

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

18 May 2006

Annual Report
2005-2006

1.0 Purpose Of Report

1.1 To approve the Local Access Forum Annual Report for 2005-2006.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 The Forum has agreed to produce an Annual Report each year to promote its work to a wider audience. The 2004-2005 Report was circulated last year to all members and is available on the County Council's website

3.0 Draft Annual Report

3.1 A suggested draft of the text for the 2005-2006 Annual Report is attached. The same basic format as last year has been adopted, with sections covering the functions of the LAF, membership and attendance but with the main focus on the business of the Forum during the year. In addition this year, basic details of LAF expenditure have been included together with a copy of the Forward Plan.

3.2 Subject to any comments at the meeting, it is proposed to place the Annual Report on the County Council's website as soon as practical. A higher quality version will then be published to a similar standard as last year and circulated to key partners. Members are asked to comment whether they are happy with this format and to suggest any improvements. When finalised, the revised version will be substituted for the text version on the website and a press release will be issued to seek wider publicity. A copy of the report will be circulated to interested bodies and partner agencies.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the text of the Annual Report for 2005-2006 be approved for publication.

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North Yorkshire
Local Access Forum

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Chairman's Introduction

Derek Welford
Chairman, North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

April 2006

Area Covered by the Local Access Forum

The area covered by the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum is the administrative county of North Yorkshire, but excluding the areas of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the North York Moors National Park. In both of these areas, the respective National Park Authority has established its own Local Access Forum. A separate Local Access Forum also exists for the area administered by the City of York Council.

Role and Responsibilities

Section 94 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 places a statutory duty on the County Council, as highway authority, to establish a Local Access Forum. The primary purpose of the Local Access Forum is to provide advice to North Yorkshire County Council on how to make the countryside more accessible for open air recreation. Key functions include providing advice on:

- The development of access strategies, including the Rights of Way Improvement Plan;
- Improving the rights of way network; and
- The implementation, management and review of the statutory right of access to open countryside.

Membership of the Forum

The Local Access Forum regulations require that the members of the Local Access Forum should be representative of:

- (a) Users of local rights of way and areas of open access;
- (b) Owners and occupiers of access land or land covered by rights of way; and
- (c) Other interests relevant to the local area.

In appointing members to the Forum, the County Council has therefore tried to ensure a reasonable balance between these three interest groups. It has also aimed to achieve representation from different parts of the county and, where possible, adjacent areas where recreation users live.

There are 18 members of the Forum, who are appointed for a three-year term, after which they must retire or seek re-election. Appointments are phased to ensure that only one third, i.e. six members, retires each year. This process ensures continuity, whilst also allowing a regular opportunity to recruit members with new interests.

Vacancies on the Forum are advertised in the press and interested candidates are asked to submit written applications outlining their interests and experience and their reasons for wishing to serve on the Forum. Candidates are then asked to attend an informal interview, following which appointments are made by the Secretariat, with advice from the County Council's elected members on the Forum. Appointments to the Local Access

Forum during the current period were made on 25 May 2005 when Diane Baines, David Currie, Edward Dennison, David Gibson, Nigel Graham and Anthony Turner were appointed for the next term.

In addition to those members recruited by open competition, the County Council periodically appoints three of its own elected members to serve on the Forum for a three year period.

During 2005/2006 membership of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum was as follows:

