

**NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK and COUNTRYSIDE  
JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

21 July 2005

**THURSDAY 21 JULY 2005 - 1800 - 2000  
GREENHEAD VILLAGE HALL, GREENHEAD**

**SITE VISIT AGENDA**

**Members are asked to be at the National Park Visitor Centre at  
Once Brewed, Bardon Mill by 1400**

The afternoon session will be accompanied by Paget Lazzari, Senior Ranger at Once Brewed and Julian Acton, who farms at Bradely Farm (on Hadrian's Wall) which is owned by the National Trust. A map has been supplied to help with your discussions and evaluations, along with some definitions of access land terminology.

This part of the meeting will take the form of a site visit from Once Brewed to Steel Rigg car park, looking at climbing issues at Peel Craggs and the implications of the mapping process. The group will proceed on to Windshield Craggs to discuss access and land management issues before returning to Once Brewed at around 1630. There will be an opportunity to look round the visitor centre before moving on to Greenhead.

As a suggestion, here are some questions for you to consider during the site visit. You might like to make notes as there will be an opportunity to meet in small groups in the evening to discuss findings and make recommendations.

- a) The conclusive map is causing problems with the take-up of open access in some cases. How do we best sign such sites?.
- b) Consider the issues involving dogs in the countryside both on access and non-access land, in the areas you are visiting and generally. A copy of the Countryside Agency booklet on Dogs in the Countryside is enclosed for information.
- c) Julian farms on National Trust Land which is Section 15 land (i.e. non-CROW land); however, the Ordnance Survey maps have indicated it is access land. You can ask Julian what is permitted/not permitted on this land in terms of access and CROW access rights may differ from those of the National Trust. Julian will speak about this and ask for your views on how this can be handled. He will also discuss with you the pros and cons of access to land and how and whether he may use his discretionary 28 closure days.
- d) Scheduled Ancient Monument consent (SMC) – the implications of working in a protected landscape. Do we go too far?
- e) How do you see open access integrating with existing access and new access rights in this area – do you have any concerns and any suggestions to make to improve any contentious issues?
- f) Did you find this site visit useful? Please make some suggestions for future site visits.