible toilets available for the public.

FUNDING COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

INTRODUCTION

With budgets becoming tighter, funding of some projects will suffer, as it is more important that funding is focussed on what is seen as essential projects. This means that other areas of work which the LAF and its sub groups would like to see materialise may not happen. This may also have an impact on the ROWIPs' of the two County Councils. This discussion document investigates what could be done to aid fund projects which are outside the statutory duties of the Lincolnshire and Rutland County Council.

HOW NORFOLK LAF IS TACKLING THE ISSUE

Following contacting Fiona Taylor (Natural England) in relation to Community Interest Organisations, Fiona mentioned Norfolk LAF is in the process of setting up a CIO (Community Interest Organisation) and registering with the Charity Commission. Once agreed this means the LAF CIO can then apply to organisations for funding where statutory bodies cannot. Don Saunders (the Norfolk LAF chair) and Kirsty Webber – Walton (Norfolk County Council provided the following information:

“Members of the Norfolk County Council Projects team are providing administrative support and managing the application on behalf of the group. The CIO has its own bank account and Treasurer. The Chair of the CIO is the Chair of the LAF.

The charitable objectives of the CIO are around advancement of health for the population through improving countryside access so that people have opportunities to be active outside in their local environment and to benefit their health from doing so; also conservation and restoration of the environment for environmental and public benefit in areas of public access.

This includes agreeing project ideas and identifying external funding streams that will enable projects to happen. The LAF may offer links to people and organisations that could be a useful part of projects and officers will build partnerships in order to take projects forward and involve LAF members as appropriate.”

EXAMPLE OF CIO OPPORTUNITIES

Attracting funding for:

1. ROWIP projects which the LAF deem as important which cannot be funded and are outside the Lincolnshire and Rutland County Council statutory duties.
2. Digitally scanning both County Council historic records to aid research into Lost Ways.
3. Permissive routes in accordance with the “Future of Public Access in Stewardship Schemes” discussion document.
4. Buying land to dedicate as PRoW
5. Working with other organisations to attract funding for major improvements to the PRoW Network

WHAT WE COULD DO

We could set up a CIO for the LAF or see if other LAFs in our Region would be interested in creating a Regional CIO, where each LAF would have a member on the CIO to enable them to take their LAF's project or joint projects forward.

QUESTION

Should we investigate further the costs, challenges and opportunities of setting up a CIO and provide further information to the next Forum meeting?

NOTE

This same paper is being requested to be included for discussion for the July Leicestershire LAF meeting.

LINCOLNSHIRE & RUTLAND LAFs DISABILITY SUB GROUP

BID SUBMISSION FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT

2ND JULY 2015

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mid Lincolnshire LAF and the South Lincolnshire & Rutland LAF have a joint disability sub group. This submission has the approval of both LAFs. The disability sub group has been in existence for a number of years and has listened too and worked with a range of disability groups. We have worked on a variety of projects and in each case delivered a successful outcome. We have also provided advice to other LAFs in our Region and LAFs outside our Region on the projects we work on. This bid is for £4996.90 of funding. The matching funding displayed in the document is £5955.00 which is far in excess of the bid. This clearly shows the support for the bid. Whilst we do not hold a bank account one of our two Highway Authorities will hold the money if we are successful with the bid. All costs shown are exclusive of VAT as our Highway Authorities will reclaim any VAT that is paid.

2. SUB GROUP PROFILE

We come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a wide skill set to the sub group. All of us have worked with and helped people with disabilities. We feel very lucky to have two county councils who have assisted us with our aims to improve access to the countryside for the disabled.

3. OUR REQUIREMENTS

The summary of funding requirement and match funding is displayed in Appendix A. Below are the projects requiring funding via this bid:

3.1. Providing Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training to Alzheimer's Society volunteers

3.1.1. We have been successful in obtaining funding to provide Dementia Friendly walk leader training in 2013/14 financial year. The Lincolnshire Public Health Manager was invited to visit whilst the course was in progress. He recognized the importance and the quality of this training and provided the sub group with funding for an additional three courses. The last of these courses was completed June 2015. The sub group felt that more could be and needed to be done for Lincolnshire, as having 50 dementia friendly walk leaders in such a large County did not give us the coverage we desired. We were also concerned that we had not looked at what we could achieve in Rutland. We knew Rutland required a different model in order to deliver dementia friendly walks. There are not many walking for health schemes in Rutland and we did not think it we should ask for more from the walking for health walk leaders. After looking at a number of options and discussing our proposal with the Alzheimer's Society, we felt the best solution was to train a number of Alzheimer's Society volunteers to become dementia friendly walk leaders. We have

discussed this with the Lincolnshire Public Health Manager and he was very supportive of the proposal. He also offered further funding to enable the district councils additional Alzheimer's Society volunteers trained as dementia friendly walk leaders. We are expecting a minimum of three additional places funded by Lincolnshire County Council Public Health budget.

3.1.2. The proposal is for the walk co-ordinators to train the Alzheimer's Society volunteers in walk leadership skills and Dementia Adventure (our training partner for all our dementia friendly walk leader training), to train the volunteers to become dementia friendly walk leaders. Our initial training will be in the East Lindsey district of Lincolnshire. This district council's health walks are outsourced to Magna Vitae. Magna Vitae was one of the first to receive training in 2014. Their staff have become very experienced and knowledgeable in dementia, in a very short amount of time. They also go the extra mile in order to deliver an excellent service for people with dementia. A member of the sub group and the Alzheimer's Society will work with Magna Vitae to ensure success and learn from any issues prior to rolling this model out to Rutland and the other districts in Lincolnshire.

3.1.3. This project links to all three of NE Strategic aims.

3.1.4.

Funding for: Training 14 Lincolnshire Alzheimer's Society walk leaders
 Training 10 Rutland Alzheimer's Society walk leaders

Funding required: £1950.30

Match Funding: £2400.00

Expected outcome: Increase in the number of dementia friendly walks.

3.2. Inclusive Countryside Access training

3.2.1. The sub group previously had funding to deliver training to outside agencies on this subject. The external agencies included the Canal and River Trust and the Woodland Trust. Due to the success of this course one of the external bodies that attended the course has audited their site and will shortly be printing their Countryside For All route. Also due to the success of this course one of the Leicestershire districts used the same trainer to deliver the course to the majority of the Leicestershire districts. This financial year we are going to audit and create 4 new routes in countryside for all format and check and revise the 6 original routes created by Lincolnshire County Council. In order to do this we need some help measuring, auditing and surveying. To do this we intend to train the site owners/managers representatives. This will also assist these organizations to create countryside for all routes themselves.

3.2.2. This project links to all three of NE Strategic aims.

3.2.3.

Funding for: Training external organizations in creating countryside for all routes.

Funding required: £470.10

Match Funding: £2845.00

Expected outcome: 10 walks audited and route literature printed

Organisations trained produce further countryside for all routes.

3.3. Countryside for all routes

3.3.1. Rutland does not have many countryside routes suitable for disabled access. In order to change this we are having to encourage land owners who provide public access to improve accessibility. We have two sites where we are in discussion to improve access. Yew Tree Avenue is leased to and managed by the Forestry Commission. Another site we have identified as a suitable countryside for all route is managed by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for the owner. The detail of the improvements required, are documented in the summary, in appendix A. Once these improvements have been made the site can be audited and countryside for all route literature produced for them. The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust has already undertaken improvement work at Rutland Water Nature Reserve. The Trust has also audited the site to enable the countryside for all route literature to be produced.

3.3.2. This project links to all three of NE Strategic aims.

3.3.3.

Funding for: Site accessibility improvements and funding for countryside for all route literature design, artwork and printing.

Funding required: £2576.50

Match Funding: £710.00

Expected outcome: 3 more countryside for all routes for Rutland

More variety of walks for the disabled.

More disabled people and young families with pushchairs visiting the countryside

Route literature printed and available

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Project	Site	Outcome	Details	County Area	Bid		Matching contribution		Kind
					£	Notes	£	Notes re £	
Providing Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training to Alzheimer's Society volunteers		Regular dementia friendly walks - No current walk leader capacity or funding for dementia friendly walks in Rutland	Train 10 members of Alzheimer's Society volunteers to lead walks.	Rutland	750.00 27.00	Trainers mileage expenses (60 miles @ £0.45)	950.00	Ordinary walk leader training offered by Dementia Adventure £75 per person per day. Room hire rate £100 per day (one day for Dementia Adventure course and one day for County Council's walk leader training course).	Free training room & train volunteers as walk leaders supplied by County Council
		Increase the capacity for more frequent dementia friendly walks	Train 14 members of Alzheimer's Society volunteers to lead walks.	Lincolnshire	1050.00 123.30	Trainers mileage expenses (274 miles @ £0.45)	1450.00	Ordinary walk leader training offered by Dementia Adventure £75 per person per day. Room hire rate £100 per day (one day for Dementia Adventure course and one day for district councils walk leader training course).	Free training room & train volunteers as walk leaders supplied by district councils or their partners
Inclusive Countryside Access training		Route literature for 4 Countryside For All routes this year. A further 6 Countryside For All routes checked and revised if necessary. Increase in the number of organisations capable of undertaking Countryside For All Access audits and the opportunity of delivering further Countryside For All routes in the future.	One course for the owners of the routes to be audited this year.	Lincolnshire	300.00 170.10	Trainers mileage expenses (178 miles @ £0.45, 5 hours travel @ £18 per hour)	2845.00	Lincolnshire County Council Public Health providing funding for artwork and printing of 10 routes.	
Countryside for all routes	Under discussion with owner and tenant	Increasing the number of Countryside For All sites. More opportunities for more people to see orchids and adders as there are not many locations similar to this in the East Midlands.	Improving access for new Countryside For All route - Includes two gates for wheelchair/mobility scooter access and regrading part of route	Rutland	803.00	Cost for 2 gates, installation and transport.		Discussing with owner and tenant. Regarding work to be undertaken by land manager.	
			Countryside For All route design artwork		160.00		140.00	14 hours for auditing route and preparing information art and design work either by volunteer or paid staff @ approx £10 per hour	
			Printing 3000 copies		230.00				
	Yew Tree Avenue	Increasing the number of Countryside For All sites. More opportunities to educate more people in the history and the landscape of this site as it is thought that there is not another example of this type of site elsewhere in the country.	Improving access for new Countryside For All route - Includes widening gap in hedge/fence to access the Avenue and create a hard surfaced path from the car park to the Avenue. This will enable wheelchair and mobility scooter access and also assist access for other people with limited mobility and young families with pushchairs.	Rutland	833.50	Includes materials and labour. Awaiting to see if planning approval is needed which will cost £200	200.00	If needed will be paid by external donation	
			Countryside For All route design artwork		160.00		140.00	14 hours for auditing route and preparing information art and design work either by volunteer or paid staff @ approx £10 per hour	
			Printing 3000 copies		230.00				
	Rutland Water Nature Reserve	Increasing the number of Countryside For All sites. More opportunities to educate more people in the birdlife of Rutland Water.	Countryside For All route design and printing	Rutland	160.00			To be funded by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust	
			Printing 3000 copies				230.00		
Current total costs					4996.90		5955.00		

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EVIDENCE OF NEED AND OUTCOMES

1. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY WALK LEADER TRAINING

1.1. National Evidence of Need

Prime Minister David Cameron, speaking at the Alzheimer's Society Conference, March 2012 stated

“One of the greatest challenges of our time is what I'd call the quiet crisis, one that steals lives and tears at the hearts of families, but that relative to its impact is hardly acknowledged. We've got to treat this like the national crisis it is. We need an all-out fight-back against this disease; one that cuts across society.”

1.2. Lincolnshire evidence of need

1.2.1. The Lincolnshire “Joint Strategy For Dementia” document predicts:

“11,170 in year 2014 rising to 13,589 in year 2020”

1.2.2. Dementia Friendly Walk Leader training has been delivered to over 50 walk leaders and coordinators County wide. The training has been delivered to Walking For Health walk leaders and the dementia Friendly walks programme has started in a number of locations. With Lincolnshire being a large county it is difficult to provide frequent dementia friendly walks from the walking for health walk leaders. To enable more walks to be programmed, it is necessary to obtain assistance from the Alzheimer's Society volunteers. In order to do this, further funding is sort to train these volunteers to lead dementia friendly walks.

