

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

JLAF MEETING ON THURSDAY 24 APRIL 2008

HIRST WELFARE CLUB, ALEXANDRA ROAD, ASHINGTON

Commencing 1300 till 1700

AGENDA FOR AFTERNOON MEETING

The theme of the meeting is to discuss

“Access and recreation in an urban environment and ‘Green Exercise’ ”

The meeting has been arranged in conjunction with Groundwork Northumberland. We will be travelling to the site visit in cars so can we please share cars. Stout, waterproof footwear is recommended for the walk plus please remember to bring any other personal items. The walk will last about 45 minutes to an hour – maps are enclosed for information.

Refreshments will be available during the meeting but you may wish to bring a drink/packed lunch.
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1230 All meet at Hirst Miners Welfare Club, Alexandra Road, Ashington
(tel 01670 857 8100)

Introduction and welcome to new members by Pam Brooks

1245 **‘Groundwork Northumberland’**
A presentation on the work of Groundwork by Angus Robson, Executive Director,
Groundwork Northumberland

1315 Introduction to the site visit

1320 **‘Ashington Community Woods’**
Leave for site Visit to Ashington Community Woods (grid ref OS NZ 274883) with
Groundwork representative leading the way and guiding us on the walk

Caroline Jackson says: *“The walk will hopefully highlight the start of the work that has been done to open up access to the woodland, by no means is it a finished article and due to its location it is a tricky site, but both ourselves and NCC have carried out works there to date and we are looking to focus on it as a site for recreational access in the future”* See link

[Welcome to Groundwork Northumberland](#)

1520 Return to Hirst Wellfare Club for refreshments

1545 **‘Green Ways to Health’**
a presentation by Caroline Jackson, Project Leader, Groundwork Northumberland

1630 Follow-up discussion on afternoon’s activities

1700 Buffet Tea at Hirst Welfare Club

1800 Evening meeting

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Commencing 1800 till approx 2100

AGENDA FOR MAIN MEETING

- 1800 **1 Welcome and Apologies**
To receive apologies, thank retiring members, welcome new members, members and guests
- 2 Questions from Members of the Public**
To receive any questions previously submitted by members of the public.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
In accordance with Paragraph 6:8 of the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002, revised February 2007, 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 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held on 31 January 2008**
- 1810 **5 Matters Arising**
Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
5.1 To note report from Stannington Workshop (31 January 2008) 'Outdoor Activities and Tourism' from G Ingram, Northumberland Tourism
- 1820 **6 Chair's Remarks**
To include an update on Discovering Lost Ways, Marine Bill, English Access Forum, Mediation Panel and Terms of Reference
- 1830 **7 Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2008 – 2009** – R Cross
- 1835 **8 Overview of Afternoon Session** – R Cross
An overview of the afternoon presentation and site visit
- 1840 **9 Mechanically propelled vehicles in south east Northumberland**
Representative from the Police to speak on mechanically propelled vehicle issue in South East Northumberland followed by questions
- 1900 **10 Update on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan**
10.1 focus on urban RoWIP issues – D Brookes
10.2 update from Natural England RoWIP meeting 7 March – E Bamford
10.3 to note Working Group 2 report from 26 February 2008
- 1920 **11 JLAF Mediation Panel** – verbal G Astbury

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- 1930 **12 Adoption of Annual Action Plan 2008 to 2009 – R Cross**
To also note revised working groups and tasking of working groups
- 1945 **13 General Updates**
13.1 To note report from Northumberland National Park including a presentation by Elanor Johnson, Cheviot Hills Heritage Officer on the National Park's Cheviot Hills Project
13.2 To note report from Northumberland County Council
13.3 To note updates from any other general meetings and any correspondence.
- 2015 **14 Members' Section**
To note reports from Members, receive updates from other relevant meetings including LAF Training day 4 February and Rights of Way Training 13 February and any other issues including the North East Regional Spatial Strategy
- 2045 **15 Consultations**
15.1 DEFRA: Marine Bill
15.2 Update: DEFRA: 'Outdoors for All' – still awaited
15.3 Closures – JLAF consulted on closures between February – April 2008 at Lamb's Crag, Cumbria Fire Directions and re-assessments at Snope Common and Coanwood Common
- 2055 **16 Any other business**
16.1 To note revised working groups, tasking for working groups and setting of next working group meetings
- 17 Dates of future Joint Local Access Forum meetings.**
To note dates of future local joint access forum meetings

Date	Location (venues tbc)	Meeting themes (provisional)
24 July 2008	Ingram Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land manager perspective of access • Access and harmony with sporting interests • MoD - Access Updates
30 October 2008	Coastal AONB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Access • Marine Bill • Coastal AONB 50th Celebrations
29 January 2009		
30 April 2009		
30 July 2009		
29 October 2009		

Joint Local Access Forums in England

Under Sections 94 and Section 95 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, and in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7 of The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (amended in February 2007) the meetings of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum (JLAF) are open to the public. Para 4.4.1 of the 'Guidance on Local Access Forums in England (March 2007) further states that 'Subject to certain exceptions, Regulation 7 requires forum meetings to be open to the public. This means the meetings are held in public but does not mean that they are public meetings. A person who is not a forum member may be allowed to participate in discussions on specific agenda items at the discretion of the person chairing the meeting'. Questions can be submitted for the JLAF, in writing via the Administrator, up to eight 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 'Looking After' 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 Joint Local Access Forum from 1 May 2007 – 30 April 2008 are:

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George Astbury, Bryan Harwood, Richard Cross (Vice Chair), Erica Bamford, Pamela Brooks (Chair), James Brown, Victoria Brown, Edward Carrington, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Gill Featonby, Susan Finch, Graham Gill, Lorraine Hershon, Paul Kelly (NCC rep), Ted Liddle, Peter Nicholson (NPA rep), Susan Rogers, David Towns, Kevin Vigars.

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LIST OF REPORTS AND UPDATES

Please note that reports should be submitted on agenda items in advance of the meeting if at all possible. Reports for meeting are compiled into one document. Please read the reports and information items in advance of the meeting as only questions on significant issues will be taken.

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