

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

**JLAF MEETING ON THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2008**

**BELL VIEW CENTRE, BELFORD, ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND**

**AGENDA FOR AFTERNOON MEETING**

The site visit will be to the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding natural Beauty and the themes are Coastal Access and the Marine Bill.

The site visit will involve some walking so waterproof footwear is recommended. Remember to bring any other personal items e.g. waterproofs, drinks etc. You may wish to bring a packed lunch.

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- 1015            Mini-bus departs Hexham (please meet at Eastburn at 1000)
  
- 1100            Mini-bus departs Stannington Village Hall car park
  
- 1200            All meet at Bell View Centre, Belford to eat packed lunch. Refreshments available.
  
- 1220            Introduction by Pam Brooks, Chair and presentation of cake to Iain Robson, Recreation and Access Officer, Coastal AONB to celebrate 50 years of the Coastal AONB.  
  
                  Talk by Iain Robson: *"An introduction to the Northumberland Coastal AONB: what we are, what we do, special features and our plans for the future"*
  
- 1300            Introduction by Maria Hardy, the Environment Agency's Northumberland 4shores Project Manager on the *"Northumberland 4shores Project"*
  
- 1310            Depart for site visit (site visit location is 20 minutes by bus to Longbridge End then 20 minutes walk to actual site)
  
- 1350            Arrive at site visit location (see map with papers)
  
- 1510            End of site visit; return to Bell View Centre, Belford
  
- 1550            Discussion on afternoon activities
  
- 1620            Talk by Steve Scoffin, Druridge Bay Development Manager on *'Druridge Bay'*  
  
                  Question and answer session
  
- 1700            Buffet tea
  
- 1800            Evening meeting
  
- 2100            Evening meeting ends

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**Commencing 1800 till approx 2100**

**AGENDA FOR MAIN MEETING**

- 1800    **1    Welcome and Apologies** – P Brooks
- 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 24 July 2008**
- 1805    **5    Matters Arising**  
          Matters arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 1810    **6    Chair’s Remarks**
- 1815    **7    Overview of Afternoon Session** - E Bamford  
          Overview of the afternoon session by E.Bamford and any outcomes.
- 8    National Park Management Plan 2009 to 2011** - J Brown
- 1820    8.1    Introduction by Tony Gates, Chief Executive (National Park Officer), on the  
          Northumberland National Park Management Plan.
- 1825    8.2    JLAF discussion on relevant issues particularly Understanding and Enjoyment topic paper.
- 1925    **9    ROW Network Improvements in Northumberland** – P Brooks
- 9.1    The demise of Discovering Lost Ways.
- 9.2    Natural England Stakeholder Working Group.
- 9.3    Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- 9.4    England Access Forum update
- 2010    **10    General Updates**
- 10.1    To note the report from Northumberland County Council.
- 10.2    To note the report from Northumberland National Park (to include ‘Access for All’).
- 10.3    To note any other general updates.
- 2030    **11    Members’ Section**
- 11.1    To note reports from members and receive updates from other relevant meetings and issues
- 11.2    To note reports from Working Groups and update and assign any tasks including Working Group One ‘Access for Horses’, Working Group 1’s ‘Advice on the Cheviots’ and Working Group 3 re mechanically propelled vehicles
- 11.3    To note any other items from members.

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- 2045    **12    Consultations**
- 12.1    Hadrian's Wall Heritage Management Plan
  - 12.2    Local Transport Plan 2006 to 2011
  - 12.3    Natural England – Review of National Trails and Routes
  - 12.4    Re-assessment of Closures
  - 12.5    Marine Bill

2050    **13    Any Other Business**

**14    Dates of future Joint Local Access Forum meetings.**

To note dates of future local joint access forum meetings.

Please note change of date for October 2009 meeting from Thursday 29 to Thursday 22 October.

Date	Proposed location	Provisional Meeting themes
29 January 2009	Wallington and Cambo	“Promoting and Managing Access” - the policies of the National Trust
23 April 2009	Hexham / Corbridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Inland Water</li> <li>• Tyne River Trust</li> <li>• Environment Agency</li> </ul>
23 July 2009	Stanhope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues in North Pennines</li> <li>• Haymeadow visit</li> <li>• invite representatives of Durham and Cumbria LAFs</li> </ul>
22 October 2009	Tbc	Revisit issues in the National Park

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 County 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 Joint 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](mailto:marion.hume@nnpa.org.uk) or [jlaf@nnpa.org.uk](mailto:jlaf@nnpa.org.uk)

Members of the Joint Local Access Forum from 1 May 2008 – 30 April 2009 are:

George Astbury, David Baines, Richard Cross, Erica Bamford, Pamela Brooks (Chair), James Brown (Vice Chair), Victoria Brown, Edward Carrington, Angus Collingwood-Cameron, Gill Featonby, Graham Gill, Lorraine Hershon, Ted Liddle, Councillor Anthony Murray (NCC representative), Peter Nicholson (NPA representative), Susan Rogers, Councillor Alan Sharp (NPA representative), Nicola Thompson, David Towns (Participating Observer), Kevin Vigars, Sue Vaughan,.

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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.

Afternoon meeting:

Item	Title	Author/s	Page
Afternoon	Environment Agency leaflet – ‘Our work in our North East’		For information

Main meeting:

Item	Title	Author/s	Page
	Agenda		
	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 23 July 2008		
8.1	National Park Management Plan – Draft Understanding & Enjoyment Topic Paper		
9.4	England Access Forum Minutes from 23 September 08	EAF	
10.1	Report from Northumberland County Council	D Brookes	
10.2	Report from Northumberland National Park including update on ‘Access for All’	E Rigg and L Lazzari	
11.2	WG 2 update - meeting August 2008	G Gill	
	WG 1 – Draft report (2) - Riding in Northumberland	V Brown	
11.2	WG 1 – Access to the Countryside with Horses	S Rogers	
11.3	Coast AONB Partnership Meeting report 23 July 08	E Bamford	
12.5	Natural England : Coastal Access Authority Audits Briefing note for Local Access Forums	Natural England	

Possible items to be tabled; items tabled at meeting; verbal updates; information items

Item	Title	Author/s	Tabled/to table/verbal