1.3. Rutland Evidence of need

1.3.1. HealthWatch Rutland Bulletin states that 563 people in Rutland are diagnosed with dementia. In 2025 they project there will be 959 people.

1.3.2. Rutland has very few Walking for Health walk leaders, to ask them to also deliver dementia friendly walks would impact on the Walking for Health programme. The best option for Rutland would be to obtain assistance from the Alzheimer's Society volunteers. In order to do this funding is sort to train these volunteers to lead dementia friendly walks.

1.4. Evidence of Outcomes

1.4.1. The Forestry Commission Scotland, published research note, Forests as places of mental well-being for people with dementia, by Mandy Cook, June 2015 summary stated:

“This Research Note is based on a PhD research study ‘Forests as places of mental well-being: the meaning and use of urban forests by people with early-stage dementia’. The study examines and develops ways for people with dementia (especially those in the early stages) to engage with nature, and with other people, in the context of trees, woodlands and forests. Initial results from the study found that a pilot programme of activities, led by Forestry Commission Scotland rangers in an urban

woodland setting, provided an overwhelmingly positive experience for people with early-stage dementia, by offering meaningful experiences that contributed to well-being and feelings of self-worth. The woodland environment also provided a ‘library’ of resources and stimulation. The programme helped people with early-stage dementia remain active and connected within the community, enabling them to maintain their independence for as long as possible, and provided support for carers. Such programmes can be seen as a new and innovative way of engaging with people with early-stage dementia, which could complement traditional therapeutic interventions. As the Note stresses, an ‘end of the road’ approach to people with dementia is no longer acceptable. We need to explore more ways of providing care with an emphasis on empowerment and maintaining the best possible quality of life. It is hoped that this Note will provide a valuable resource, not only for people who manage woodlands and other green spaces, but also for health-care professionals. Download the [Research Note here](#) (pdf)”

1.4.2. We also have the Greening Dementia review by Natural England and Dementia Adventure which highlights all the relevant studies showing benefits. Please see the link <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6578292471627776>

2. INCLUSIVE COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS TRAINING

2.1. National Evidence of Need

2.1.1. The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) state they :

Estimate one in every 20 patients registered with a GP practice is providing unpaid care.

About 40% of carers are thought to be at risk of depression or stress because of their caring role. Charity Carers UK said GPs had a vital role to play in supporting carers.

It is estimated that seven million people in the UK currently provide unpaid care to a sick or disabled child or an adult who could not otherwise live independently.

Many of them are already known to GPs, but the RCGP says more should be done to improve the support and services offered to carers.

It is recognised that one in twenty (4%) indicates that the carers and the people they care for, represent 8% patients registered with a GP practice and their number of visits are more likely to be more frequent than the average patient visits to the practice.

2.1.2. It is also recognised that there is a lack of opportunities for the disabled to enjoy the countryside due to the lack of information of suitable places to visit. With an ageing population profile there is a possibility of more people becoming weaker and again access to the countryside may seem to become a barrier.

2.1.3. Young families with push chairs also need improved access to the countryside

2.1.4. It is known that visiting the countryside and countryside walks can reduce stress and improve health and general well being. To improve access and provide factual information so people can identify and visit a route which is enjoyable and suitable for them, training is required for land owners/managers who provide public access.

2.2. Lincolnshire and Rutland Evidence of Need

Through discussions with disability groups it is clear people are not aware of the opportunities there are to visit and enjoy countryside routes and walks in the two counties. This appears to be through land owners/ managers with public access not understanding or providing factual information to enable people to make a judgement on whether a route is suitable for them.

2.3. Evidence of Outcomes

A course in inclusive countryside access training has previously been delivered to external organisations. This has resulted in the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust auditing and creating a countryside for all route, A Leicestershire district council delivering the same course to other district councils within Leicestershire and Leicester City Council, The Woodland Trust keen to produce countryside for all routes in the National Forest (the National Forest extends into three county boundaries). The course has also encouraged a number of organisations to create countryside for all routes.

3. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL ROUTES

3.1. Regional Evidence of Need

Visits are made to disability groups outside the Lincolnshire and Rutland area, to display and discuss the countryside for all routes in the two counties. The interest shown by the amount of people wanting the leaflets, so they can visit the countryside for all routes in Lincolnshire and Rutland is impressive. The reason they want to visit these sites is due to not having access to this type of route information in the counties which they live.

3.2. Lincolnshire Evidence of Need

The disability groups in Lincolnshire are asking for more routes, more variety and routes spread round the county. The LAF have aimed to create four routes per year. With Lincolnshire being a large County we have realised we are not producing enough routes. Hence the need to train other organisations in creating routes.

3.3. Rutland Evidence of Need

Currently we only have two Countryside For All routes and the number of opportunities for many routes in Rutland are limited. We have included the Rutland Access Group (a voluntary group campaigning for improved access), in our discussions in trying to identify suitable routes. In order to increase the accessibility in routes we have identified as most accessible, we need funding to pay for the improvements in routes and creation of route literature.

3.4. Evidence of Outcomes

Increasing countryside access for the disabled has also increased opportunities for walking for other people who would not normally walk in the countryside such as young families with pushchairs. The disability sub group promotes the countryside for all routes, walking for health and dementia friendly walks by visits to shows. A clinical commissioning group are also interested in introducing the slideshow to doctors surgery and health centre waiting rooms in their area. This will increase the awareness of these routes and get more people using and enjoying the countryside.

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COST DETAILS

PROJECT	ITEM	COST £	NOTES
Rutland Dementia Friendly Walk Leader Training	Trainer	750.00	Training for 10 delegates at one site
	Trainer's mileage expenses	27.00	
Lincolnshire Dementia Friendly Walk Leader Training	Trainer	1050.00	Training for 14 delegates at two sites
	Trainer's mileage expenses	123.30	
Inclusive countryside access training	Trainer	300.00	
	Trainer's mileage expenses	80.10	
	Trainer's travel time expenses	90.00	
Countryside for All routes:			
Site A - Under discussion with land owner and tenant	Two new accessible gates	478.00	
	Installation of gates	250.00	
	Transport	75.00	
	Route literature design and artwork	160.00	
	Printing 3000 copies of route	230.00	
Yew Tree Avenue	Excavation 30m * 2.5m * 0.15m @ £5.73m3	64.46	
	Deposition of excavated material 11.25m3 @ £6.88	77.40	
	Geotextile (membrane) 75m2 @ £1.67	125.25	
	Granular type 1 sub base 11.25m3 *2.1 @ £18.40	434.7	
	Spread & level top soil 75m2 @ £1.38	103.5	
	DLO charge	28.19	
	Route literature design and artwork	160.00	
	Printing 3000 copies of route	230.00	
Rutland Water Nature Reserve	Route literature design and artwork	160.00	
TOTAL		4996.90	

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COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS EDUCATION PACK - DOWNLOAD

North Yorkshire LAF had an article in Issue 6 of the LAF news letter headed "Getting out and about together". The article stated that they were: *developing a project to encourage primary schools to get children out of their classrooms and into the countryside. The idea is to produce a resource pack, which would include OS maps and other useful information regarding the local ROW network, that teachers could use to inform "outside the classroom" activities.* After seeing this article we spoke to them and sent our "Countryside Access - Getting to know your local public rights of way and beyond". This information is online at the location

<http://microsites.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside/education-education-pack-> it states the following:

The countryside access team has put together an education pack for schools and youth groups to promote understanding and use of public rights of way and the wider countryside. The pack is divided into 7 units:

- *What are public rights of way?*
- *Where are public rights of way and how do you find them?*
- *Why use public rights of way?*
- *Who looks after public rights of way?*
- *What is the countryside code?*
- *Where else can you go in the countryside?*
- *Could you get involved? - some project ideas*

Each unit can be downloaded from the downloads tab above, and contains both classroom and outdoor activities as well as background information. If you use any of the pack we would welcome your comments, [please fill in the form provided](#).

If you need any help with the pack or any further information please contact us.

As this is online and a health related topic, which includes walking as well as other activities, we could promote this by a slideshow at health centres. Other LAFs may also be interested in this work. **Is there any objection if other LAFs place links on their web site to the Lincolnshire, education pack?**

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MAKING OUR NEEDS KNOWN AND INFLUENCING DECISION MAKERS

DRAFT REPORT

07/06/15

1. INTRODUCTION

England is a different place since the creation Local Access Forums and the UK economy has changed significantly. Highway authority budgets have been reduced, which is having an effect on PRoW and countryside access. Natural England's resources have also been reduced which is affecting the support they provide to LAFs. However the LAFs workload continues to grow. LAFs continue to advise decision making bodies on local countryside access issues. Issues have arisen where a number of LAFs have raised their concerns relating to the same subject, often of national importance to countryside access, independently or at their Regional Chairs meeting. Unfortunately Natural England, in some cases has not recognised these issues should be considered as matters of major importance. An example of this is permissive access in stewardship schemes, where the announcement of the ending of funding was made in 2010. LAFs were not given the opportunity to advise on this or have an input on examining alternative options. This report examines how LAFs could ensure future matters raised as issues which effect national countryside access, do not go unnoticed and are treated as important matters by Natural England and DEFRA.

2. GUIDANCE FOR LAFs IN ENGLAND

The extracts below, from the "Guidance on the roles of Local Access Forums in England" issued by the Secretary of State in 2007, support the need to pull together the views of all LAFs on issues of national significance.

In 3.4 Advising and influencing decision makers it is stated in 3.4.1 *"In giving advice, forums should aim to **influence** section 94(4) bodies and thereby contribute effectively to the quality and robustness of decision-making. Influence will be enhanced where a forum provides **independent, constructive, relevant, inclusive, incisive and informed** advice which takes account of a broad range and balance of local interests and which assists section 94(4) bodies in carrying out their functions. Forums should consider other ways to maximise the usefulness (and therefore impact) of their advice. For example, advice should be delivered at the optimum point in the decision-making cycle and in ways which recognise and take account of the decision-makers needs, objectives, constraints and role."*

In Annex C it provides examples of national, Section 94 bodies which include DEFRA, Natural England, Forestry Commission, Ministry of Defence, English Heritage and Sport England. Clearly although 3.4.1 specifies "local interests" the Guidance recognises that LAFs will be involved in and expected to advise on national access issues.

In 3.5.3 The guidance recognises *"Whilst all section 94(4) bodies are strongly encouraged to give feedback, forums should appreciate that these bodies will sometimes be constrained in providing detailed feedback. Also, for national bodies, there is the challenge of having to deal with over 80*

forums throughout England, which means that they will need to be selective in accepting requests to attend forum meetings and may not have the capacity to enter into detailed correspondence, or to respond to requests for information on specific local issues. This is an inevitable reflection of the number of forums which the national bodies have to deal with, and does not mean that they give less weight to the advice received from a forum.”

In order to alleviate this issue one voice from all interested Access Forums would benefit recipients as well as promote the view of the Forums on national issues

In 3.6.1 Proactively advising, it is stated *“Much forum work will inevitably be reactive and dependent on the timing of various initiatives or consultations. However, forums should adopt a proactive approach in setting their priorities and giving advice. Situations where a proactive approach can assist a section 94(4) body include giving “early warning” of a potential problem or identifying possible solutions to an issue from a novel or fresh perspective. A proactive approach can also increase a forum’s influence by enabling it to advise at an earlier stage in the decision-making process, before the options are narrowed down.”*

Thus, to enable the forums to proactively advise Section 94 bodies on national issues, the Guidance to LAFs supports the need to pull together the views of all forums in order to present as a single piece of advice to the relevant body. This should see the forums influence national policy development in relation to countryside access at the start and ensure that more workable and practical solutions are developed for a broad range of issues.

