

NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK and COUNTRYSIDE  
JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

JLAF MEETING ON THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2008

STANNINGTON VILLAGE HALL, MORPETH

Commencing 1300 till 1700

**AGENDA FOR AFTERNOON MEETING**

The theme of the meeting is to discuss issues and matters relating to promoting access and recreation tourism throughout the County and has the title:

***'How well does Northumberland promote outdoor enjoyment of the County'.***

Please note – if you wish to bring a packed lunch and flask please do so. The Hall will be open from 1240 and the meeting will start at 1300. Refreshments will be available mid-afternoon.

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| 1240        | Arrive at Stannington Village Hall, Morpeth  |
| 1300        | Meeting commences - welcome and introduction to the afternoon by Pam Brooks, Chair   |
| 1310 - 1340 | <u>Elizabeth Rowark, Director, Kielder Partnership</u><br><br><i>'How investment in better provision for access has substantially increased tourism'</i>                       |
| 1345 - 1415 | <u>Duncan Wise, Visitor Development Manager, Northumberland National Park</u><br><br><i>'Report on the findings from Northumberland National Park Visitor Survey 2007'</i>     |
| 1420 - 1450 | <u>Giles Ingram, Executive Director, Northumberland Tourism</u><br><br><i>'What are the opportunities for Northumberland to attract more visitors for outdoor recreation?'</i> |
| 1455        | Refreshments   |
| 1515        | <u>Workshop session with the theme</u><br><br><i>'County-wide view of Northumberland and how it promotes outdoor activities'</i>   |
| 1620        | Summing up   |
| 1630        | End of afternoon session<br><br>Make way to Ridley Arms Hotel (5 minute walk)  |
| 1700        | Buffet Tea at Ridley Arms Hotel  |
| 1800 - 2100 | Evening Meeting at Stannington Village Hall  |

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**Commencing 1800 till 2100**

**AGENDA FOR MAIN MEETING**

- 1800 **1 Welcome and Apologies**
- 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 Minutes of previous meeting held on 25 October 2007**
- 1810 **5 Matters Arising**  
Matters Arising from the previous Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 1820 **6 Chair's Remarks**  
To include Discovering Lost Ways update and to note any reports.
- 1830 **7 Overview of Afternoon Session - R Cross**  
An overview of the afternoon workshop including conclusions and way ahead
- 1840 **8 JLAF Mediation Panel – G Astbury**  
To note Report from final meeting of the Mediation Panel on 3 December 2007
- 1900 **9 Update on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan – D Brookes**  
Including Proposed Rights of Way Accessibility Improvement Projects 2008 – 2013
- 1925 **10 Annual Action Plan 2008 to 2009 – verbal update R Cross**  
To consider suggestions for Action Plan 2008 - 2009
- 1935 **11 Recruitment Year 6 (2008 – 2009) – verbal update M Hume**
- 1940 **12 Update on mechanically propelled vehicles – verbal update L Lazzari**
- 1950 **13 New Government Performance Framework Paper – K Vigars and D Brookes**
- 2000 **14 General Updates**  
To note reports from Northumberland National Park and Northumberland County Council (including update on Wagon Ways), updates from any other general meetings and any correspondence.

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### Members' Section

To note any reports from Members, reports from Working Groups and receive updates from other relevant meetings including:

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| • 9 January   | LEADER Meeting                                      | S Rogers     |
| • 17 January  | Regional LAF Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting, Newcastle  | R Cross      |
| • 24 January  | NNPA Management Plan Meeting                        | R Cross      |
| • 24 January  | Natural England/LAF Chairs meeting, Sheffield       | P Brooks     |
| • 28 January  | Hadrian's Wall Heritage Access & Transport meeting, | P Brooks     |
| • 4 February  | Natural England 'How to be a good LAF', Gateshead   | to note date |
| • 13 February | Rights of Way Training for LAF members, Gateshead   | to note date |

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### Consultations

- 161 Update: DEFRA: 'Outdoors for All' – now due early 2008  
 16.2 Closures – JLAF consulted on two closures between November 2007 – January 2008– Fellhouse Fell and Hobbs Flow

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### Any other business

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### Dates of future Joint Local Access Forum meetings.

Date	Location (venues tbc)	Meeting themes (provisional)
24 April 08	Blyth/Wansbeck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Exercise – Primary Care Trusts</li> <li>• Mechanically Propelled Vehicles</li> <li>• 'Groundwork'</li> </ul>
24 July 08	College Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land manager perspective of access</li> <li>• Access and harmony with sporting interests</li> </ul>
30 October 08	Coastal AONB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal Access</li> <li>• Marine Bill</li> <li>• Coastal AONB 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations</li> </ul>
29 January 09		
30 April 09		
31 July 09		
29 October 09		

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

#### Members of the Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum from 1 May 2007 are:

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 Little, Peter Nicholson (NPA rep), Susan Rogers, David Towns, Kevin Vigers.

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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 the afternoon session are compiled into one document and the main meeting, into a separate document. Please read the reports and information items in advance of the meeting as only questions on significant issues will be taken.

**For afternoon session**

Author	Title
Sue Finch	A Provider's Viewpoint
Lorraine Hershon	Access for All
Sue Rogers	Equestrian Tourism in Northumberland
Ted Liddle	Cycle Tourism in Northumberland
Vic Brown	A vision for water tourism in Northumberland
James Brown	Northumberland – a vision for motor-based tourism
Paul Kelly	The promotion of nature based tourism in Northumberland

**For main meeting**

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Item 8	JLAF Mediation Panel Report 3 December 2007	G Astbury	
Item 9	Proposed Rights of Way Accessibility Improvement Projects 2008 – 2013	D Brookes	
Item 13	New Government Performance Framework	K Vigars	
Item 14	Report from Northumberland National Park	L Lazzari	
Item 14	Report from Northumberland County Council including update on Wagon Ways	D Brookes	
Item 14	Letter from Rt Hon J Shaw, Minister	DEFRA	
Item 15	Reports from Working Groups and Working Group meetings and membership	R Cross/ G Gill/M Hume	
Item 15	North Pennines Access and Recreation Working Group Meeting October 2007	T Liddle	
Item 15	Northumberland Coast AONB Annual Forum October 2007	B Harwood	
Item 15	Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership Meeting December 2007	B Harwood	
Item 16.2	Natural England: Long Term Closures	P Brooks	

Items to be tabled / items tabled at meeting

Item	Title	Author/s	Tabled/to table
Afternoon session	Report on findings from Northumberland National Park Visitor Survey 2007	D Wise	To table