| Name | District | Term of office to | Interest Group |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Leo Crone | Darlington | 2006 | Users |
| David Currie | Craven | 2008 | |
| David Gibson | Craven | 2008 | |
| John Goss | Harrogate | 2006 | |
| Judith Ratcliffe | Hambleton | 2007 | |
| Edward Dennison | Hambleton | 2008 | Owner/occupiers |
| Roland Firby | Ryedale (AONB) | 2006 | |
| Nigel Graham | Harrogate | 2008 | |
| Stephen Ramsden | Harrogate (AONB) | 2007 | |
| Derek Welford (Chair) | Hambleton | 2006 | |
| Thomas Wheelright | Harrogate (AONB) | 2007 | |
| Diane Baines | Richmondshire | 2008 | Other interests |
| Edward Flexman(Vice-Chair) | Harrogate (AONB) | 2007 | |
| Tim Laurie | Darlington | 2006 | |
| Anthony Turner | Scarborough (NYMNP) | 2008 | |
| Co.Cllr.Eric Broadbent | Scarborough | 2008 | |
| Co Cllr John Fort | Harrogate | 2008 | |
| Co.Cllr Michael Knaggs | Ryedale | 2008 | |

The County Council is grateful to all members of the Local Access Forum for their very valuable contribution to its work over the course of the past year.

New recruits are always welcome. Enquiries about future membership should be made to the Secretary (see below).

Member Profiles

Diane Baines

Diane lives in Richmond. She is a senior planning professional with extensive local government and committee experience. She is also a mother of young children who enjoys walking and has an interest in developing public and family access to the countryside, especially on the outskirts of towns and villages.

Eric Broadbent

Eric is North Yorkshire County Councillor for Northstead, Scarborough. He sits on the Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee and is Chair of the Transport and Telecommunications Overview and Scrutiny Committee. He also serves on Scarborough Borough Council and is a member of its Planning Committee. He is semi-retired, a keen walker with three dogs and has a strong interest in countryside matters.

Leo Crone

Leo lives in Darlington. He is a member of the North Yorkshire County Council Rights of Way Liaison Group and also sits on the Durham County Council Rights of Way Forum. He is a primary contact on vehicular access to the countryside with the Durham and Cleveland Police Forces. He was previously on Sports Council regional forums and the North York Moors National Park Rights of Way Committee. He aims to represent the views and aspirations of vehicle user groups and has a large network of contacts.

David Currie

David lives at Carleto-in-Cleveland near Skipton. He was previously a journalist and public affairs manager at the Royal Mail. He has a particular interest in promoting the needs of the disabled and, as Chairman of Cumbrian Community Video, directed "Access to the countryside for the disabled". He is a cyclist and climber with a love of the countryside and the environment.

Edward Dennison

Edward is a farmer and landowner from Thornton-le-Beans near Northallerton, where he is a Parish Councillor. He is NFU County Vice-chairman and is knowledgeable about the countryside and wildlife. He is interested in seeking a balance between protection of the environment, access and the rights of owners and occupiers.

Roland Firby

Roland is a full-time farmer and house builder from Scackleton in the Howardian Hills AONB. He is currently a member of the NFU Yorkshire Land Use Committee and the East Yorkshire Executive. He is former NFU County Chairman, a former Chairman of the Easingwold NFU branch, and former member of the NFU North-east Regional Board. He is a current Yorkshire delegate to the Conservative Countryside Forum. He has had a life-long interest in rural politics. His aims are to help preserve farming and farmers interests, whilst fostering a love and care for the rural life and environment.

Edward Flexman

Edward lives at Sawley in the Nidderdale AONB and has been a resident of North Yorkshire for 30 years. He is a retired Head-teacher and now a self-employed landscape gardener. He is a member of the Sawley Village Hall Committee and the Harrogate District Cultural

Partnership Board. He believes access to open countryside is a key issue for the culture/tourism of the area and would like to be part of the democratic process ensuring the responsible implementation of the CROW Act.

John Fort

John Fort is North Yorkshire County Councillor for Pateley Bridge and lives at Dacre in the Nidderdale AONB.

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David Gibson

David is a retired solicitor and justices clerk from Burton-in Lonsdale in Craven. He is a founder trustee and former Chairman of North Lancaster Victim Support, a charity working with victims of crime. He is a keen walker with an interest in history and archaeology. He is Access Officer for West Riding Ramblers Association, Footpath Officer for Craven Ramblers Association and a former member of the Yorkshire Dales local Access Forum.

