

JLAF MEETING: THURSDAY 20 JULY 2023 (*Revised Version: 18.07.23*)
AT WEST CHEVINGTON AND DRURIDGE BAY COUNTRY PARK

Timetable

10am	Meet and Site Visit at West Chevington (NE61 5BB) This postcode will take you to West Chevington Farm, which is about quarter of a mile to the west of the site entrance
12.15pm	Depart from West Chevington https://www.nwt.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/wilding-west-chevington
12.30pm	Lunch at Druridge Bay Country Park (NE61 5BX) https://www.visitnorthumberland.com/explore/destinations/wildlife-nature/druridge-bay-country-park Focus of the meeting to be discussed during lunch
1.30pm	JLAF Meeting at Druridge Bay Country Park (agenda below)
3pm to 3.10pm	Coffee Break
4pm	Conclude

Agenda Item	I/D/A	Time
1. Welcome and Apologies	I	1.30pm
2. Questions from Members of the Public; questions previously submitted by members of public	I	1.32pm
3. Declarations of Interest: <i>In accordance with Paragraph 6:8 of Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002, revised February 2007, members are asked to declare any direct or indirect personal, prejudicial and/or financial interests in relation to items on the agenda for this meeting and shall disclose the nature of those interests to the meeting.</i>	I	1.34pm
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2023 <i>Minutes and Meetings Action Database enclosed</i>	I	1.35pm
5. Matters Arising and updates from previous meetings	I	1.40pm
6. Northumberland County Council update including Forest Trails Project and RoWIP progress (Tim Fish and Harry Firth attending)	I/D/A	1.45pm
a. JLAF Task and Finish Group: Community Action and Rights of Way Improvement Plan (Liz Bray)	I	2.15pm
b. ROWIP Item (Nick Morphet)	D/A	2.20pm
7. 2023 Shows	I/D/A	2.25pm
a. Northumberland County Show and ROWIP (Liz Bray) <i>Show Report enclosed for discussion</i>	I/D	
b. Glendale Show: 28 th August 2023	A	
c. Alwinton Show: 14 th October 2023	A	
8. JLAF Task and Finish Groups: update on task and finish group discussions since the last meeting		
a. Access to Water (Vic Brown) <i>Access to Water Position Statement enclosed for approval</i>	I/D/A	2.40pm
b. Communications (Alex MacLennan)	I	2.45pm
c. Climate Change (Ian Glendinning)	I	2.50pm
9. Report from NNPA's Net Zero Officer, Alice Whitfield <i>Enclosed for information</i>	I	2.55pm
3pm: Tea Break		

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10. St Oswalds Way Management Group	I	3.10pm
11. JLAF Updates from Appointing Authorities and Others		
a. Forestry England (Alex MacLennan)	I	3.15pm
b. Northumberland National Park Authority (Lorna Lazzari)	I	3.20pm
c. Northumberland Coast AONB meeting (Vic Brown)	I	3.25pm
d. North Pennines AONB Access and Recreation Group and Pennine National Trails Northern Working Group (Ted Liddle)	I	3.30pm
e. Community involvement – opportunities, achievements and how to progress	I	3.35pm
12. Access Rights to Ray Wind Farmland (Nick Morphet)	D/A	3.40pm
13. Urgent Business	I	3.45pm
14. Dates, Times and Venues for Future Meetings	I	3.50pm
a. Tuesday 17 October 2023 in Rothbury (to be confirmed)		
b. January 2024: Virtual		
c. Borderline Greenway Project Meeting in Spring/Summer 2024		

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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 provisions of Regulation 7 of The Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (amended 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 sent in writing to the Administrator, up to ten working days before the meeting. The agenda and minutes are available on the JLAF pages found at:

<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/looking-after-the-park/joint-local-access-forum/jlaf-agendas-and-minutes/>

For copies of available meeting papers or for any other enquiries please contact:

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JLAF members as of 1st October 2022: Alex MacLennan (Chair), Moray Allan and Ian Glendinning (Vice Chairs), Liz Bray, Marie Fallon and Fiona Gough (NNPA shared), Philip Cotton, Sarah Radcliffe, Susan Rogers, Ted Liddle, Cllr Nick Morphet (NCC), Vic Brown, Violet Rook, Helen Hindson, Diane Holmes, Paul Williams, Jeff Wild. Observer Member: Rob Aubrook.

Current Task and Finish Groups: Task and Finish groups meet between meetings as required. Members are welcome to join other Task and Finish group meetings if the topic being discussed is of interest or if they have relevant experience and knowledge to inform discussions and actions. Current Task and Finish Groups membership lists are shown below:-

Access to Water Task and Finish Group	Communications Task and Finish Group	Community Action and Rights of Way Improvement Plan Task and Finish Group	Climate Change Task and Finish Group
<p>Lead: Vic Brown Moray Allan Liz Bray Helen Hindson Nick Morphet Jeff Wild</p>	<p>Lead: Alex MacLennan Moray Allan Ian Glendinning Paul Williams Diane Holmes Helen Hindson</p>	<p>Lead: Liz Bray Alex MacLennan Phillip Cotton Diane Holmes Ted Liddle Sarah Radcliffe Sue Rogers Rob Aubrook (Observer Member) Nick Morphet Paul Williams</p>	<p>Lead: Ian Glendinning Moray Allan Liz Bray Nick Morphet Paul Williams Diane Holmes Helen Hindson</p>

Access Aims: As part of this meeting, as well as holding the meeting at Druridge Bay Country Park in the afternoon, we will also be visiting West Chevington in the morning. Consideration has been given to physical access issues at both sites and any potential issues have been addressed prior to the day.

Focus of the Meeting: JLAF to think about the visitor journey to Druridge Bay (this will mean different things to different people - the focus is deliberately left open-ended as we are interested to hear everyone's thoughts, covering a wide range of aspects). The focus of the visit will be to look at how far the West Chevington site has progressed in the last year, with a particular emphasis on rights of way in the South East corner of Northumberland.