



CHESHAM & DIST. BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

March 2005

BOATs latest

The Department of Food and Rural Affairs carried out a consultation process after the furor over the number of applications for BOATs. The report has just been issued and the essence is that they accept that the process for establishing vehicular access to rights of way based on historical evidence of horse drawn vehicles is wrong and will be changed. However they are allowing a grace period for existing applications to be made under the old regime. We will be arguing strongly that their conclusion is right and will object to applications on this basis. There is another thread of hope in that DEFRA have accepted that Traffic Restriction Orders can be granted in more circumstances where there are practical problems with vehicular use.

In summary then not the result that we would have ideally liked but much better than we feared. We will be continuing to oppose the conversion of bridleways into BOATs.

Easter Egg Fun Ride

This year's pleasure ride will be an Easter one, giving you all the chance to get your horses and ponies out of the mud for a few hours. The date is the 26th March from Pednor Bottom from 1pm. There will be Easter eggs to be rooted out as a treat for kids of all ages. The cost is £5 per member. Please contact Anna Streeter (number below) if you would like to take part.

Objection to model flying club

The model flying club that has the use of land adjacent to the Herbert's Hole bridleway applied for an extension of their current use which would allow flying of model aircraft any day of the week. The CDBA lodged an objection and the planning application was refused.

Clearance 2004/5

The following clearance programme will be completed in the next few weeks;

Blackhorse track to Hog Lane

Capps Lane Chartridge

Cogdells Lane Chartridge

Chesham Vale pumping station to the Rose and Crown

Braidwood

Ramscoat lane Bellingdon road end

In addition the Council have removed one of the two trees that restricted the bridleway from Swan bottom to Erriwig Lane.

We have also cleared or landowners have cleared trees on Limetree farm and Blind lane bridleways.

Fun Jump

Our annual Fun Jump will be on the weekend of 9th & 10th April at Cricket Meadow, The Vale, Chesham, by kind permission of Sue Bloss and David Magee. Schedule enclosed.

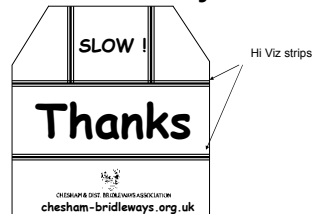
Website; www.chesham-bridleways.org.uk

Please have a surf and let us know if there is anything you would find useful on the site.

Membership Fees

Don't forget that subs are now due! A membership form is attached – feel free to photocopy it if you know loads of people who would like to join!

With the benefit of a grant from Shell we will be distributing hi viz tabards to all members this year and will issue one per member or family member when you rejoin this year.



AGM

Will be held on Thursday 7th April 8 p.m. in the Chartridge reading room on the corner of Chartridge Lane and Cogdells Lane. We are lucky to have Colin Sitford MRCVS coming to talk about his many successful years as a local vet. Colin will be happy to answer questions. There will also be a chance to talk and mingle after the structured part of the meeting over a cup of coffee and biscuit.

Contact Numbers

The committee is always keen to hear feedback, especially if you would like to report a problem with bridleways in your area.

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