John Goss

John lives in Boroughbridge where he previously owned a retail business. He is currently a non-executive director of the FSHAA. He is Chairman of the Harrogate and District Access Group and a member of Harrogate Borough Council's Disability Discrimination Committee. He is a co-opted member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Access Forum representing people with disabilities. He wishes to see continued use of vehicles within the countryside via green lanes etc and successfully worked with Yorkshire Water to achieve disabled access improvements around Scar House Reservoir. He would like to make it possible for all countryside pursuits to take place for everybody's enjoyment.

Nigel Graham

Nigel lives at Norton Conyers near Ripon. He is a tenant farmer and professional land agent responsible for 61,500 acres of moorland in the North Pennines. He is a member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Rural Division and a member of the North Pennines Advisory Group of English Nature, dealing with matters relating to upland SSSIs. He understands and appreciates the impact of access on wildlife and those who earn their living from the countryside. He believes that CROW Act access can be achieved without undue disruption to the countryside and nature conservation.

Michael Knaggs

Michael is County Councillor for Malton and chairs the Ryedale Area Committee. He is a retired farm machinery salesman, former president of Malton Agricultural Show and member and former President of Malton Rugby Club. Over the years he has developed a wide range of contacts across the county and an understanding of the needs of a range of user groups.

Tim Laurie

Tim lives in Darlington. He is a part-time field class lecturer in prehistoric landscapes in the Yorkshire Dales and Pennines and has co-authored several papers on archaeology. He is co-director of the Swaledale Ancient Land Boundaries Project and a member of the Feldon Ranges Conservation Group. He has a detailed knowledge of the topography of the eastern fringes of the Pennines, an understanding of the threats to sensitive places and a special interest in protection of areas of high ornithological, botanical and archaeological interest.

Stephen Ramsden

Stephen is a farmer and landowner from Middlesmoor in the Nidderdale AONB. He is a Parish Councillor for Upper Nidderdale and serves on a committee for Moors/Dales training for land-based industries. Living and working on the moors, he can provide the Forum with first hand knowledge of day to day countryside issues, local farming contacts and advice on how to manage an increase in visitors.

Judith Ratcliffe

Judith lives at Stokesley. She is a voluntary bridleways officer for the British Horse Society for Hambleton District and North Yorkshire County Council's Northern Area . She is a former employee of Cleveland County Council's Research and Intelligence Department and North Yorkshire County Council's Environmental Services Traffic Section. She has been a horse rider and owner for most of her life and although her main interest is in bridleways for horses, she also has a good understanding of the needs of off road cyclists.

Anthony Turner

Anthony lives at West Ayton near Scarborough where he is programme manager for Surestart, a family support programme for children aged 0-4. He was previously an education officer for community learning and a head of department teacher. He is a leisure walker who owns two horses and is a member of Scarborough and District Riding Club.

Derek Welford

Derek lives at Easby near Great Ayton where he is a farmer. He is currently Chairman of the Local Access Forum. He is a former County Chairman of North Riding and Durham NFU and is current Chairman of Stokesley Agricultural Society. He is Chairman of Easby Parish Council, a former director of North Yorkshire Training and Enterprise Council representing agriculture and other land-based industries and a former Chairman of North Yorkshire Agricultural Training Committee. His farm contains well used rights of way and he encourages access to various user groups. He wishes to see a better understanding between owners/managers of land and those seeking access for leisure.

Thomas Wheelwright

Thomas lives at Wath in the Nidderdale AONB where he owns and manages an estate. He is a Chartered Surveyor and agricultural valuer. He is Moorland Association representative on the Nidderdale AONB Joint Advisory Committee and an executive member of Nidderdale Plus. He is a member of the Yorkshire Dales Green Lane Alliance and the Country Land and Business Association. He brings 30 years experience of rural land management, farming and sporting rights. He seeks to represent the interests of owners and occupiers of land, especially those affected by CROW Act access.