3. THE PROPOSAL

3.1. It is apparent that, when a matter is the concern of the majority of the LAFs, there is a need for a louder voice rather than a number of different LAFs saying the same thing to different people. With the loss of the LAF co-ordinators, Natural England’s reduced staffing levels and redefined role in the support of LAFs, it is necessary to look at how the LAFs can get their message over when it affects national policy. Examples of what could be considered national issues past, existing and future can be seen in appendix A. With 86 LAFs split into 8 regions it is difficult to have one voice (see appendix B).

3.2. The way forward may be to reinstate a modified form of the England Access Forum (EAF) to work on specific national and regional issues as the need arises. This may need a permanent administrative team to pull together a team to work on specific issues as they arise. A method of undertaking this task is displayed in appendix C. The method of funding the EAF is displayed in appendix D.

3.4. To ensure the LAFs have one voice on national and regional issues, it is important that a robust process is in place. This report describes one example of how this can be achieved. Other processes could be developed which are more effective. The South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF together with its partner LAF’s (see appendix D), are investigating whether other LAF’s feel there is a need for “One Voice” and whether the process indicated is one which other LAFs support. It is felt that if this issue is left until another national or regional issue arises it will be too late to tackle it with a single voice. It is recognised that this report does not contain the detail required to adopt this process, as it is felt that if there is no interest in creating a “One Voice “ approach for national and regional countryside issues there is no need for this process.

1. Previous Issues

This relates to previous Issues where it is felt if the LAFs were involved from conception the outcome would have been more beneficial to countryside access

- a) Paths for Communities - It is recognised that Natural England had a very short timescale to create the rules for this project
- b) Permissive Access - Announcing End of Funding
- c) HS2
- d) De regulation bill
- e) Lost Ways

2. Current Issues

- a) Permissive Access – Maintaining funding on routes which impact on Health and wellbeing.
- b) De regulation Bill – Ensuring guidelines are clear and are produced in a timely manner
- c) Lost Ways – Encourage Natural England to provide adequate training for all LAFs
- d) European Union – Nature Reserve Directives
- e) Green Bridges - Advise Government to create legislation on ensuring Green Bridges are included over new roads, major road improvements and railways.
- f) Countryside For All – Create a “one Stop” web site for all Countryside For All routes throughout England, create a national approved method of measuring and displaying routes and standardise route symbols.

3. **Future Known Issues**

- a) Permissive Access funding - Dependant on the outcome of the referendum through CAP or UK Government policy.

- b) Major transport schemes effecting a number of highway authorities

4. **Possible Future Issues**

- a) Lost Ways – Probability of further action taking place by Government if by 2026 there is a large number of Lost Ways registered with highway authorities but due to their reduced resources they are unable to process the claims even after the improvements due to the Deregulation Bill.

- b) Forestry Commission – Further attempts to sell off Forestry Commission land.

- c) UK Government or CAP policy changes affecting PROW, open access land or countryside access

BREAKDOWN OF LAFs BY REGION

Appendix B

<u>Region</u>	<u>Number of LAFs</u>
East Mid's	9
East of England	10
North East	5
North West	10
South East	17
South West	12
West Mid's	10
York's and Humber	13

Information from Natural England national List of LAFs held on HUDDLE last updated 8th May 2015

CREATING A TEAM TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE ISSUE

A permanent team of three people (LAF members) are responsible for the England Access Forum administrative duties. They will only be expected to undertake tasks, if the Regional LAFs identify an issue, which they believe is potentially a national issue.

The duties of the EAF administrative team, upon notification from a Regional chair of a potential national issue, are:

1. Email all LAFs of the issue ask whether they agree that the issue is of national importance. If it is an issue that only affects a number of LAFs such as coastal access it would be just the coastal LAFs who would be contacted.
2. Analyse the results of the responses
3. If the majority response was negative, meaning the subject was not of national importance, the result would be communicated to all LAFs and the subject would be closed.
4. If the majority response indicated the subject was of national importance the result would be communicated back to the LAFs and:
 - a. The LAFs would be asked to put forward a candidate to lead the project team.
 - b. The candidates would provide a document on why they should lead the project
 - c. The LAFs would vote to select the project leader
 - d. The LAFs would be asked to put forward a candidate to be included in the team
 - e. The project leader would select the team
5. The project team would be responsible for producing the project proposal for the work to be undertaken. This would be sent to the LAFs Regional Chairs.
6. The Regional Chairs would seek the views of the LAF Chairs on the proposal and put forward any recommendations for alterations
7. On completion of the project the final report displaying the recommendations would be presented to the Regional chairs meeting to discuss and identify the way forward.

The England Access Forum will only be assembled once a national issue has been recognised and all LAFs have confirmed by voting that this issue should be investigated and reported on by the England Access Forum (EAF). The England Access Forum will comprise of a small team of between five to eight people who have an interest and a good knowledge of the specific project .

The majority of communication between the EAF members will be by email. It is recognised in some instance the group may need to meet and also meet with representatives of other organisations related to the specific national project. Therefore it is reasonable to expect travel and other relevant expenses to be subsidised. It is unreasonable to expect highway authorities to fund these costs when they are in relation to national issues. It is reasonable for Natural England to set aside an annual budget for these costs. The EAF members should provide a summary of the expense claims to LAFs on a three monthly basis together with a progress report on the project.

List of LAFs that have assisted the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF in this report:

Mid and West Berkshire LAF

This will be completed following the responses received by the LAFs who are assisting in the production of the final report.

MAKING OUR NEEDS KNOWN AND INFLUENCING DECISION MAKERS

DRAFT CONSULATATION

07/06/15

1. Do you believe the LAFs require one body to provide advice on National issues?

If “yes” please answer the questions below:

2. Do you agree that a body similar to that suggested in the report is the way forward?
3. Do you believe there is a better process to create a single body to provide advice on National issues?

If “yes” please provide details of the process on an additional document.

4. If you feel there are other examples of national importance to countryside access, in addition to those listed in appendix A, please state below:

Additional current issues

Additional future known issues

5. Do you believe the suggested process for identifying a national issue (appendix C) is the best method?

If “No” please provide details of the process on an additional document.

6. Do you believe the suggested process for creating a team as suggested in appendix C, for investigating and reporting on the issue is the best process?

If “No” please provide details of the process on an additional document.

7. Do you agree with the method of funding the EAF identified in appendix D?

If “No” please provide details of the process on an additional document.

8. What other questions should be on this consultation form? Please state how you would answer the additional questions.

A PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE PERMISSIVE ACCESS IN STEWARDSHIP SCHEMES

DRAFT REPORT

20/06/15

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF previously placed the report “The Future of Higher Level Stewardship Permissive Access” on HUDDLE. Since the report has been on HUDDLE the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF have been made aware of other LAFs concerned with the loss of all permissive access funding by the end of 2020. The current permissive access sites receiving funding are displayed in appendix A. This draft report has been drawn up by consultation with the Mid and West Berkshire LAF. Other LAFs including South Downs National Park, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, Mid Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and Hampshire LAF have expressed an interest and are being consulted on the content of the report.
- 1.2. Provision of permissive access is one of the few ways of improving the connectivity of the definitive rights of way network. Behind the hedge or fence paths could be created which improve safety and sometimes make a difference between using, or not using, the definitive path network. The aim is to create a joint report covering all our interests. It is felt important to get this right, as it may be the last opportunity local access forums have to make a change in Government and CAP policy in relation to funding permissive access.
- 1.3. The report and consultation document can then be dispersed through the regions of those LAFs mentioned above. The responses from the consultations coming back to the South Linc’s and Rutland LAF for summarising. Following analysis of the consultation document the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF will make the decision on how to take the project forward. One option which will be investigated is whether the Final Report and consultation document should be sent to all LAFs, so all can have a say on the subject.

2. THE PROPOSAL

- 2.1. Create a body representing local access forums on this matter of National interest. This may be as discussed in the draft report “Making our needs known and influencing decision makers” recommending creating England Access Forum (EAF) team to move the project forward.

2.2. EAF or a similar body representing all LAFs interests to:

- 2.2.1. Influence Government and CAP to include funding permissive access on 10 year agreements for perpetuity to be bound into the 2021 CAP agreement and all the following CAP agreements, provided we are still part of the EEC. To ensure the LAFs have the best chance of success in this matter it will be necessary to start working on this action in 2016.
- 2.2.2. Influence Government to create a reasonable size pot of money, for funding permissive access. Urban LAFs may not have any HLS sites so they should have the option where they can then donate their funding to their neighbouring LAF. However the urban LAF should have a say in where the money is spent. This is to ensure people in their area benefit from the permissive route, as it would be one of the routes their users would be most likely to use e.g. close to the urban area as a link to the PRoW network.
- 2.2.3. Influence Government to allocate the pot of money available in accordance with the highway authority's area of land. With the highway authorities with the lowest land area being provided with a reasonable sum to ensure they can provide a reasonable amount of permissive routes.
- 2.2.4. Influence Government to announce the allocation percentage for each LAF by 2019, the minimum funds for small (by area) highway authorities and maximum funds for large (by area) highway authorities.
- 2.2.5. Influence Government to pass the responsibility for awarding permissive access funding to the LAFs. This is due to the LAFs having the knowledge of the access requirements of the locality. Hence the LAF will be responsible for the proportion of types of permissive routes in their LAF area. DEFRA would still be responsible for actual payment to landowners/farmers.
- 2.2.6. Influence Government to create a permissive access rate for restricted bridleways.
- 2.2.7. Influence Government to maintain a web site for all permissive routes in a format similar to the current permissive access web site <http://cwr.naturalengland.org.uk/walk-ride.aspx>
- 2.2.8. Influence Government to create the option of the opportunity to upgrade PRoW to a higher level status through permissive access payments, whilst protecting its PRoW status, see appendix B.
- 2.2.9. Influence Government to provide immediate funding for "easy access" routes, as it is recognised that there are very few opportunities for countryside access for the disabled. Details for this proposal can be found in appendix C.

3. **FUNDING**

We are fully aware of the current financial climate and the reduction in Government and local authority budgets but by the Government's own admission, an improvement in public health would reduce the costs to the NHS by having a healthier population. There is now overwhelming evidence that accessing the countryside helps improve individual's general health and wellbeing. Natural England in their presentation "The benefits of Nature for Health and Wellbeing"

(<http://letnaturefeedyoursenses.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf-downloads/NE-HealthWellbeing-SarahPreston.pdf>) displays the need for more access to the countryside. So with these issues in mind this report is designed to provide recommendations which can be delivered in our current financial climate and plan for what should happen in the future whether we are still in EEC or not.

Whilst the current financial climate exists it is understood that DEFRA will find it difficult to fund further routes until the CAP agreement 2021. In order for LAFs to fund further permissive routes prior to the new CAP agreement, Natural England should provide training and assistance for LAFs to access suitable funding streams, such as LEADER funding through Local Action Groups, to enable them to offer payments for permissive access.

