

CTRF Meeting Minutes January 2024

Attendees

Andrew Dodson, Carl Westworth, Paul Hunterdale, Klair Flint, Eddie Flint, John Price, Gary Evans, Simon O'Connor, Dex Rose, Andrew Whitehouse, Richard Brierley, Andrea Introzzi, Graham Parker, Mark Gill, Andrew Broomby, Steve Pighills, Michael Rawsthorn, David J Eccles, Alastair Bain, Rod France, Rudy Rengers.

Apologies

Steve Stout, Ian Hemmingway, James McKenna, Julie Rutherford, Ian Knowles.

Matters Arising

Nothing to report.

RoW South Lakes (Steve Pighills)

There is a report that there is erosion on Sadgill above the hairpins, but Andrew Broomby, who has been recently, said that it is not too bad.

A request for a survey of Bresthigh has been requested. John Price has volunteered.

Apparently Diana Mallison (Gleam) has submitted another DMMO (definitive map modification order) in relation to Turberry Road. We suspect that this is part of a campaign to erode vehicular rights that first surfaced in the Tilberthwaite area. This will of course be contested but it will help if we can begin to actively incorporate Turberry Road into rides and to record this with a date and group size so that we can demonstrate that it is in use.

Steve Pighills recently attended a meeting of the LAF (Local Access Forum). He reports that both new councils are treating the Hierarchy of Trails seriously and that it will become visible again in due course.

RoW North Lakes (Steve Stout)

Old Coach Road is now in a pretty poor condition in sections. All of these storms have done lots of damage and the drainage wasn't in good condition before these. There is a meeting planned between LDNPA/Highways at some point to discuss, I'm awaiting the dates.

Plenty of the Eden Valley and Alston lanes are seeing surface damage and big standing water issues, some are deep. (eg. Two Top Hill). Take care whilst out on the lanes.

Meeting with Westmorland RoW Dept about HoTR and all things green lanes on 20th Feb. Hopefully, this will see the instatement of the HoTR on their website and also some moves towards positive management of these roads

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Winder Lonning, Great Broughton - Confirmed as bridleway on 1976 records, so removed from GRM.

Alice Lonning, Great Broughton - Confirmed as BOAT, so adding to GRM

U2098 Blindcrake - missing on county map, but still legal so ride it as on HoTR

RoW Craven (Graham Parker)

There is a working party being organised by North Yorks TRF meeting this Sunday (18th) at Dead Man's Hill.

Gatescarth (Andrew Whitehouse)

The last open day on 4th was well attended but the weather was robust. There were four marshals and most permit holders attended. The switchbacks on the southern end are reportedly becoming challenging. The next event is on Friday 11th March for which we have three volunteers.

Ride Out Report & Upcoming Events (Klair Flint)

Klair reported that she organised a South Lakes run for which 17 riders attended organised into three separate groups. Thanks to Nozza & Mick for leading. Michael, Simon & Ed for taking on tail end.

Chilly morning to start but got out quite nice early afternoon. All lanes were absolutely super lots of happy & chatty walkers & a lovely farmer (East side of Arnside intake). We noticed that there seems to have been ALOT of drainage maintenance carried out on Tilberthwaie. Colthouse Lane has been heavily cut back & you can actually see where you are going now. Gate on HayBridge is a pain in the #£@! to open. I have attached the location if needed.

Klair plans to set up another ride in North Lakes for mid-March.

There are trips to Isle of Man, Wales, and The Pyrenees in the planning stages. When ready the details will be put in the events section of the new website.

Website (Eddie Flint)

Our new website can be found at <https://cumbriatrf.co.uk/>

The password for the member's area is for now Sadgill.

We are aware that our new site is difficult to find with a Google search now, but this will improve as the various web crawlers start to find it and it starts to become more widely used.

Eddie asked that we actively provide content to him for the site which can include relevant links to other sites, content, or themes.

Equine Events (Richard Harrison)

Nothing to report.

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Treasurers report (Mark Gill)

Mark and Ian (Nozzer) will get together to handover the treasury role.

Social events (Rod France)

Mike Rawsthorne's daughter is involved with Morecambe Area Dive School and has suggested that we might be interested in a current try-dive promotion. This involves a 1-hour session in a pool trying out scuba.

Mike Rawsthorn is going on an electric go-karting track in Preston shortly and will report back on its suitability as a social activity for us.

Andrew Broomby has offered to lead a group on a caving (potholing) trip in the Dales.

We will shortly send out a member survey to see what interest there might be in these activities.

AOB

Steve Stout reports that the GRM update is about 70% complete. I'll just keep working on this through the rest of Feb. If someone wants to get involved with managing the GRM data with me, that would be helpful. It must be someone with reasonable computer skills.

Contact Steve direct: sstout17@gmail.com

Klair is looking to make an order for CTRF merchandise but needs to make the order up to a certain value before she can get favourable rates. Beanie Hat £20, Baseball Cap £20, Round neck t-shirt £20, Polo t-shirt £20, Sweatshirt £35, Hoodie £40. (All in bottle green with the logo embroidered) Contact her direct with your interest: kl@irflint.com

We are looking to accumulate video footage of the lanes that we use throughout the region. It is specifically the lanes (not selfies) that interest us. We are happy with raw unedited files (as we appreciate most will be!) Please forward footage on any medium to Eddie:

webmaster@cumbriatrf.co.uk

The National Park Authority will be operating surveys at Tilberthwaite and potentially other lanes for which volunteers are sought. Please contact Sara Spicer at LDNPA on

sara.spicer@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Voluntary donations

Bank Account Number 60848794 Branch Sort Code 20 45 28, Account title: Cumbria TRF

Next meeting

Gilpin Bridge Inn, Tuesday March 12th