

Cumbria & Craven Trail Riders fellowship



CTRF Meeting Agenda May 2024

Attendees

A Dodson, C Westworth, Eddie Flint, Klair Flint, Dex Rose, John Price, Tony Marsden, Mark Austin, Graham Burgmans, Judith Neaves, John Butcher, Andy Renwick, Alastair Bain, Mark Fitzsimmons, Craig Entwistle, Dave Sharp, Fraser Hogg, James McKenna, Craig Evans, Ian Knowles, Micheal Rawsthorne, Mark Gill, Tim Moore, Roy Dawson, David Willetts, Don Lowdon, Simon O'Connor, Andrew Whitehouse, Rudy Rengers.

Apologies

Ian Hemmingway, Graham Parker, Steve Stout

Matters Arising

TRF Group Officers Meeting – 22 April at 7:30pm

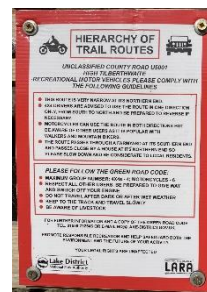
This was a virtual meeting (MS Teams) which is held quarterly. It was my first as CTRF Chairman. The meeting lasted about 2 hrs with about 40 people logged in. Much was discussed about Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion. To be brutally honest, I thought more pressing matters should have been discussed such as the constant erosion of our rights to ride green lanes and what we are going to do about it.

CTRF Event

I proposed that next year Cumbria TRF should consider holding something like the Dales Discovery weekend event organized by NY TRF. In our area this is particularly challenging, but some options were discussed and will be researched.

RoW South Lakes (Steve Pighills)

New signage has gone upon Tilberthwaite for HoTR info.
(Hierarchy of Trails)



RoW North Lakes (Steve Stout)

Steve has a meeting with Natural England on Thursday to discuss Tynehead repairs, once he has their input, we can look at a repair plan.

OCR has had request from Keswick Mountain Rescue Team to repair step at Threlkeld end, no permissions being granted by Cumberland or Westmorland for volunteer repairs at the moment.

Whilst up at Alston, he will get land-owner permission for some works on the big hole on Two Top Hill near Hartside. He will update once that project moves on a bit more.

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Gatescarth (Andrew Whitehouse)

Gatescarth Pass Permit Day (Sun 5th May 2024)

A big thank you to the volunteer marshals: Robert George, Jane Angus, Derek Irvine, Davey Carlyle & Garry Cunningham.

Five groups of trail riders, 17 riders in total of which 3 dropped out from groups 4 and 5. Only two 4x4's traversed the pass on this occasion. It was a bit damp and misty to start with but the drizzle stopped fairly early on so not bad conditions, apart from no views at the top! Actual turnout for the trail riders was only 10, although we never got to see Group 1 (4 riders) as they failed to turn up at 3pm as expected and there was no sign of them when I left at around 3:40pm. They may have arrived late of course.

Suzy (Area Ranger from from LDNPA) emailed me on Tue 7 May to say she had been told (by the LD volunteer who resets the combination locks after a permit day) that the gate (presumably the north gate) had been left unlocked. I'm not sure how this happened as the TRF marshals definitely locked both gates as we headed back to Sadgill around 2:00 pm to 2:30pm. The GLASS marshals did not traverse the pass so someone went over the pass after I had left for the day. It could have been Group 1 - I'm trying to contact them to find out.

I wonder if the LD volunteer who is responsible for re-setting the combination locks after a permit day is a member of GLEAM. It would be a great opportunity for them to make TRF and GLASS look bad by lying about the gates not being locked! Surely not! They wouldn't stoop that low, would they?!

I have suggested to Suzy at LDNPA that I make sure I am the last person to traverse the pass each permit day and that I change the combination number to the new number provided by LDNPA. A pain in the ass for me as I'll have to hang around until 4:30pm each permit day. As of Tue 14 May, I'm still waiting for a reply from Suzy on this.

Lastly., Suzy had asked me to take some photos of the broken gate post at the northern locked gate. These photos are attached here. The substantial post has sheared clean through about 12 to 18 inches above ground level with the wire mesh the only thing holding it together. I offered to Suzy to make a temporary repair before the next permit day as the gate and post are about to collapse.

Next Permit Day is Friday 7th June 2024.

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Ride Out Report & Upcoming Events (Klair Flint)

Group Ride – North Lakes

Sunday 28th April, Meeting Point: Braithwaite, 16 members in total

3 Groups led by: Steve Stout, Mark Hunt & Julie Rutherford

Well, what an eventful day! The Coach Road claimed multiple victims from 2 of the groups both bikes & riders. Mark's group had a burnt out clutch and modified forks! Eddie Flint has now been named 'THE UNDERTAKER' by Julie simply because he did a splendid job at tail ending by cleaning up the carnage!

The weather held with no rain and lovely riding temperatures, the trails were quite dry, quite a few tourists in the usual places. The coach road as reported by Steve Stout some time ago, has a few sections which have deteriorated. It was lovely to see such a good turn out with a few new faces. Special thanks to James Mott not only for traveling all the way from Liverpool to join us but also for the kind donation to club funds.