FUNDED PERMISSIVE ACCESS ROUTES**Appendix A****DATA FROM NATURAL ENGLAND WEB SITE AS AT 06/06/15**

Location	Number of routes
Bath & NE Somerset	7
Bedfordshire	32
Berkshire	6
Buckinghamshire	20
Cambridgeshire	52
Cheshire	26
City of Bristol	0
Cleveland & Teesside	6
Cornwall	36
Cumbria	75
Derbyshire	24
Devon	52
Dorset	25
Durham	17
East Riding & Humber	20
East Sussex	32
Essex	29
Gloucestershire	13
Greater Manchester	0
Hampshire	62
Herefordshire	38
Hertfordshire	21
Isle of Wight	22
Isle of Scilly	0
Kent	36
Lancashire	23
Leicestershire & Rutland	69
Lincolnshire	124

Location	Number of routes
London	1
Merseyside	2
Norfolk	107
North Somerset	2
North Yorkshire	58
Northamptonshire	47
Northumberland	72
Nottinghamshire	33
Oxfordshire	30
Shropshire	65
Somerset	40
South Gloucestershire	5
South Yorkshire	5
Staffordshire	35
Suffolk	85
Surrey	13
Tyne & Wear	5
Warwickshire	11
West Midlands	1
West Sussex	38
West Yorkshire	12
Wiltshire	37
Worcestershire	25
TOTAL	1596

This appendix describes a possible process to upgrade PRoW to a higher level status through permissive access funding, whilst protecting its PRoW status

Examples displayed below (note HN references relate to the references in the Higher Level Stewardship: Environmental Stewardship handbook , third edition):

a) PRoW – Public Footpath upgrade to permissive bridlepath

Current payment for Footpath £0.45 per mtr

Current payment for Bridlepath (HN4 & HN6) £0.90 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade £0.45 per mtr

Responsibility for maintenance = 50% of route length highway authority

50% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

b) PRoW – Public Footpath upgrade to Access for people with reduced mobility (HN5)

Current payment for Footpath £0.45 per mtr

Current payment for HN5 £1.00 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade £0.55 per mtr

Responsibility for maintenance = 45% of route length highway authority

55% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

c) PRoW – Public Footpath upgrade to Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act access for people with reduced mobility (HN7)

Current payment for Footpath £0.45 per mtr

Current payment for HN7 £1.05 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade £0.60 per mtr

Responsibility for maintenance = 43% of route length highway authority

57% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

- d) PRoW – Public Bridlepath upgrade to Access for people with reduced mobility (HN5)

Horses and cyclists still allowed to use the route

Minimum width still 3mts

Current payment for Bridlepath (HN4 & HN6) £0.90 per mtr

Current payment for HN5 £1.00 per mtr

Payment made for upgrade using the previous formula would equate to £0.10 per mtr. As more access to the countryside is required for people with disabilities maybe this amount should be re examined to encourage farmers/landowners to offer this upgrade.

Responsibility for maintenance = 90% of route length highway authority. The cost of maintenance is significantly higher than a bridlepath, maybe a Government subsidy should be provided to the Highway Authority for these type of upgrades.

10% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

- e) PRoW – Public Bridlepath upgrade to Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act access for people with reduced mobility (HN7)

Horses and cyclists still allowed to use the route

Minimum width still 3mts

Current payment for Bridlepath (HN4 & HN6) £0.90 per mtr

Current payment for HN7 £1.05 per metre

Payment made for upgrade using the previous formula would equate to £0.15 per mtr. As more access to the countryside is required for people with disabilities maybe this amount should be re examined to encourage farmers/landowners to offer this upgrade.

Responsibility for maintenance = 90% of route length highway authority

10% of route length recipient of permissive access payment.

- f) PRoW – Restricted bridleway to allow for carriage driving. Upgrades from PRoW Public Footpath or Public Bridlepath should follow the same logic as identified in a and b above. Restricted byways have a minimum width of 3 metres and a

maximum width of 5 metres. Where there is a lack of carriage driving opportunities, the LAF may choose to accept a 3metre wide carriage way. To encourage farmers/landowners to agree to an upgrade to a 3metre bridleway a different payment may need to be made.

1. There are 56 Easy Access sites remaining (April 2015), as shown in the table displaying HLS sites suitable for wheelchairs. Both the LAFs and Natural England recognise the lack of opportunities for the disabled to access the countryside. It is therefore essential that funding is found, possibly from Public Health England to continue to provide good quality permissive “easy access” routes in the countryside. It is important that funding is provided to every Highway Authority for permissive access, again the pot should be split amongst the Highway Authorities in accordance to area (square miles).

2. Whilst the aim is to obtain funding for permissive access in stewardship schemes, there is a current example of funding being provided where the route is adjacent to a childrens hospice, this is land which is in a HLS scheme. It is considered that if there is farmland adjacent to a similar establishment and the owner/farmer is prepared to provide a suitable route, funding would be considered, even if the land was not in a stewardship scheme.

3. All highway authorities, even the smallest in terms or area should be provided with a reasonable sum of money to enable them to create an easy access permissive route of at least 1000 metres. The easy access site permissive agreement should run for 10 years . The route literature provided for these routes should be in accordance with Countryside for All standards. The LAFs should be responsible for awarding permissive route status. The Highway authority should assist in promoting the routes. DEFRA/Natural England should make the payments to the farmers/landowners for these routes.

HLS SITES SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Location	Number of Sites in 2012	Number of Sites in 2013	YEAR GRANT SUBSIDY ENDS							
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Bath & NE Somerset	0	0								
Bedfordshire	0	0								
Berkshire	0	0								
Buckinghamshire	0	0								
Cambridgeshire	0	0								
Cheshire	3	3	1							2
City of Bristol	0	0								
Cleveland	0	0								
Cornwall	1	1						1		
Cumbria	6	5	1	1		2			1	
Derbyshire	0	0								
Devon	4	3		1		1				1
Dorset	0	0								
Durham	4	3					2		1	
East Riding	0	0								
East Sussex	1	1								1
Essex *	1	1								1
Gloucestershire	0	0								
Greater Manchester	0	0								
Hampshire	0	0								
Herefordshire	2	0								
Hertfordshire	6	6						6		
Isle of Wight	0	0								
Isle of Scilly	0	0								
Kent	3	2				1	1			
Lancashire	5	5	1	1		1	1			1
Leicestershire & Rutland	0	0								
Lincolnshire	6	6	1			1	1	1	2	
London	0	0								
Merseyside	0	0								
Norfolk	4	4		1		1		2		
North Somerset	1	1		1						
North Yorkshire	8	6					1	1	1	3
Northamptonshire	1	1					1			
Northumberland	5	5		2			1		1	1
Nottinghamshire	2	2		1						1
Oxfordshire	1	0								
Shropshire	2	2							1	1
Somerset	2	2	1							1
South Gloucestershire	0	0								
South Yorkshire	2	2		2						
Staffordshire	2	2	1							1

continued

HLS SITES SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Location	Number of Sites in 2012	Number of Sites in 2013	YEAR GRANT SUBSIDY ENDS							
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Suffolk	1	1								1
Surrey	3	2				2				
Tyne & Wear	2	2		1				1		
Warwickshire	1	1		1						
West Midlands	1	1								1
West Sussex	0	0								
West Yorkshire	2	2							1	1
Wiltshire	1	1	1							
Worcestershire	2	2						1		1
TOTAL	85	75	7	12	0	9	9	12	8	18

* Essex previously had a site categorised incorrectly in 2012

List of LAFs that have assisted the South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF in this report:

Mid and West Berkshire LAF

This will be completed following the responses received by the LAFs who are assisting in the production of the final report.

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PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE PERMISSIVE ACCESS IN STEWARDSHIP SCHEMES

DRAFT CONSULTATION

20/06/15

1. Do you agree that funding should be provided for permissive access in stewardship schemes?

If yes please answer the following questions in relation to the draft report:

2.1. Do you agree with: Create a body representing local access forums on this matter of National interest. This may be as discussed in the draft report "Making our needs known and influencing decision makers" recommending creating England Access Forum (EAF) team to move the project forward.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.1. Do you agree with: Influence Government and CAP to include funding permissive access on 10 year agreements for perpetuity to be bound into the 2021 CAP agreement and all the following CAP agreements, provided we are still part of the EEC. To ensure the LAFs have the best chance of success in this matter it will be necessary to start working on this action in 2016.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.2. Do you agree with: Influence Government to create a reasonable size pot of money, for funding permissive access. Urban LAFs may not have any HLS sites so they should have the option where they can then donate their funding to their neighbouring LAF. However the urban LAF should have a say in where the money is spent. This is to ensure people in their area benefit from the permissive route, as it would be one of the routes their users would be most likely to use e.g. close to the urban area as a link to the PRow network.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.3. Do you agree with: Influence Government to allocate the pot of money available in accordance with the highway authority's area of land. With the highway authorities with the lowest land area being provided with a reasonable sum to ensure they can provide a reasonable amount of permissive routes.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.4. Do you agree with: Influence Government to announce the allocation percentage for each LAF by 2019, the minimum funds for small (by area) highway authorities and maximum funds for large (by area) highway authorities.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.5. Do you agree with: Influence Government to pass the responsibility for awarding permissive access funding to the LAFs. This is due to the LAFs having the knowledge of the access requirements of the locality. Hence the LAF will be responsible for the proportion of types of permissive routes in their LAF area. DEFRA would still be responsible for actual payment to landowners/farmers.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.6. Do you agree with: Influence Government to create a permissive access rate for restricted bridleways.

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.7. Do you agree with: Influence Government to maintain a web site for all permissive routes in a format similar to the current permissive access web site:

<http://cwr.naturalengland.org.uk/walk-ride.aspx>

If "No" please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.8. Do you agree with: Influence Government to create the option of the opportunity to upgrade PRow to a higher level status through permissive access payments, whilst protecting its PRow status, see appendix B.

If “No” please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

2.2.9. Do you agree with: Influence Government to provide immediate funding for “easy access” routes, as it is recognised that there are very few opportunities for countryside access for the disabled. Details for this proposal can be found in appendix C.

If “No” please state what if any immediate action should be undertaken on an additional document.

3. What other questions should be on this consultation form? Please state how you would answer the additional questions.

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Frampton



Two circular walks of 7km (4.5 miles) and 11km (7 miles)

Introduction

These walks will appeal to both lovers of wildlife and wild coast. Both walks take in the wonderful Frampton Marsh Nature Reserve and quiet stretches of sea bank overlooking The Wash.

The RSPB reserve at Frampton Marsh is home to a wide variety of wildlife. The different habitats, from freshwater pools, to wet grassland to one of the largest saltmarshes in the world provide a home for many different creatures. A network of paths cross the reserve, hides and viewpoints provide easy viewing and the visitor centre has refreshments and toilet facilities.

The RSPB is the UK charity that seeks to protect birds and other wildlife across the country.

For more information about the reserve and the RSPB:

**rspb.org.uk/framptonmarsh
01205 724678**

The Wash is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and part of it a National Nature Reserve (NNR) and is a mix of open water, mudflats and saltmarsh. It is an internationally important wetland site where huge flocks of waders and wildfowl can be seen during the autumn and winter.

For more information about The Wash:
naturallengland.org.uk



The Walk

Walk One

- 1 Facing the visitor centre, turn right along the tarmac lane.

At the end the lane continue straight on along the path towards the sea bank.

Climb the steps to the top of the bank.

- 2 Turn left and walk along the top of the bank.

Continue along the sea bank, ignoring a path on the right signed to Witham Mouth.

- 3 After another 150m, at a junction of paths, bear right to continue along the sea bank and Macmillan Way.

The channel of water on your right is The Haven, the river that links The Wash to Boston Port. Large container ships use the channel to bring in a wide range of goods. It has not always been so easy for ships to access the port. The river was once wide, meandering with shifting sand banks. It was difficult for ships to reach the busy port so between 1833 and 1884 the river was straightened and deepened.

Looking towards Boston you will see the local landmark, the Boston Stump. This is the tower of St Botolph's church. Construction of the church started in 1309 and finished with the building of the 272 feet (83m) tower in 1520.



Cross a track and continue straight ahead.

On the opposite bank of The Haven is the Pilgrim Fathers memorial. The memorial was erected in 1957 and marks the place where a group of puritans were arrested attempting to flee to religious freedom in 1607. Some of them were tried and imprisoned in the Guildhall in Boston. They eventually made it to Holland in 1608 and then in 1620 sailed to the New World.

