

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

JLAF MEETING ON THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2006

AFTERNOON SITE VISIT

The theme of the meeting is '**Access to Publicly Owned Land Used for Military Purposes**' and will include a visit to the Otterburn Camp. This part of the meeting is open to JLAF member only.

The meeting has been arranged in partnership with The Ministry of Defence at Otterburn. Our thanks to them for inviting us to visit the Otterburn Camp and to Chris Livsey, Assistant Estate Surveyor (Environment), Defence Estates Operations North – Land Management Services, Otterburn for his help in organising the afternoon site visit.

Please note – this site visit will include bus travel and some walking. Please bring all necessary personal items with you such as camera, waterproof clothing, insect repellents etc.

Transport has been arranged from the Percy Arms to the Otterburn Training Area. It is hoped that the programme will include all items indicated below, weather and time permitting.

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- 1245 Meet at Percy Arms Hotel; coffee and biscuits available
 - 1300 Overview of the Otterburn Training Area by Chris Livsey
 - 1330 Travel to Otterburn Camp for tour of the training area picking up on various items of interest and relevance which will include:
 - o Public diversion on bridleways;
 - o Conservation and Climbing 'the compromise' North Yardhope
 - o Military Training – Heely Dodd Battle Shooting Area;
 - o Providing a Visitor Information Resource;
 - o Landscape and Military Integration with Access Provision – Tactical Ridge..
 - 1630 Tour ends and return to Percy Arms
 - 1700 Buffet tea at Percy Arms Hotel, Otterburn
 - 1800 JLAF Meeting at Percy Arms Hotel, Otterburn
 - 2100 End of meeting (approximate)

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PERCY ARMS HOTEL, OTTERBURN at 1800 to 2100

MAIN MEETING AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Public Participation

To receive any questions submitted by members of the public

3. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with Paragraph 6 of the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 members are asked to declare any direct or indirect personal interests (including financial) in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting and shall disclose the nature of those interests to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 20 July 2006 (attached)

5. Matters Arising

Matters Arising from the previous Minute not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

6. Chairman's Remarks

7. Overview of Recent Site Visits

- April 2006 – Pennymuir
- July 2006 – Kielder
- October 2006 - Otterburn

8 Updates from Appointing Authorities (standing item)

8.1 Northumberland National Park Authority

8.1a) Update from E Rigg

8.1b) Report and update on Fire Regulations – L Lazarri

8.2 Northumberland County Council - D Brookes/M Jeffrey

9 Briefings

9.1 'Discovering Lost Ways' – A Earnshaw, Countryside Agency

9.2 Environmental Stewardship Scheme - E Rigg NNPA

9.3 NERC Act – D Brookes NCC

10 Working Groups

Updates on current topics and projects, and new topics for discussion

10.1 Working Group One: Recreation and Strategy – meetings 2 August and 3 October

10.2 Working Group Two: Rights of Way Improvement – meeting on 26 September

10.3 Working Group Three: Implementation of Statutory Rights of Access – meeting on 2 October

11 Updates

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- 11.1 CROW update including restrictions, mapping issues and exclusions
- 11.2 Consultation on Closures – update on current applications
- 11.3 Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)
- 11.4 Updates from other meetings:
 - 11.4a B Harwood - Northumberland Coastal AONB Meeting 14 September 2006
(report of meeting attached)
 - 11.4b T Liddle - North Pennines Access & Recreation Working Group Meeting
 - 11.4c Meeting with Chair of Cumbria LAF/North Pennines AONB on 28 September
 - 11.4d Any other relevant meetings
- 11.5 Correspondence

12 Action Plan 2007 – 2008

To discuss findings from working group deliberations of Ted Liddle's Paper 'The JLAF Access Network – Impediments, Opportunities and the Challenge' (paper issued for 20 July 2006 meeting) and take forward any issues for the Action Plan 2007 - 2008.

13 Members' Section

To receive members' reports on relevant activities:

- 13.1 P Brooks – Tyne River Trust Meeting
- 13.2 S Rogers – Board Walk Opening, Stonehaugh and Woodhorn Colliery Meeting
- 13.3 V Brown – Cycling in the National Park
- 13.4 Any other member updates

14 Consultation Documents

- 14.1 DEFRA: 'Outdoors for All? Draft Diversity Action Plan' – to note JLAF response

15 Any Other Business

16 Dates of Future Meetings

Date	Venue	Themes (Provisional)
18 January 2007	Woodhorn Colliery	The Urban Fringe
19 April 2007	Berwick upon Tweed	Access to Water and Walking for Health
19 July 2007	North Pennines	Lord Crewe Estate
25 October 2007	tbc	Northumberland National Park/ Sport England

Joint Local Access Forums in England

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7 of The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (under Sections 94 and Section 95 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) the meetings of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) will be open to the press and public. Members of the press and public are very welcome to attend. Questions can be submitted via the Administrator up to three working days in advance of the meeting date. Additional copies of the agenda, minutes and associated reports are available on the Local Access Forum pages found under 'Open Access' on the Northumberland National Park Authority website at: <http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk> Other enquiries to: Marion Hume, JLAF Administrator on (01434 611550) or e-mail: marion.hume@nnpa.org.uk or jlaf@nnpa.org.uk

Members of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum to 30 April 2007 are:

George Astbury, Bryan Harwood, Richard Cross (Acting Chairman), Erica Bamford, James Boulton, Pamela Brookes (Acting Vice Chair), Victoria Brown, Edward Carrington, Alison Carter, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Gill Featonby, Graham Gill, Kevin Heyman, Barry Imeson, Paul Kelly, Ted Liddle, Alasdair Mitchell, Janet Robinson, Susan Rogers, Keith Stevenson.