IOM TRIP (leaky bladders, prickly bushes, and a butt plug)

Friday 10th May – Sunday 12th May. The only way to begin is with the BIGGEST THANKS to Dex, John, Julie, Judith, Shaw & of course my wing-man Ed.

Thank you so much to John for sending over the information regarding the road closures for the Manx Rally, we managed to plan a couple of beautiful routes avoiding these. It was brilliant on Saturday to spend a little time watching the rally cars do their thing from a nearby trail.

Day one began with Julie getting her spills out of the way starting with the first river crossing on the first lane of the day, all was kind of good with only a shortened clutch lever and a bruised thumb. We had a lovely rest stop at Fleshwick Bay – The Rocky Road on the way to the bay was a highlight with an abundance of bluebells showing the smell was amazing. Julie decided on the next lane to take a little rest obviously this was completely intentional however her exhaust burning through her trousers & upper leg was not. At this point I must apologise to Julie as I was super excited to put to practice our First Aid training from a couple of weeks back, our ouch first aid kit did the job with the gaffa tape coming in handy to repair Julie's trousers. We headed on to Peel for lunch, the harbour was bustling and the sun shining. Refreshed & re-fuelled we headed off on the most spectacular trails, the boardwalk on the millennium way was fantastic. We had a stop on our way back to the hotel at Creg ny baa for a Bushys shandy & nobbys nuts.

Day two was pretty eventful, it was incredibly warm, so we made the group decision a good number of scenic stops were required. Big thanks to Dex for the ice cream recommendation in Old Laxey, it was so yummy and such a beautiful location to enjoy it. We had quite the adventure heading around the Slieau Lane which led to what looked like a game of Wack-a-mole, all you could see was biker helmets popping up in a field of gorse bushes as we attempted to join the lane via an invisible byway. We also learnt that Judith has a real love of gorse and was found a few times embracing the bushes, she even tried to bring some

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back in here gloves. It was an extremely hot day, so we had a well-deserved rest in Ramsey before heading back on our final couple of lanes thanks to Shaw for taking lead on this section.

We had a smooth departure and a beautiful relaxing sailing home watching the sun set over the island of dreams. The weekend was full of belly laughs (mostly at each other) beautiful lanes, incredible weather & most importantly the kindest people. Thank you so much everyone.

A big thank you to James McKenna who kindly showed us the best of the Dales, looking forward to the next group ride out that way.

Neil, Burts and Marie Cranston of Triple-D in Kendal did a fabulous presentation at our meeting telling us about things KTM and GasGas and Burt's competitive adventures. They also brought and both Burt's competition bike and a limited run track bike which Neil started in the car park to the delight of folk in a ten-mile radius of the pub! They also, very generously, brought us a box of goodies for our raffle. Triple-D offer TRF members significant discounts at the shop on production of our TRF membership number. We also discussed organising a training event at Holmescales with Ady Smith who can also bring along a comprehensive selection of KTM 2024 bikes for us to try. Rudy will organise this with Neil and will report at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

ABR Festival 27th-30th June www.abrfestival.com/

C2C Ride 5th-7th July: Contact James McKenna: mrjrmckenna@hotmail.com

Welsh Trip 13th-16th September: cumbriatrf.co.uk/event/wales-radnor-revivals-2024/

South Lakes Group Ride 26th May. Meet Rusland Pool Hotel at 0930 for 10am start.
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Website (Eddie Flint)

Eddie is adding GPX files of routes to the website for members to use. Please forward any that you are willing to share to him.

Equine Events (Richard Harrison)

Nothing new to report

Treasurers report (Mark Gill)

The intractable task of getting new mandates sorted for the bank is holding things up.

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Social events (Rod France)

Mike Rawsthorn is organising a Go Karting session in Preston with Team Sport on Thursday 13th of June at 7:15. Electric Go Karts which he has already raced which are quick. 2x15 minute races with a break between £42 each. The track is indoors on two levels. Could you please let him know in the next few days as he needs to book the track. Contact Mike via Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cumbria.TRF>

AOB

12 new members of CTRF FB group this month...

Carl Fairhurst	Joined Tue 7 May
Steve Andrews	Joined 1 week ago
John Kemp	Joined 1 week ago
Immy Diat	Joined 2 weeks ago
Gary Chekansky	Joined 2 weeks ago
Lee Orritt Hopkinson	Joined 2 weeks ago
Lee Cox	Joined 3 weeks ago
Jake Riggers	Joined 3 weeks ago
Derrick White	Joined 3 weeks ago
Adriano Serrecchia	Joined 4 weeks ago
Jacqueline Macpherson	Joined 4 weeks ago
Spiraleyex Wat	Joined 4 weeks ago

Total new members so far in 2024: 37

Current FB membership: 427

Voluntary donations

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

Next meeting

Our June meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th June at 7pm in the meeting room at Gilpin Bridge Inn. This month we will be delighted to welcome CTRF member and co-founder of the Trail and Adventure Bike Podcast Clive Barber.

Clive will chat about the now well established and popular podcast, answer our questions, and will record some vox pops to feature in an upcoming pod about the TRF.

There may also be some TAM Podcast merch in this month's raffle!

If you have not already discovered the podcast you can check it out here: <https://www.tampodcast.com/>