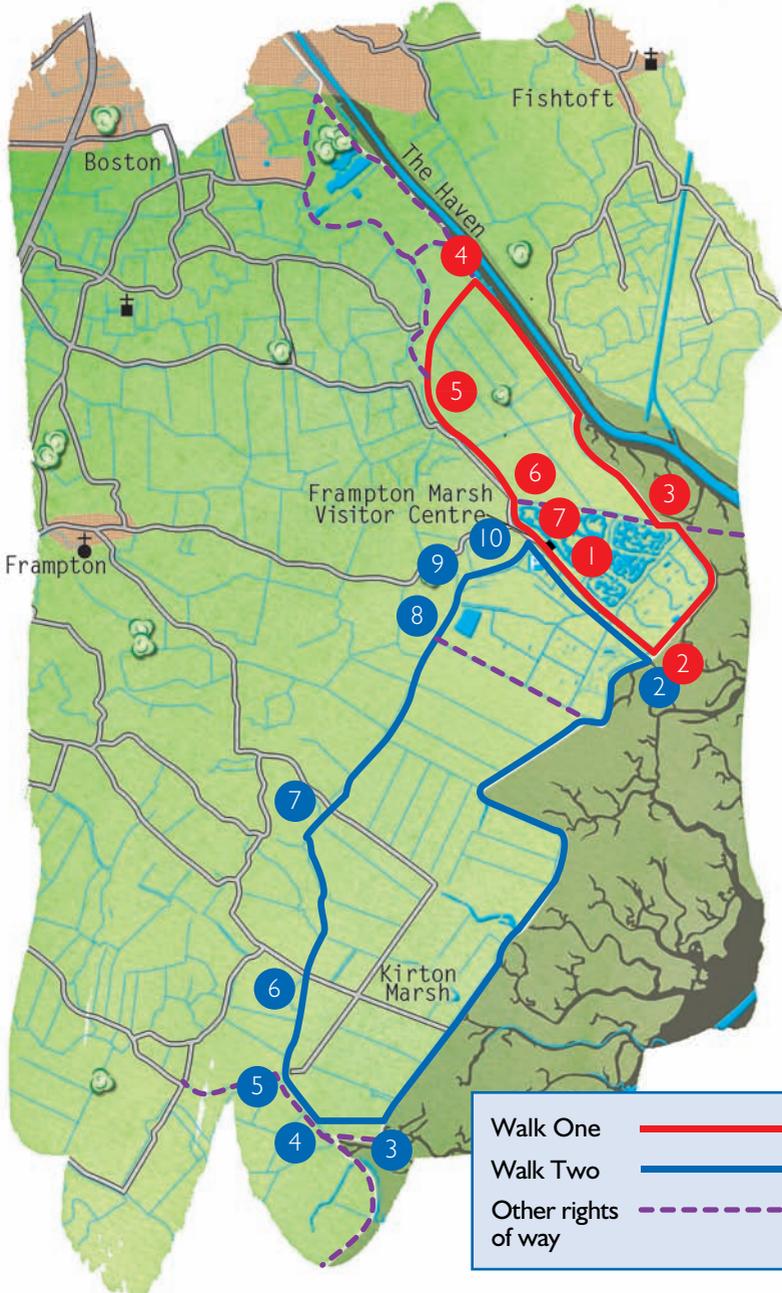
- 4 After another 0.5 mile walk down the flight of steps on the left and turn left and then immediately right to follow the footpath along a grass track.

After approximately 700m cross the footpath bridge and bear right up onto the old sea bank between hedges.



Map

Map Scale: $\frac{400\text{m}}{\frac{1}{4}\text{mile}}$
North



The Walk

- 5 At a junction of paths, next to a farm, turn left.

Cross a farm track and continue straight ahead along the bank past a pill box.

In 1940 extra defences were put into place to defend the country from a German invasion. This included the construction of pill boxes on or near the coast of southern and eastern England. They got their name because they resembled the boxes used by chemists to dispense pills. They would house soldiers armed with rifles or machine guns.



Continue to follow the path on the bank, as it runs beside a road.

- 6 At a track and junction of paths walk straight on along the bank top, passing another pill box.
- 7 At the end of the bank, at a road, walk straight ahead along the road to return to the visitor centre.

Walk Two

Follow directions in walk one up to the end of point 1

- 2 Turn right and walk along the top of the sea bank.

The Wash and the surrounding landscape have been shaped by man for centuries. It was once part of a large fenland basin stretching as far as Peterborough and Cambridge where the slow flowing rivers deposited large amounts of silt causing the surrounding land to flood. Since Roman times man has been straightening the rivers, draining the fens and building banks to prevent the land from flooding. The sea bank you are walking on is one of those.

Follow the bank for approximately 3 miles.



The Walk

On the sea side of the sea bank you will see mudflats and saltmarsh. Saltmarshes are the upper areas of intertidal mudflats, covered in salt tolerant plants. Saltmarshes are an important resource for wading birds and wildfowl. They act as refuges for birds feeding on adjacent mudflats when the tide comes in and are also important as breeding sites.

- 3 At a junction with a footpath turn right and walk down the steps and over a stile.

Walk across the field by bearing left towards a fingerpost beside a drain.

- 4 At the drain turn right and follow the path beside the drain to a track and junction of footpaths.
- 5 Cross the track and follow the footpath ahead, on top of the old sea bank.
- 6 Cross a road and continue straight on along the bank.



- 7 Cross a second road to continue along the bank and follow it for another mile, ignoring a footpath on the right. Look out for a pill box.
- 8 At a road walk straight ahead along a public footpath.
- 9 At the bend in the road turn right to continue along the footpath.
- 10 At a road turn right to return the visitor centre.



Be a responsible walker

Please remember the countryside is a place where people live and work and where wildlife makes its home. To protect the Lincolnshire countryside for other visitors please respect it and on every visit follow the Countryside Code. Thank you.

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

Most of all enjoy your visit to the Lincolnshire countryside

This leaflet is one in a series of walk leaflets produced by Lincolnshire County Council's Countryside Access Team to help you explore and enjoy the County's countryside. If you have enjoyed these walks and would like information on other walking routes in Lincolnshire then please visit our website.

If you encounter any problems whilst on these walks, such as an overgrown path or a broken sign post, please let us know so they can be corrected.

We would also welcome your comments and suggestions on the walk and leaflet to help improve future editions.

If you would like this leaflet in an alternative format or language please contact us.

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Useful information

Walk location: RSPB Frampton Marsh nature reserve is 5 miles south-east of Boston. Follow the brown tourist road signs.

Starting point: RSPB Frampton Marsh nature reserve Visitor Centre, PE20 1AY
Grid reference: TF356 392.

Parking: RSPB Frampton Marsh nature reserve, as above.

Ordnance survey maps for the area: Explorer 249 Spalding & Holbeach and Explorer 261 Boston. Landranger 131 Boston & Spalding.

Walk length: Walk One 7km (4.5miles) which will take approximately 2 hours to complete at a leisurely pace. Walk Two 11km (7 miles) which will take approximately 3.5 hours to complete.

Type of walk: The walks use sea banks, tracks, and field paths. The walks are level but may be uneven and muddy in places. There are no stiles on Walk One but you will encounter stiles on Walk Two. You may encounter cattle and horses on both walks.

Dogs: Please note that dogs are not allowed on any of the nature reserve trails. These two walks use public rights of way so dogs are allowed but please keep them under control and clear up after them.

Refreshments and toilets: RSPB Frampton Marsh nature reserve Visitor Centre. Open every day 10am to 4pm (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day) and 10am to 5pm weekends between April to September.

This walk leaflet is dedicated to Ron White who passed away in March 2013. Ron was a committed member of the Boston Ramblers group and was Honorary President of the Lincolnshire Ramblers. Always putting others first, Ron also spent time helping at his local church, hospital and scout group as well as Boston Woods Trust and the Royal British Legion.

These walks and leaflet have been put together with assistance from the RSPB and the Boston Ramblers group.



NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES RIDING CIRCULARS

Applicabilities / Suitabilities / Useful Statistics

Circular Rides Ref.	Distance (miles) approx.	% Off Road (approx)	Applicability			Suitability / degree of difficulty for horse riders		
			Horse Riding	Mountain Biking	Walking	Option suitable for most abilities	Options comprise steep gradients & difficult terrain	Demanding sections for experienced riders
R1+2	6* - 21*	75	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
R3	8 - 11	80	✓	✓	✓		✓**	
R4	10	80	✓	✓	✓			✓**
R5	9	50	✓	✓		✓		
R6	5 - 9	70	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Please note that by the very nature of the geology of the Northern Yorkshire Dales most of the circular networks will have some degrees of difficulty. It is advisable not to ride alone.
* Includes Richmond Link

** Not advisable in adverse weather conditions especially over winter months

The BHS recommends before undertaking any of the above routes, horse & rider should be adequately insured against public liability. The BHS can provide public & personal cover for members. For more information or to join call 02476 840506.

CODE OF RIDING

- **Care of the land** - please do not stray off the line of the route.
- **Courtesy to others** - pay heed to walkers, cyclists and car park users.
- Acknowledge courtesy shown by drivers; observe the Highway Code.
- **Consider the landowner/farmer** - leave gates as you find them, ride slowly past livestock, and observe local and seasonal notices, especially during shooting (Aug - Feb), lambing and bird nesting times.

Following a route

- Descriptions in bespoke guide maps are correct at time of issue, but landmarks or rights of ways may change, and way marking limited esp. in the YDNP.
- Take the relevant OS Explorer 1:25000 (302,304,0L30) and compass.

Parking

- Riders are responsible for finding safe and appropriate parking.
- Start points shown on map do not guarantee suitable parking.

Preparation

- Wear BS standard hard hat, comfortable riding boots and lower leg protection.
- BHS advises riders wear high visibility clothing while riding on roads.
- Carry mobile (limited coverage), money/card, tie up string, head collar and lead rope.
- It is advisable to pack sufficient food and drink and take appropriate clothing.
- Include waterproofs. Transparent A4 map case worn around neck is useful.
- Please be mindful of rapid weather changes especially over high ground.

Feedback

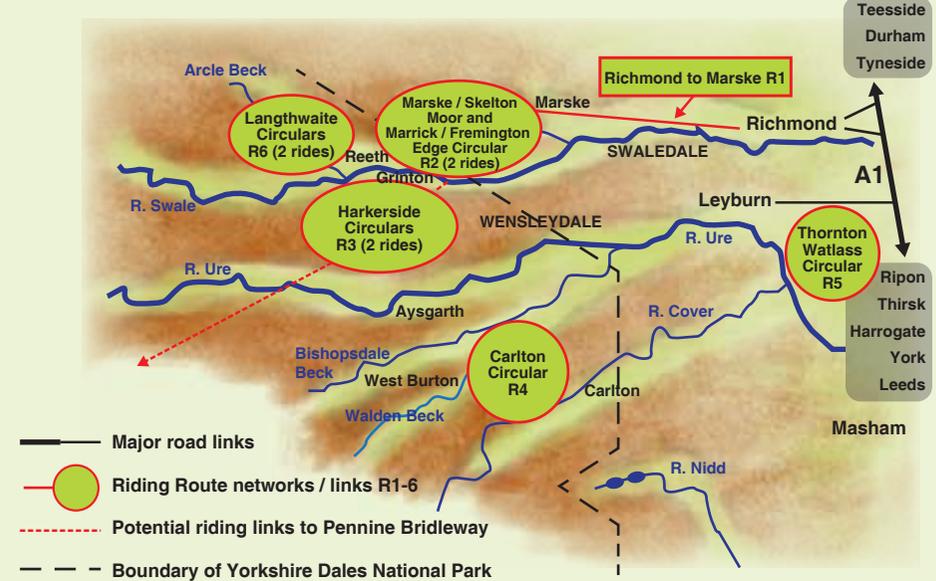
- Report back any route maintenance related problems to NYCC Rights of Way tel: 0845 8727374 or YDNP ranger service tel: 0300 4560030.

HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES

Swaledale, Arkengarthdale, Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale



NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES RIDING ROUTES



These circular rides use existing and well maintained public rights of way which take in some of the most spectacular scenery of the northern Yorkshire Dales including Swaledale, Lower Wensleydale and tributaries. The routes cater for a range of abilities and use mainly bridleways, green lanes and some unclassified county roads. The nature of the countryside in the dales means many of the routes are rugged and hilly. There are limited opportunities to canter but why rush through such fantastic scenery?

Local British Horse Society volunteer John Presgrave devised and mapped the routes with the support of Richmondshire and Bedale Bridleway Group, Public Rights of Way team at North Yorkshire County Council & Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The bespoke guide maps are specifically designed for horse rider use and provide an easy-to-follow route from a start point which can be reached by horsebox or trailer. Project logos are on occasional way marker and fingerposts. A PDF guide map for each can be downloaded for printout or loaded to most current smartphones via www.northyorks.gov.uk/rides. These routes are also part of the British Horse Society (BHS) National Equestrian Route Network which can be accessed via www.bhs.org.uk. Information on local accommodation and related amenities can also be found by visiting the BHS website, Welcome to Yorkshire and YDNP websites.

