



Mid-Cheshire Bridleway Association

Newsletter

Spring 2019



Dates for your Diary: BHS Cheshire 2026 Workshop Sunday 31 March 2019

AGM and Talk - Project 2026 what it's all about

This took place on 31 January at the Blue Cap, Sandiway. The BHS 2026 Officer, Will Steel gave a very interesting and informative talk to a packed room on the importance of the 2026 cut off date for any changes to the Definitive Map and what you can do to safeguard riding routes in your area. He outlined a systematic approach to making applications via the Project 2026 website which has an online cloud based library and a page for each County which allows sharing of evidence. This has been made available due to a grant of £150k from Sports England and matched by a further £150k from the BHS with an aim of reaching 2700 applications by April 2021.

If anyone would like a copy of this presentation as a PDF please email enquiries@midcheshirebridleways.co.uk

It very clearly explains the background and uses various examples including a route we are investigating to show the process. It also contains some useful links including:

www.bhsaccess.org.uk/Project2026 and www.bhs.org.uk/our-work/access/campaigns/2026

The talk finished with a proposal to follow up with a workshop using the BHS mobile classroom and this has now been confirmed for Sunday 31 March at Cheshire Riding School, Cogshall Lane, Comberbach. Northwich CW9 6BS. From 10am to 11am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm there will be an introduction to protecting bridleways presentation. This will be of interest to anyone that rides out as many routes that are regularly ridden are not legally recorded and could be lost. This talk will outline the importance of the 2026 cut off date and show you how to use the online resources and is highly recommended. Alternatively from 11 to 12.30pm you can book a half hour slot with the BHS Access Team for help with any DMMO applications. Booking is required as space is limited so please email bhscheshire@gmail.com or message via the BHS Cheshire facebook page. This is open to anyone, not just BHS members and there is no cost, so do take advantage as you may not have another opportunity.

One of our members, Kathryn Steer has kindly written an article on the importance of the 2026 cut off date and this has just been published in the March edition of Equitrader on the Brian Seddon page, so do look out for it! Kathryn has also kindly volunteered to help with our website following the plea at our AGM.

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Horse Access Facebook Goup

It's also worth joining the Horse Access Facebook group as there is some very useful advice:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HorseAccessUK/>

HAC UK has been set up to bring together all those working throughout the country for safe access routes and networks for the horse. It invites people to join this national campaign to support, encourage, educate and inspire all those working to achieve this and to share information, updates, your experiences and ask questions. Help demonstrate we are not the minority we are perceived to be!

Membership renewal

For those who didn't renew their membership at the recent AGM, you should have received renewal details but if not, 2019 membership/supporter forms are available by emailing enquiries@midcheshirebridleways.co.uk

Please do encourage friends to join and support our work.

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