

Local Access Forum National Conference (North)



Tuesday 1st March 2016

10:30 - 16:30hrs

Oxford Place Centre
Oxford Place
Leeds
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Programme

Time	Activity	Presenter
10.30 - 11.00	Arrival Teas/Coffees	
11.00 - 11.25	Welcome	Chair: Liz Newton, Natural England
11.25 - 11.45	Presentation 1: Updates and Reforms	Bryony Thorpe, Defra
11.45 - 12.30	Workshop Session 1	
12.30 - 13.00	Presentation 2: New Barriers to Disabled Access	John Cuthbertson, Vice Chairman & Rambles Organiser for the Disabled Ramblers Arthur Lee, Chairman of the Disabled Rambles, Herefordshire LAF & Herefordshire Rambles.
13.00 - 13.45	Lunch	
13.45 - 14.15	Presentation 3: What can be achieved in an urban/semi urban area, and Creating new peri-urban multi-user routes	Anthony Francis-Jones Sue Taylor-Green, British Horse Society, Ulnes Walton Bridleways Association
14.15 - 14.45	Presentation 4: Alternative funding for access projects	John Dennis
14.45 - 15.00	Break	
15.00 - 15.45	Workshop Session 2	
15.45 - 16.20	Q & A Session / Workshops Overview	Chair, Speakers
16.20 - 16.30	Conference Close	Chair

Workshops

Session	Room	Workshop Title	Presenters	Organisation
Morning	Main1	Access Prioritisation	Jim Phillips Geoff Hughes Audrey Christie	Durham LAF
	Main2	Recreational Vehicles	John Richardson Alan Kind	LARA (Land Access and Recreation Association)
	Rm1	Looking at the benefits of dementia inclusive walks	Kath Pyke	Dementia Adventure
	Rm2	Story behind the Sandstone Way	Ted Liddle	Northumberland LAF
Afternoon	Main1	Registering our White Roads	Peter McKay	Herefordshire LAF
	Main2	2026	Phil Wadey Sarah Bucks	Open Spaces Society
	Rm1	Riding or Cycling on Footpaths	John Sugden	Redcar & Cleveland LAF
	Rm2	Nottinghamshire Guided Walks Partnership	Mary Mills Brian Cluff	Nottinghamshire LAF

Additional Information

Presentation or Workshop	Brief Description
New Barriers to Disabled Access	The Disabled Ramblers helps the less mobile regain access to the countryside. To do this they have had to campaign for the removal of man-made barriers. While they have had some success with this, the disabled now find themselves thwarted by replacements which are just as effective in limiting the paths they can use; often due to the perception that the disabled wouldn't be able to or wouldn't want to go there.
Ulnes Walton Bridleways Association: creating new peri-urban multi-user routes	The development of Ulnes Walton Bridleways Association (UWBA) and its work with the local council and various funding bodies, both to overcome an initial 'horse hostility' attitude and to gain alternative finance to create new routes.
Registering our White Roads	Increasing awareness of the legislation.
Looking at the benefits of dementia inclusive walks	Looking at the benefits, and taking the fear out of supporting people living with dementia to go for a walk; drawing on the success of dementia inclusive walk programmes from around the country including a LAF project in Lincolnshire.
Nottinghamshire Guided Walks Partnership	Objective is to briefly outline how our popular annual compiled programme of Nottinghamshire guided and health walks is promoted throughout our County, encouraging more infrequent walkers to take part. Now that we have six years of experience, we are trying to extend the idea to other counties, on this occasion through Local Access Forums.
Riding or Cycling on Footpaths	Concentrating on the themes of whether riding or cycling on a footpath is trespass and the implications for finalising the definitive map.