R1 Richmond - Marske

R2 Marske / Skelton Moor and Marske / Marrick / Fremington Edge 6-21 miles 2-7 hours

2 circulars including the demanding but rewarding Marrick-Fremington Edge loop.
Marske-Skelton Moor option is suitable for most riders.
Build in time if using the picturesque Richmond link along lower Swaledale to Marske.
Richmond to Marske and back makes for a delightful short ride.



Lower Swaledale from Richmond

R3 Harkerside / Whitaside / Grinton 8-11 miles 2-4 hours

2 circulars both taking in the remote lead mined moors with breath-taking views of Swaledale & pastoral stretches above the river Swale. Some steep, stony sections.
Be prepared for weather changes at the higher elevations.

R4 Carlton / Melmerby Moor / West Burton 10 miles 3-4 hours

Circular includes a steep and stony climb out of Walden Beck but affords fantastic vistas along most of its length, including Bishopdale, Coverdale and views across to Great Whernside and over to the North York Moors. Pubs / toilets in Carlton & West Burton.
Accommodation at Brough Farm, Middleham, nr. Leyburn (see individual guide map).



Swaledale from Whitaside on R3



Bishopdale on R4

R5 Thornton Watlass Circular 9 miles 2-3 hours

A very relaxing ride of few gradients and including green lanes. Quiet road stretches mainly offering wide verges. Especially pleasant by the River Ure and with the bonus of a pub en route in Thornton Watlass.



The Buck Inn and Green at Thornton Watlass

R6 Langthwaite Circulars 5-9 miles 2-4 hours

2 circulars either side of the impressive but remote Arkengarthdale, both of which scale the lead mined moors using old mining tracks, stony in parts, and pass through the picturesque village of Langthwaite. Pub / refreshments / accommodation at end of both circulars.

Circular 2 suitable for most riders. Circular 1 requires focus on terrain and navigation over Windegg Ings.



Riders above Arkengarthdale on R6



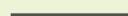
Please note that the promoted routes depicted are maintained to the best possible standards that the local authorities can afford, and whilst every effort has been made to ensure the routes and structures (i.e gates) are of a good standard at the time of launch, we would be grateful for ongoing feedback to ensure these routes continue to be accessible. Please see overleaf for contact numbers.

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KEYS

Map Key

	metalled road
	unmetalled double track
	single track
	footpath
	river/direction of flow
	wood
	field wall
	field fence
	cairn
	shooting butt
	steep gradient
	stony/rocky surface
	buildings

Riding Directions Key

R, L	- turn right, turn left
BW	- bridleway
ST	- straight on

User Key

	recommended route
	link/other routes
	start point/possible parking with grid reference
	field gate
	bridle gate (5' wide) with user friendly latch
	gate with horse latch
	bridleway fingerpost
	other fingerposts
	water/stone trough
	viewpoint

Service Key

	public house
	church
	telephone
	post office

HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES

Marske - Skelton Moor Circular R2 (Approx. 6 miles)



Riding Directions (anticlockwise) - continuous yellow line on map

Start point  - Marske Beck Bridge

Grid Reference: NZ 103005

- 1 Proceed east over Marske Beck, L at next T junction, (R1 Richmond Link joins here) keeping L, through G at BW sign, along and through HG at cattle grid, past Clints, through Clints Wood, keeping L at fork (note way marker on L), through HG, uphill and through next HG and onto Orgate Farm.
- 2 L at Orgate Farm, down steep concrete drive, over stream, uphill through HG, ST and R through G (open).
- 3 ST along track, through HG, and forking L when Telfit Farm is reached, through HG, up steep and stony track, hairpin L, continuing uphill, through open G, uphill through field keeping wall on R till HG at top (cantering possibilities).
- 4 Continue uphill, crossing double track (can take short cut L to join circular at 6 here), continuing uphill on grassy track, across Skelton Moor (note Triangulation Point to LHS) until wall with G.
- 5 Turn L in front of G, meeting and keeping wall on R, gradually descending over trodden but somewhat arduous moorland terrain until double track from L, and G is reached.
- 6 ST along and down meadow keeping wall on R, through next G, and descend down stony double track, R at road T junction by Foresters Cottage, continuing along road, and L at T junction at end to return to start point (continue along road to follow R1 Richmond Link guide map back to Richmond).



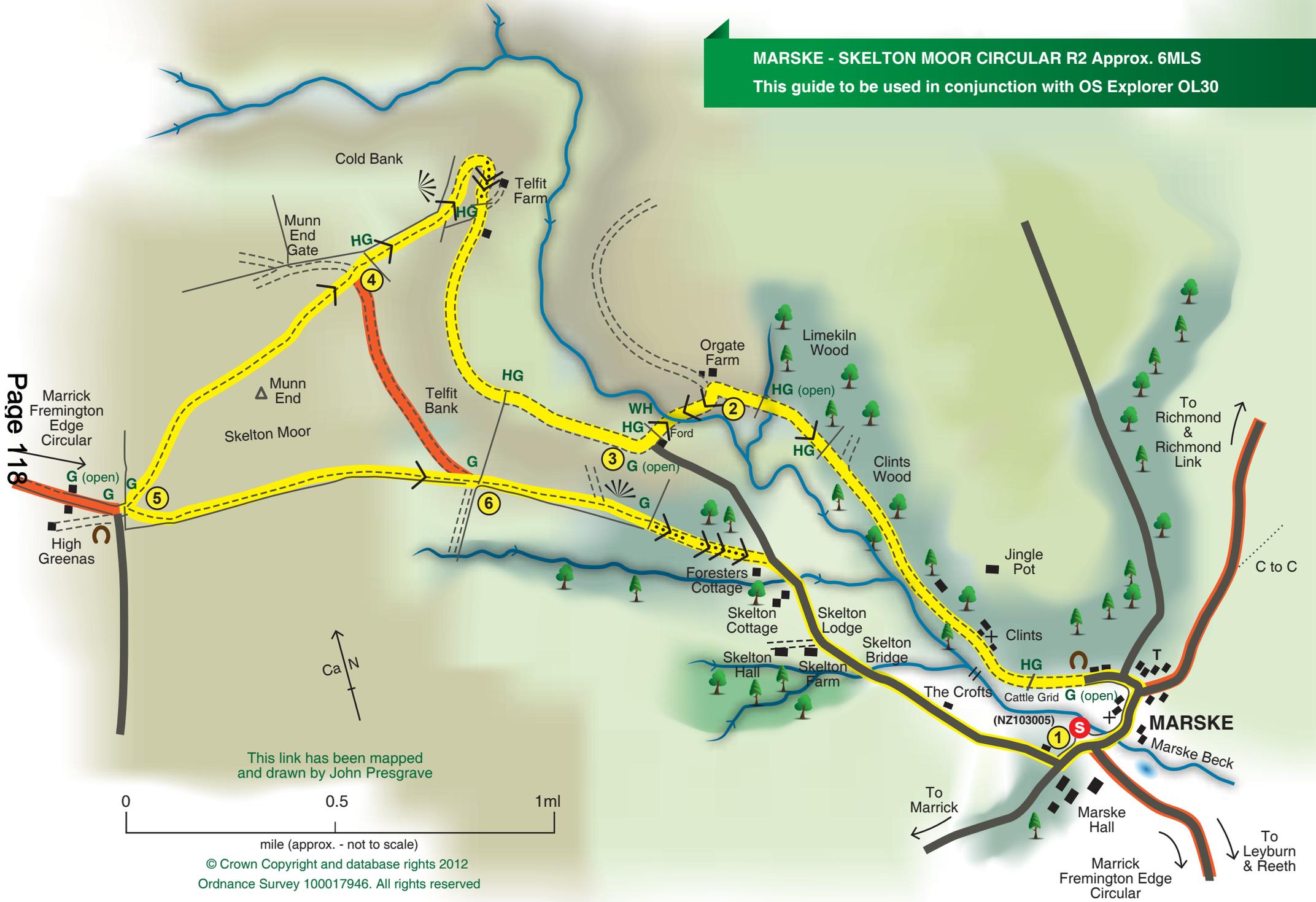
View towards Marske

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MARSKE - SKELTON MOOR CIRCULAR R2 Approx. 6MLS
 This guide to be used in conjunction with OS Explorer OL30

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Map Key

	metalled road
	unmetalled double track
	single track
	footpath
	river/direction of flow
	wood
	boggy
	field wall
	field fence
	cairn
	shooting butt
	steep gradient
	stony/rocky surface
	buildings

Riding Directions Key

R, L - turn right, turn left
 BW - bridleway
 ST - straight on
 R/LHS right/left hand side

User Key

	recommended route
	Richmond link, other routes
	start point/possible
	parking with grid reference
	alternative parking
	field gate
	bridle gate (5' wide)
	gate with horse latch
	bridleway fingerpost
	water/stone trough
	viewpoint
	other fingerposts

Service Key

	public house
	church
	telephone
	post office



Looking across Marske Beck

HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES

Marske - Marrick - Fremington Edge Circular R2 13 miles, 3-5 hours



Riding Directions: (clockwise)- continuous yellow line on map

Start point: Marske Beck

Grid Reference: NZ103004

- By Marske Bridge, follow road marked to Leyburn/Richmond, after 1 mile, ignore 1st BW sign R, take next lane R, through G (BW only) and by river on LHS.
- R at BW sign just prior to Low Oxque Farm, ignoring farmyard on LHS, up past building on RHS, through 3 consecutive BGs, continue uphill following track keeping fence on RHS, through G, then bend L by G on RHS, continuing uphill through G, past disused limekiln on LHS to grassy top.
- Follow wall on LHS for about ¼ mile, seeking out grassy track forking R, down to bottom track (note BW sign), continue west through series Gs to road.
- L uphill and down to Marrick, bending R, then L opposite telephone booth, and L again down lane, R at bottom then immediate L down narrow green lane, through G (note BW sign), and R on double track, through Wood House Farm, using double side G at Marrick Priory cattle grid, and onto next road junction.
- L (note BW sign) along road till next narrow lane on R just prior to main road at Fremington.
- R up lane, next L, next R, then follow metalled road uphill (steep in parts) until access to White House, forking R (note way sign and WH) continuing up steep stony hill, through G, then very steep in parts, taking left fork just prior to top to lessen gradient (note sign).
- ST through G at top, along double track (stony in parts) until G and road.
- R at road (Hurst), R at telephone booth, uphill and L at next BW sign.
- Down stony track, through 2 cattle grid Gs, and ST where track veers L, crossing very small stream, past way marker ST through open G, up field past old shaft on RHS, (barn on L) to bridle gate at field top.
- L keeping fence on L, until G on L, then make R up field (note circular water tank on RHS) through open G, and series of sheep pen Gs (all but one are usually open), until end G with BW sign.
- ST keeping wall on R, gradually descending over trodden but somewhat arduous moorland terrain until G is reached.
- ST along and down meadow keeping wall on R, through next G, and descend stony double track, R at road by Foresters Cottage, continuing along road and L at T-junction at end to start point. (Continue along road to follow R1 link guide back to Richmond).

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Lincolnshire Horse Rides

Holbeach St Matthew & Moulton Marsh

Ride length

Longer route
17 km (10.5 miles)

Shorter route
8.5 km (5.5 miles)

Ride description

Circular on sea banks, tracks (stone, grass, concrete) and public bridleways. It may be uneven and muddy in places.

WARNING: The ride is close to RAF Holbeach Bombing Range. For more information go to www.raf.mod.uk/rafmarham or phone 01760 337261

Starting point

Barge Road,
Holbeach St Matthew

Grid ref: TF 407 338

Nearest post code: PE12 8E

Parking

There is limited parking at the end of Barge Road and at Moulton Nature Reserve, off Middle Marsh Road (TF 344 336). There is a height barrier at the entrance to the main part of both car parks, approx. 7 ft at Barge Road and 6ft at Moulton Marsh.

