

Shropshire Local Access Forum

12 October 2009

To: All Members of the Local Access Forum

A meeting of the **SHROPSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM** will be held at **10.00 am** on **TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2009** at **THE SHIREHALL, ABBEY FOREGATE, SHREWSBURY**

Please find the agenda attached.

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Members of the Forum

Name	Fields of Interest
Mrs Caroline Bedell	Landowner
Mr Stephen Bell	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access
Mr Gareth Boxley	Motorised vehicular use/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access
Mr Steve Charmley	Shropshire Councillor
Mr Chris Chillingworth	Walking/Voluntary Activities/Community
Mr Richard Cotham	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Walking
Mr David Cowell	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism
Mr Bob Hill	Conservation Wildlife/Voluntary Activities/ Landowning
Mrs Jane Ing	Conservation Wildlife/Walking
Mr Clive Leworthy	Local community/ Walking/Tourism
Dr Jane Morris	Conservation/Wildlife/ Walking/ Disabled access
Mr Dennis Nisbet (Vice-Chair)	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Voluntary activities
Mr Roger Plowden	Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Farming
Ms Sula Rayska (Chair)	Tourism/Countryside Voluntary Activity/Walking
Mr David Roberts	Shropshire Councillor
Mrs Zia Robins	Horse riding
Mr David Shelley	Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism
Mr Mark Weston	Horseriding/Carriage Driving/Voluntary Activities

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Tuesday 20 October 2009 - 10.00 am – 12.30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence and welcome

Please ensure you sign the attendance record.

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2009 (attached marked: A)

Arising thereon:

Countryside Access Team Plan (Item 8)

Dennis Nisbet has asked if the question of capital expenditure on the rights of way network in 2010/11 and 2011/12 can be discussed at the meeting.

4. Public Question Time

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which notice has been received from members of the public.

5. The Long-term Role of the Forestry Commission Public Forest Estate in England: Consultation

Jim Stabler, Countryside Access Development Officer, will give an oral report.

6. Parks and Countryside Sites Update

Presentation by Carolyn Healy, Parks and Countryside Manager

7. UCR Update

Bob Ellis, Head of Environmental Maintenance, will be in attendance.

8. Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way

Presentation by Shona Lewis, Access Mapping Team Leader

9. Shropshire Way Update

An oral report will be made by Jim Stabler.

10. Lost Ways

Following the demise of the Discovering Lost Ways project, Natural England established last year a Stakeholder Working Group to bring together representatives of the key relevant national interests to:

- consider the issues and difficulties associated with the process of recording pre-1949 and other public rights of way that are not currently shown on the definitive map and statement maintained by surveying authorities;
- work together with the aim of reaching agreement on a balanced package of strategic reforms in law and procedure that, in the Group's view, would bring real benefit to the various interests potentially affected by the claimed existence of such rights: and
- where appropriate, draw attention to any other issues it identifies that may affect improvement of access.

Some further information on meetings of the Working Group can be found on the Natural England website at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/rightsofway/swgr/ow/default.aspx>

Jonathan Felton, Natural England, will give an update on Lost Ways at the meeting.

11. Ploughing and Cropping

A presentation will be made by Kevin Jones, Access Enforcement Team Leader.

12. EAF and LAF coordinator

Jim Stabler will give an oral report.

13. Feedback from other Forums and items for noting

The following minutes/papers are provided as updates for members:

Shropshire Cycle Forum Minutes of 10 June and 16 September 2009 (attached marked B and C)

Minutes of the Wat's Dyke Association meeting held on 3 September 2009 (attached marked: D)

Access newsletter issues Nos. 40 and 41 (attached marked: E and F)

14. Items for next agenda

Members are asked to suggest agenda items for the next meeting on 4 February 2010.

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