

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

**THURSDAY 20 JULY 2006**

**LEAPLISH CONFERENCE CENTRE, KIELDER**

<b>PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY</b>
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**Site Visit and Talks (1300 – 1715) – JLAF members only**

The theme of the meeting is **Investment in Access** and it has been arranged in partnership with Forest Enterprise and Northumbrian Water.

All timings, except the meeting time at 1300, are approximate.

Please note – this site visit will include bus travel, some walking and a trip on a ferry. There is no mobile phone reception in the area.

Please bring all necessary personal items with you such as camera, clothing, insect repellents etc. You may also like to bring a drink such as a flask of tea/coffee, bottle of water and a biscuit to sustain you as it is quite a long site visit.

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| 1300 | Meet at Leaplish Waterside Park (tel 0870 240 3549) Car Park, Kielder NE48 1BT  |
| 1315 | Travel to Kielder Forest by mini-bus with an Introduction to Kielder Forest (including Forestry Commission polices on public access) led by Graham Gill |
| 1350 | 'Willowbog Timber Harvesting' – site planning and implementation led by Max McLaughlan  |
| 1430 | Travel to Bull Crag   |
| 1445 | 'Bull Crag' to see continuous cover forestry led by Max McLaughlan  |
| 1505 | Walk – 'The Lakeside Way' led by Jonathan Farries   |
| 1535 | Travel to Leaplish  |
| 1545 | 'Kielder Water' including Northumbrian Water's polices on access led by David Hall  |
| 1615 | Depart on 'Osprey' ferry from Leaplish for tour of Kielder Water  |
| 1715 | Ferry returns to Leaplish Conference Centre   |
| 1730 | Buffet tea  |
| 1815 | JLAF Meeting at Leaplish Conference Centre  |
| 2045 | End of meeting  |

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**JLAF MEETING ON THURSDAY 20 JULY 2006 1815 - 2045**

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<b>MAIN MEETING AGENDA</b>
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**1. Welcome and Apologies**

To welcome new members and receive any 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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

To elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year. An Officer from an Appointing Authority to take the chair for this item.

**5. Minutes of previous meeting held on 6 April 2006** (attached)

**6. Matters Arising**

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

**7. Appointing Authorities – Organisational Change and Financial Implications**

7.1 Update from Northumberland National Park Authority (paper attached)

7.2 Update from Northumberland County Council (paper attached)

**8. Chairman's Report**

**9. Updates**

9.1 CROW update including restrictions, mapping issues and exclusions

9.2 Consultation on Closures – update on current applications

9.3 Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)

9.4 Working Groups (paper attached):

- appointment to Working Groups
- update on any current projects
- new topics for discussion

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9.5 Updates from other meetings:

9.5a) T Liddle on April 2006 ANPA Workshop, Cheltenham (paper attached)

9.5b) B Harwood on Northumberland Coastal AONB Meeting 22 June (paper attached)

9.5c) Meeting with Chairs of Durham and Cumbria Local Access Forums

9.5d) Any other relevant meetings

**10. Members' Section**

To receive members' reports on relevant activities:

10.1 'The JLAF Access Network – Impediments, Opportunities and the Challenge' – T Liddle (paper attached)

10.2 'Does current PROW practice in Northumberland (inadvertently) discriminate against rural people?' - A Mitchell (paper attached)

**11. Consultation Documents**

11.1 DEFRA: Outdoors for All? Draft Diversity Action Plan – the JLAF have been asked to consult on this document by 30 September 2006 (already circulated)

11.2 Other consultations – the JLAF have been asked to note:

a) North Pennines Leaflet 'Open Access in the North Pennines' (already circulated)

b) DEFRA: A Review of the English Forestry Strategy (already circulated)

**12. Events and Items to Note**

12a) Countryside Agency event 'Interactive Forum on our Vibrant Coasts' 18 July

12b) Local Access Forum Event in Blaydon 20 September (information attached)

12c) Countryside Recreation Network Seminar – 'Young People in the Countryside' Sheffield 27 September (information attached)

12d) Information on Barry Gardiner MP (information attached)

12e) National Audit Office Report on the Right of Access to Open Countryside (copy attached)

12f) Update on letters to Jim Knight dated 20 March and 12 May 2006 (copies attached)

**13. Any Other Business**

13a) British Canoe Union – note correspondence from Tamsin Phipps (attached)

13b) Preparations for Annual Plan 2007 - 2008

**14. Dates of Future Meetings**

Date	Venue	Themes (Provisional)
19 October 2006	Otterburn	Access to publicly owned land used for military purposes
18 January 2007	Kirkharle Courtyard then County Hall, Morpeth	Rural Regeneration including a visit to Kirkharle
19 April 2007	Berwick upon Tweed	Access to Water
July 2007	North Pennines	Lord Crewe Estate
October 2007	Tbc	Northumberland National Park/ Sport England

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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>

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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.