Ordnance Survey maps

Explorer 249 Spalding & Holbeach

Landranger 131 Boston & Spalding

Type of ride

Explore this wide open area of Lincolnshire on the banks of The Wash and river Welland.

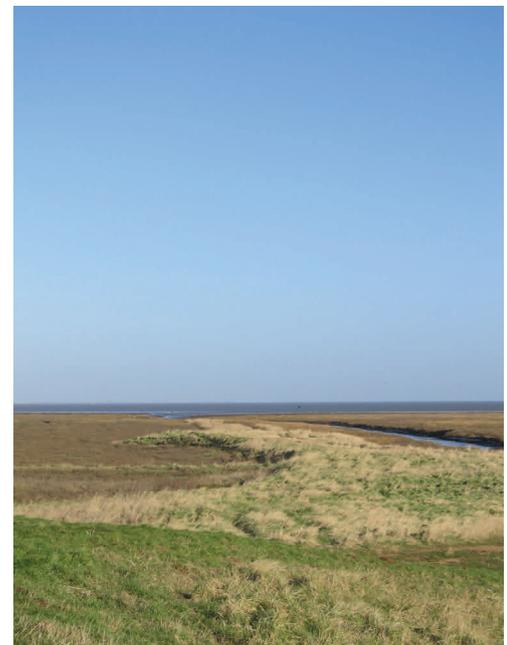
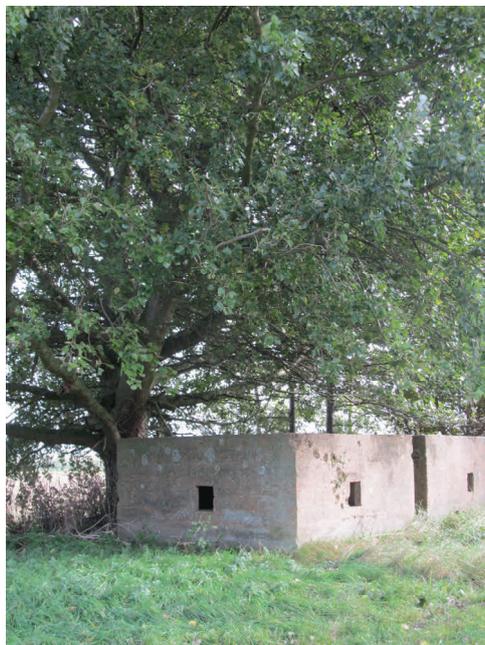
This circular ride is all off road using bridleways on the top of the old and new sea banks.

Look out for

Wildlife The Wash is a mix of open water, shallow water, mud-flats and saltmarsh. It is one of the country's most important winter feeding areas for waders and wildfowl.

Pill boxes Built during the Second World War to defend the coast from invasion, you will see a variety of shapes and sizes.

Views The big skies and flat landscape of the area mean the views can be fantastic. Look out for Boston Stump and the North Norfolk coast.



Route directions

1. Follow the bridleway near the car park entrance along the inner sea bank.
Cross straight over the concrete track to continue along the top of the inner sea bank for approximately 3 km (2 miles) to where there are two bridleways off to the right towards the river.

2. Turn right onto the second of the bridleways. At the sea bank turn left and continue along the outer bank.
For the shorter route turn right along the first bridleway and rejoin the directions at 6.
Follow the bank for approximately 3 km (2 miles) to an outfall and junction with another bridleway.

3. Turn left onto the bridleway, next to the channel, and follow it for approximately 800m (0.5 mile) to a pill box and junction with another bridleway.

4. Continue straight ahead to follow the bridleway along the top of the inner sea bank ignoring the bridleway on the right.
Continue on the sea bank for approximately 3km (2 miles) to the point where the two bridleways go off to the river.

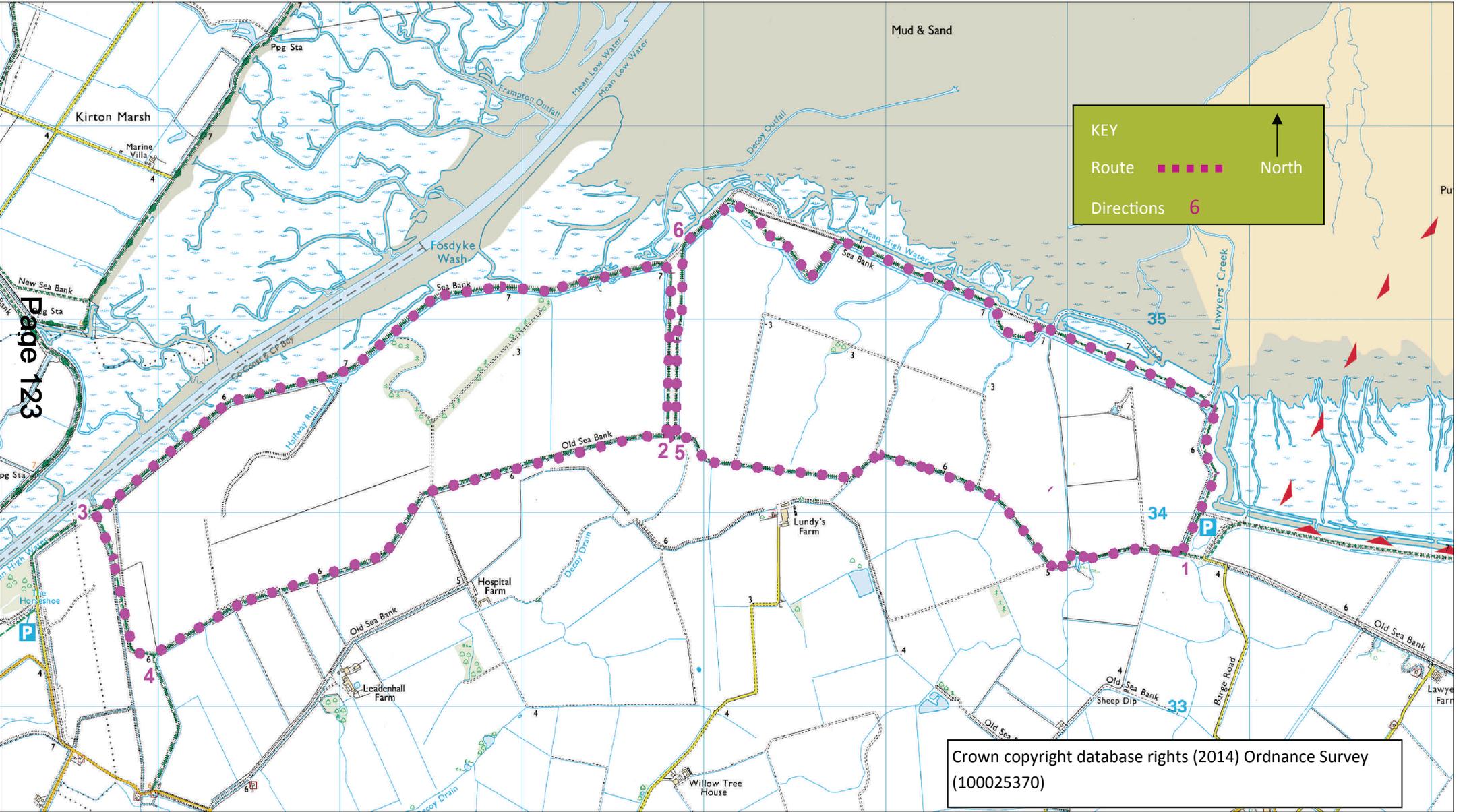
5. Turn left along the second bridleway, towards the river.

6. At the outer sea bank turn right and follow it for approximately 500m. Bear right onto the inner bank and when it rejoins the outer bank turn right.
After another 800m (0.5 mile) bear right and follow the inner bank, turning right when it rejoins the outer bank.
Continue on bank for 1.5 km (1 mile), past the pumping station keeping on top of the bank. After approx. 600m where the bank bends to the left keep straight ahead along the bridleway to return to the start.



Lincolnshire Horse Rides

Holbeach St Matthew & Moulton Marsh



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NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES RIDING CIRCULARS

Applicabilities / Suitabilities / Useful Statistics

Circular Rides Ref.	Distance (miles) approx.	% Off Road (approx)	Applicability			Suitability / degree of difficulty for horse riders		
			Horse Riding	Mountain Biking	Walking	Option suitable for most abilities	Options comprise steep gradients & difficult terrain	Demanding sections for experienced riders
R1+2	6* - 21*	75	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
R3	8 - 11	80	✓	✓	✓		✓**	
R4	10	80	✓	✓	✓			✓**
R5	9	50	✓	✓		✓		
R6	5 - 9	70	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Please note that by the very nature of the geology of the Northern Yorkshire Dales most of the circular networks will have some degrees of difficulty. It is advisable not to ride alone.
* Includes Richmond Link

** Not advisable in adverse weather conditions especially over winter months

The BHS recommends before undertaking any of the above routes, horse & rider should be adequately insured against public liability. The BHS can provide public & personal cover for members. For more information or to join call 02476 840506.

CODE OF RIDING

- **Care of the land** - please do not stray off the line of the route.
- **Courtesy to others** - pay heed to walkers, cyclists and car park users.
- Acknowledge courtesy shown by drivers; observe the Highway Code.
- **Consider the landowner/farmer** - leave gates as you find them, ride slowly past livestock, and observe local and seasonal notices, especially during shooting (Aug - Feb), lambing and bird nesting times.

Following a route

- Descriptions in bespoke guide maps are correct at time of issue, but landmarks or rights of ways may change, and way marking limited esp. in the YDNP.
- Take the relevant OS Explorer 1:25000 (302,304,0L30) and compass.

Parking

- Riders are responsible for finding safe and appropriate parking.
- Start points shown on map do not guarantee suitable parking.

Preparation

- Wear BS standard hard hat, comfortable riding boots and lower leg protection.
- BHS advises riders wear high visibility clothing while riding on roads.
- Carry mobile (limited coverage), money/card, tie up string, head collar and lead rope.
- It is advisable to pack sufficient food and drink and take appropriate clothing.
- Include waterproofs. Transparent A4 map case worn around neck is useful.
- Please be mindful of rapid weather changes especially over high ground.

Feedback

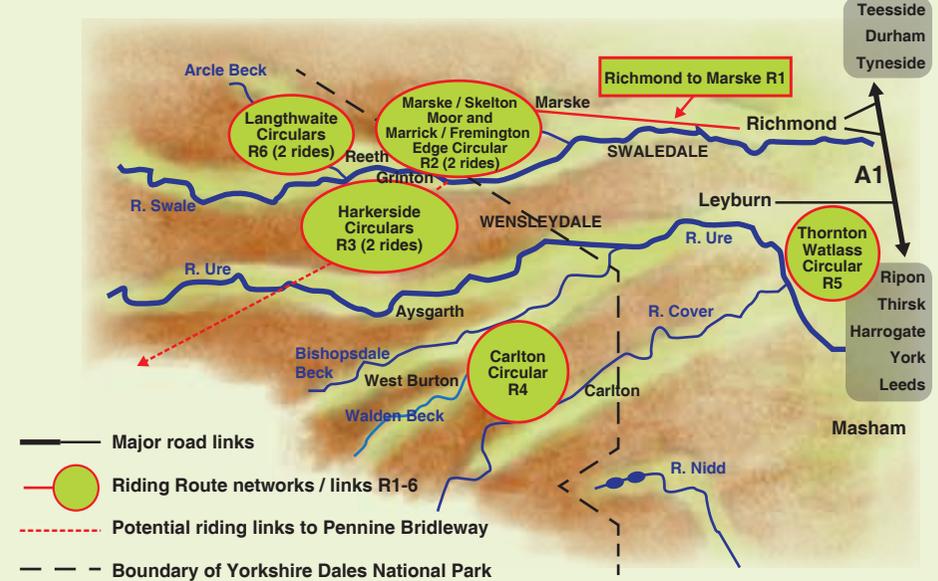
- Report back any route maintenance related problems to NYCC Rights of Way tel: 0845 8727374 or YDNP ranger service tel: 0300 4560030.

HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES

Swaledale, Arkengarthdale, Lower Wensleydale & Coverdale



NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES RIDING ROUTES



These circular rides use existing and well maintained public rights of way which take in some of the most spectacular scenery of the northern Yorkshire Dales including Swaledale, Lower Wensleydale and tributaries. The routes cater for a range of abilities and use mainly bridleways, green lanes and some unclassified county roads. The nature of the countryside in the dales means many of the routes are rugged and hilly. There are limited opportunities to canter but why rush through such fantastic scenery?

Local British Horse Society volunteer John Presgrave devised and mapped the routes with the support of Richmondshire and Bedale Bridleway Group, Public Rights of Way team at North Yorkshire County Council & Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The bespoke guide maps are specifically designed for horse rider use and provide an easy-to-follow route from a start point which can be reached by horsebox or trailer. Project logos are on occasional way marker and fingerposts. A PDF guide map for each can be downloaded for printout or loaded to most current smartphones via www.northyorks.gov.uk/rides. These routes are also part of the British Horse Society (BHS) National Equestrian Route Network which can be accessed via www.bhs.org.uk. Information on local accommodation and related amenities can also be found by visiting the BHS website, Welcome to Yorkshire and YDNP websites.

R1 Richmond - Marske

R2 Marske / Skelton Moor and Marske / Marrick / Fremington Edge 6-21 miles 2-7 hours

2 circulars including the demanding but rewarding Marrick-Fremington Edge loop.
Marske-Skelton Moor option is suitable for most riders.
Build in time if using the picturesque Richmond link along lower Swaledale to Marske.
Richmond to Marske and back makes for a delightful short ride.



Lower Swaledale from Richmond

R3 Harkerside / Whitaside / Grinton 8-11 miles 2-4 hours

2 circulars both taking in the remote lead mined moors with breath-taking views of Swaledale & pastoral stretches above the river Swale. Some steep, stony sections.
Be prepared for weather changes at the higher elevations.

R4 Carlton / Melmerby Moor / West Burton 10 miles 3-4 hours

Circular includes a steep and stony climb out of Walden Beck but affords fantastic vistas along most of its length, including Bishopdale, Coverdale and views across to Great Whernside and over to the North York Moors. Pubs / toilets in Carlton & West Burton.
Accommodation at Brough Farm, Middleham, nr. Leyburn (see individual guide map).

Swaledale from Whitaside on R3



Bishopdale on R4

R5 Thornton Watlass Circular 9 miles 2-3 hours

A very relaxing ride of few gradients and including green lanes. Quiet road stretches mainly offering wide verges. Especially pleasant by the River Ure and with the bonus of a pub en route in Thornton Watlass.



The Buck Inn and Green at Thornton Watlass

R6 Langthwaite Circulars 5-9 miles 2-4 hours

2 circulars either side of the impressive but remote Arkengarthdale, both of which scale the lead mined moors using old mining tracks, stony in parts, and pass through the picturesque village of Langthwaite. Pub / refreshments / accommodation at end of both circulars.
Circular 2 suitable for most riders. Circular 1 requires focus on terrain and navigation over Windegg Ings.



Riders above Arkengarthdale on R6

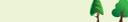
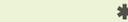
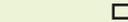
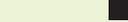


Please note that the promoted routes depicted are maintained to the best possible standards that the local authorities can afford, and whilst every effort has been made to ensure the routes and structures (i.e gates) are of a good standard at the time of launch, we would be grateful for ongoing feedback to ensure these routes continue to be accessible. Please see overleaf for contact numbers.

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Map Key

	metalled road
	unmetalled double track
	single track
	footpath
	river/direction of flow
	wood
	field wall
	cairn
	shooting butt
	steep gradient
	stony/rocky surface
	buildings

Riding Directions Key

R, L - turn right, turn left

BW - bridleway

ST - straight on

RHS/LHS - right/left hand side

User Key

	recommended route
	spur from Whashton Road car park
	start point/possible parking with grid reference
	alternative parking
	field gate
	bridle gate (5' wide) with user friendly latch
	gate with horse latch
	bridleway fingerpost
	other fingerposts
	water/stone trough
	viewpoint

Service Key

PH public house

+ church

T telephone

PO post office

HORSE RIDING IN THE NORTHERN YORKSHIRE DALES

Richmond to Marske R1 (Approx. 4 miles)



Riding Directions east to west - continuous yellow line on map

Start Point S - Gingerfield Lodge car park ("The Gallops" Richmond Old Race Course)

Grid Reference - NZ158020

Also parking on the Whashton Road with bridleway link to start point **S**
Alternative parking at Round Howe CP (pay and display) - Link to recommended route uses short section of A6108 which can be busy.

- 1 R and after few yards along road, L down BW until T-junction with surfaced road.
- 2 R along road (BW) past High Leases onto unsurfaced track, down and through Whitcliffe Wood, through HG at end, across meadow keeping to grassy track passing fort up on the right.
- 3 Continue west, through a series of 5 BGs, ignoring accesses to East, High and Low Applegarth.
- 4 Cross over footpath junction with signpost and continue west through BG and HG and past West Applegarth RHS.
- 5 Through next open G (note stone trough on right), uphill and along (past cairn marker for Coast to Coast path) and continue to end of BW.
- 6 At road, L (watch for downhill traffic from R), continue downhill and along till Marske circular is reached. 7

Riding Directions west to east - continuous yellow line on map.

- 7 East along road in direction of Richmond for approx. 1 mile, over Clapgate Bridge and uphill till BW on right is reached.
- 6 Through HG and along BW (passing Coast to Coast cairn) and eventually downhill (note stone trough on left) and through gate (open).
- 5 Continue east past West Applegarth on LHS, through HG then BG and to footpath junction with signpost.
- 4 Continue east along BW, through 5 BGs, ignoring accesses to Low, High and East Applegarth.
- 3 Continue east along grassy BW through meadow, passing fort up on left, then through HG of Whitcliffe Wood, along the track through the wood and uphill eventually passing High Lease on RHS, where track becomes surfaced, then downhill to bottom to BW finger post on left.
- 2 L uphill along signed BW to top where road is reached, then R along road to start point. S



Coast to coast cairn overlooking Lower Swaledale

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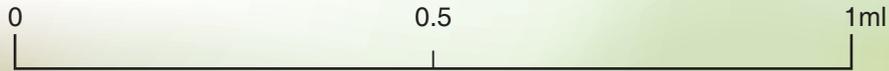
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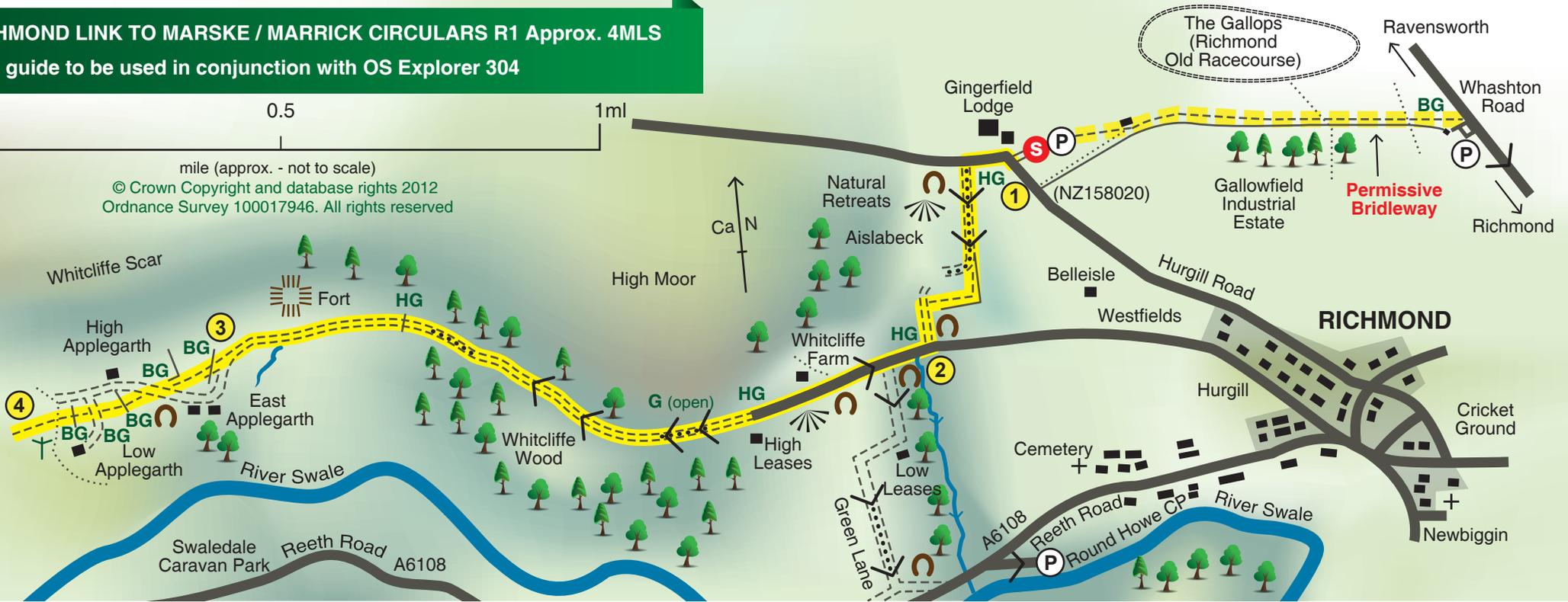


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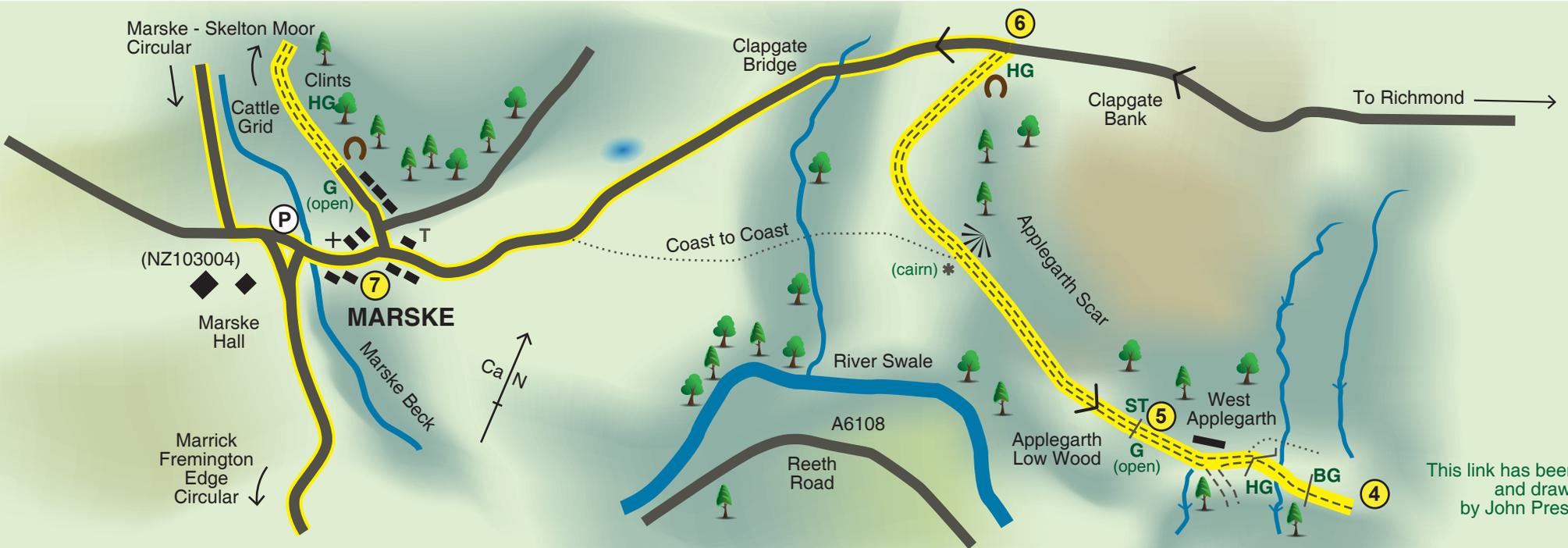
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