

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

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER

CREIGHTON MEMORIAL HALL, EMBLETON, ALNWICK

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

Site Visit and Talks (1430 – 1700) – JLAF members only

- 1430 Members wishing to go on the walk to meet at Creighton Memorial Hall, Embleton. Please wear suitable shoes and bring any personal items with you e.g. waterproofs
- 1445 Depart from Creighton Hall for a walk round Embleton led by Dr Terry Howells, Vice Chair of Embleton Parish Council, on the topic of “*Embleton Heritage Trails Project*’ with consideration given to these questions:
- a) Is increase in access causing the AONB difficulties in their conservation aims?
 - b) Is there a possibility that access/conservation issues might come into conflict with the AONB in the future?
- 1545 Return to Creighton Memorial Hall
- 1600 a) Presentation by Mary Lewis, AONB Officer, on “*The Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*”
- 1620 b) Presentation by Iain Robson , Recreation and Access Officer, on “*The North Sea Trail – Northumberland Coast Path*”
- 1640 c) Feedback from afternoon’s visit / discuss questions posed.
- 1700 Buffet tea at Creighton Memorial Hall
- 1800 Main meeting – Part One is open to the public
- 2030 End of meeting

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MEETING ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 1800 - 2030

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MAIN MEETING AGENDA

Part One (1800 – 1945) Open to the Public

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 21 July 2005 (attached)

5 Matters Arising

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

6 Updates

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| a) Standing Item - Financial update | CM/DB |
| b) CROW update including restrictions, mapping issues and exclusions | DB/RM |
| c) Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) including
Public Rights of Way – Register of Definitive Map Modification Orders | DB |
| d) Consultation on Closures – update on current applications | RM/DB |
| e) Working Groups – feedback from recent meetings, way forward with
recommendations and topics for future meetings | KH/GG/RC |
| f) Updates on information from any other LAFs, meetings
including Audit Office meeting, Yorks Dales Meeting 4 October, other LAF meetings
JLAF Conference 7 October | RC/PB |

7 North Pennines Local Access Forum

DB/CM

8 Members' Section

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| a) Issue raised by Gill Featonby re Dogs | RC |
| b) To hear members' individual updates on relevant activities. | |

9 Consultation Documents (already sent out)

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| a) DEFRA Consultation doc – by 4 November 2005 – <i>Consultation of diversions of
ROW for the protection of SSSIs</i> | (WG2) |
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- b) DEFRA Consultation doc – by 21 November 2005 – *Consultation on the Confirmation of Byelaws relating to Countryside Recreation* (WG 3)
- c) DEFRA Consultation doc – by 29 November 2005 - *Consultation relating to the amendment of the LAF (England) Regulations 2002* (WG1)

10 Any other business

- a) Project to Assess the Effectiveness of the operation of LAF's: Countryside Agency research project undertaken by the University of Gloucestershire. RC
- b) Consultation on Salters Road – an update for information
There will be an opportunity to discuss this topic at the next meeting DB
- c) Correspondence:
 - i) Letter from Tamsin Phipps, River Access Campaign (from 21 July meeting) RC
 - ii) Letter from Mrs R Sloan re bridleways RC
- d) For information – Countryside Agency report on 'Surface Requirements – shared user routes'.
- e) Forging links with Partnerships such as North Pennines AONB and Northumberland Coast AONB

11 Dates of Future Meetings

- o Thursday 19 January 2006 – 1800 in Hexham – evening meeting only
 - o Thursday 13 April 2006 – Berwick/Borders – include afternoon visit
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Part Two (1945 – 2030) - Not open to the Public

Members' interactive session to include a break for refreshments

- Time for any further feedback from afternoon site visit if required
 - Pamela Brooks will provide a brief update on the issue of wind farms.
 - Working Groups to meet in their groups to set dates for the meetings to discuss the consultation documents
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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. Additional copies of the agenda, minutes and associated reports are available on the Northumberland National Park Authority website at:

<http://www.northumberland-national-park.org.uk/LocalAccessForum/meetingsagendaslaf>

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