



Mid-Cheshire Bridleway Association

Newsletter

November 2016

Dates for your diary: Quiz 9 Dec 2016. Xmas meal 14 Jan 2017 AGM 26 Jan 2017

SOCIAL EVENTS

Quiz Night

Friday 9th December 2016 at 7.30pm. Little Budworth Village Hall. CW6 9BP.
Tickets £7 including buffet. Tickets available now from committee members.

AGM

Thursday 26 January 2017 at the Blue Cap, Sandiway. Speaker to be confirmed.

Christmas Meal

Saturday 14 January 2017 at 7pm. The Carriers, Hatchmere. 3 courses £21 inc tea or coffee.
Please contact Tim Hodges if interested.

Skittles Evening

To be held at the Bickerton Poacher in February 2017. To include carvery meal. Date and costs to be confirmed in the New Year.

Other social events being looked at for next year include a canal trip and visit to see Police Horses. If anyone has any other suggestions please get in touch. Please check our website and facebook page for details.

Tile Farm Ride

A Pleasure Ride was again held jointly with Delamere Forest Riding Club at Tile Farm, Guilden Sutton on September 25 thanks to the Arderns. It was a lovely social event and the food and cakes were excellent! Nearly 50 riders took part and there are some excellent photos available on <http://andrewcharlesphotography.uk> with £539 was raised for charity which has gone to Macmillan and Clatterbridge.

Aston Ring Bridleway

Two new bridle gates and permissive path markers are now in place along Pickering's Cut (Bridleway Dutton 13) allowing riders to by-pass the badger holes. Unfortunately the furthest gate from the viaduct was not located where we agreed and it has not been possible to relocate, so please be aware of two smaller holes about 10m from this gate. These look like rabbit holes and have been marked with spray paint as a temporary precaution and will be monitored.

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Part of Bridleway Dutton 11 from the bungalow near Bartington to the Bluebell Wood is still overgrown despite being reported 3 months ago! We have been advised that it should have been cut by a contractor and should be completed shortly. If anyone encounters any other problems with this route do let us know. (leaflet on our website).

Bridleway Problems

If anyone has any problems with any routes please get in touch with us and do use our facebook page to highlight any problems! We also encourage you to report to the relevant Council via the Rights of Way section on their website. Links are shown on our website.

For Public Right of Way fault reporting in Cheshire West, we have now been advised to use the following link : http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/contact_us/report-it.aspx

The link on the CWAC Public Right of Way web page is for Highway problems and does not allow you to identify the actual path on the map or attach a photo whereas this link does (scroll down toward bottom). Please do report any problems directly as many routes are getting very overgrown and boggy this year. Other problems are often gates or lack of waymarking. It's better to have an issues reported a few times than not at all! As Councils do not have the resources to audit or check routes, they have to rely on users complaining!

If anyone wants someone to ride with or show them a route they haven't ridden before, do get in touch and we will try and find a member for you to meet up with. We always advise for safety that you don't ride any routes such as the Aston Ring alone as quite remote in places.

Abbotts Moss, Whitegate

A meeting is to be held shortly with the Forestry Commission to try and get some improvements to the permissive path which runs past the nursery adjacent to Abbotts Moss as it is very boggy in places and rather overgrown. This is well used by riders to create a circular route from the Whitegate Way, especially now we have managed to get improvements to the Totties Farm gates.

Unrecorded Route in Whitley Area

Thank you to those riders who have come forward following our request in the summer newsletter and on Facebook. There is clearly strong evidence to support a claim for the part of this route within Halton Borough south of Glebe Farm. The southern section of this route although unsurfaced, has been confirmed as adopted Highway by Cheshire West and Chester Council. We are currently trying to establish whether the northern part could also be adopted within Halton which would avoid a claim.

Delamere Loop Brochure

We contacted CWAC last year to try and get the Delamere Loop Brochure updated and re-printed as copies are hard to obtain and although available on our website, riders always prefer a laminated brochure as easier to use. As the Council has no funds for re-printing any brochures, we are trying to secure some funding for this and hope to arrange for some new photos to be taken.

Disused Helsby to Mouldsworth Railway Line

We have been in contact with Helsby Parish Council who have a lot of local support from stakeholders and users groups to try and resurrect a scheme to create a bridleway link from Helsby to Mouldsworth and link with Delamere Forest. They are approaching the owners, Network Rail to see if they would now consider disposing of. If the response is favourable a steering group will be formed to look at possible funding.

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