

CTRF Meeting Minutes March 2024

Attendees

David Mason, Eddie Flint, Klair Flint, John Price, Mark Porter, Dex Rose, Judith Neaves, John Rhodes, Heather Rhodes, Gary Evans, Mick Waplinton, Andrew Broomby, Tim Moore, Patrick Wardle, Andrew Whitehouse, David J Eccles, James McKenna, Mark Evans, Richard Harrison, Ian Knowles, Michael Rawsthorne, Tony Marsden, Rod France, Simon O'Connor, Mark Gill, Rudy Rengers.

Apologies

Alasdair Bain, Graham Parker, Julie Rutherford, David Sharpe

Matters Arising

Andrew Whitehouse has been working to create a leaflet/card to be handed out to trail riders at Gatescarth Pass Permit Days to promote the LDNPA web link for voluntary donations. This has been done in collaboration with GLASS and has been well-received by LDNPA (Suzy Hankin). Leaflets/cards should be available for the next Gatescarth Pass Permit Day. An initial print run of 250 has been arranged by Peter Apps (GLASS) for the princely sum of £20 – GLASS have paid for this, so no cost to Cumbria TRF. Future print runs will contain a Cumbria TRF QR code and will have a link to our website. The QR codes link directly to the LDNPA voluntary donations web page.

This is what the initial print run will look like...

 <p>Please make a donation</p> <p>Help us keep Gatescarth Pass and the Lake District National Park special now and for future generations. Scan the QR code below or type in the URL.</p>  <p>GrLn.uk/LDNP</p>	 <p>trf.org.uk/cumbria-trf/</p> <p>Your gift today protects the National Park tomorrow:</p> <p>£5 could pay for the re-surfacing of 5 metres of path. £10 could pay for a digger to re-profile & clear drains on 30m of path. Some of our users have suggested £5 a wheel, so £10 for a motorbike and £20 for a 4x4!</p> 
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RoW South Lakes (Steve Pighills)

In connection with the Tilberthwaite area issue, Andrew Broomby reported that *'those opposed'* have undermined part of the consultation process by releasing the dates of the planned surveys so voiding the validity of any resulting information. It is further reported that there has been drain maintenance activity in the area. Rod asked if there was any feedback from previous surveys in which he took part?

The trees on Gamblesmire lane have been removed so the lane is clear.

Mike Rawsthorne and Ian Knowles reported that the lane adjacent to the Ashes (near Kendal) has been substantially damaged by diggers. It is still rideable just messy.

Eddie Flint reported that the gate in the dip in Bouth has come away from its post.

RoW North Lakes (Steve Stout)

Highways have said that there are no funds to conduct repairs at Tynehead. Steve Stout is looking into the possibility of contributing work with volunteers.

RoW Craven (Graham Parker)

Nothing to report.

Gatescarth (Andrew Whitehouse)

The last permit day was on Fri 1st March 2024. A big thank you to the volunteer marshals; Mark Gill; Roger Smith; Richard Jarman & Robert George and the non-riding marshals based at Mardale Head car park; David Sharp & Doug Cartwright.

There were 17 permit holders split amongst three groups. The first group arrived at Sadgill around 9am and the other two groups arrived at around 11:15am at Mardale Head. No issues and most riders were able to traverse the pass even though conditions were not ideal (very wet, some ice and snow). **The next permit day is Saturday 6th April 2024.**

Andrew Whitehouse has ordered and paid for (his gift to CTRF) some more high-viz vests with "Marshal" and "Cumbria TRF" printed front and back. We need more of the larger sizes, because the vests need to go over riding gear so sizes 2XL and 3XL are needed. He will have this sorted before the next permit day.

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Ride Out Report & Upcoming Events (Klair Flint)

There will be a multi group ride out in The Dales area on Saturday 30th March. Details to follow.

Klair and Eddie are framing an Isle of Man trip for Friday 10th May – Sunday 12th May. Follow this link for detail and to book: <https://cumbriatrf.co.uk/event/2024-iom-fun-and-shenanigans/> (You will need to be logged in to view this, password below)

Klair and Eddie have given dates for their Wales trip of 13th-16th September. Follow this link for detail and to book: <https://cumbriatrf.co.uk/event/wales-radnor-revivals-2024/> (You will need to be logged in to view this, password below)

Klair proposed a Stephen Duckett memorial ride in September and will liaise with Rod France and the family to this end.

A remote area first aid course focussed on trail-riding is running 20th/21st April in Nenthead. Follow this link for detail and to book: <https://cumbriatrf.co.uk/event/958/> (You will need to be logged in to view this, password below)

Website (Eddie Flint)

Eddie has asked members to forward any content that will help flesh out the website. This might be ride-reports, links to other sites of interest, bike/gear reviews, images/stories giving a historical perspective and the like.

Equine Events (Richard Harrison)

Richard has been liaising with Penny Pierce, the organiser of the horse enduro events and reports that Orton will be taking place on 17th/18th August for which volunteers will be sought closer to the time. Camping on site will be possible.

Treasurers report (Mark Gill)

Mark reports that he has met with Noz and the handover is in train but as it involves banking mandates will take some time.

Social events (Rod France)

A try-diving event has been framed which will take place on a Saturday morning in late April/early May. Details to follow.

Alasdair Bain has flagged a motorcycle off-road sidecar event being organised by Marianne Walford on 23rd/24th March in South Wales. Sidecards from a range of disciplines can be seen and possibly tried including motocross, enduro, trials and grass track. Contact Marianne on 01686 430522.

AOB

New members of CTRF FB group include Tim Pitt, Dave Allan, Mark Butler, Ian Griffiths, Iain Kayak & Richard Jarman.

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Lane use evidence

It would be useful if it could be re-stated how the group would like user-evidence to be collected so members can be reminded?

Raffle

Klair and Eddie organised a raffle to raise funds for the group. Tickets were sold at the meeting and the prize was drawn at the end. £85 was raised. A prize of nearly new tyres was donated by Andrew Whitehouse and was won by..... Eddie! We will seek to run such a raffle at as many meetings as we can subject to getting hold of appropriate prizes. Members are asked if they have anything relevant that could be offered as a raffle prize in the future?

Voluntary donations

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

Website member's area password

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Next meeting

Gilpin Bridge Inn, Tuesday April 9th