Meetings of the Forum

Meetings of the Forum are advertised in the local press and are open to the public, who are always made very welcome. An opportunity will be provided for any member of the public who attends to ask questions or to make a statement should they wish to do so. Wherever possible, meetings are held at locations relevant to the business under discussion.

Business of the Forum

The agenda and minutes of the quarterly meetings, and a copy of the most recent Annual Report, are available for inspection on the North Yorkshire County Council website at www.northyorks.gov.uk.

The principal agenda items at each of the regular quarterly meetings during 2005/2006 were as follows:

3 June 2005, Crown Hotel, Middlesmoor

- Approval of Annual Report 2004/2005
- Environmental Stewardship Scheme – presentation by Angus Barratt, DEFRA
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan update
- Open Access Update
- Access to open country – letter from Rt Hon Alun Michael MP
- Access Newsletter Issue 8 – DEFRA
- Bulletin 4 Access Management Grant Scheme
- North Yorkshire Joint Local Access Event

11 August 2005, County Hall, Northallerton

- Management and maintenance of the Green Lanes network
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Joint Local access Forum Event – 6 July 2005
- Local Access Forum Annual Report 2004/2005
- Fire Hazards
- Review of Local Access Forums – Countryside Agency Report
- Access Newsletter Issue 9,10,11 – DEFRA

24 November 2005, Council Offices, Pateley Bridge

- Geocaching – presentation by John Beavan, Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan progress report
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan Implementation Grants
- Open Access Volunteers
- Extension of Access Management Grant Scheme – Countryside Agency Consultation

- Proposal for a long term direction – access land at Raisthorpe Estate - Countryside Agency Consultation
- Review of Local Access Forum
- Amendment of the Local Access Forum regulations – DEFRA consultation
- Orders relating to public rights of way and the role of the Local Access Forum
- Local Access Forum Forward Plan
- Access Newsletter Issue 14 – DEFRA

23 February 2006, County Hall, Northallerton

- Rights of Way Improvement Plan progress report
- Skipton Pilot Project Phase 1 Report
- Open Access update
- The use of access land for training racehorses
- Ranger Service on Barden Fell
- Information on public rights of way
- Review of the Local Access Forum
- Local Access Forum Forward Plan

In addition to the regular quarterly meetings of the Forum, members were also involved in two additional joint meetings on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan with other Local Access Forums:

6 July 2005, Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton

9 January 2006, Romanby Golf Club, Northallerton

A summary of the major business transacted during 2005/2006 is set out below under five main themes:

- The Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Management of open access
- Local Access Forum Consultations
- Presentations to the Local Access Forum
- Developing the work of the Local Access Forum

The Rights of Way Improvement Plan

All Highway Authorities are required to produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan by November 2007. This will assess the extent to which local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public, as well as considering issues of accessibility for all types of user. Government guidance highlights the key role to be played by Local Access Forums in advising on the production of the Plan. For this reason, the emerging Plan has been a key focus for the work of the Forum throughout the year. Regular progress reports were received at each meeting and members debated several related issues.

In June 2005, the Forum received an update on the submission that had been made to the Local Transport Plan in relation to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. The previous meeting had considered a draft of the LTP submission, and following consultation with the Government Office (Yorkshire and Humber), this had subsequently been amended to address the issues raised. A report was also provided on ongoing work to assess the adequacy of the rights of way network for different classes of user and the methodology being adopted was explained.

In July 2005, a 'training day' was organised for members of the three Local Access Forums (North Yorkshire, Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors) involved with the production of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Representatives were also invited from adjoining Local Access Forums, including East Riding, Calderdale and Redcar and Cleveland. Following an introduction from the Rights of Way Improvement Plan Officer, an interesting range of speakers shared their experiences on a wide variety of access related issues. These included Lawrence Player (NYCC Social Services) – visual impairments; Celia Grieve (NYCC Social Services) – physical impairments; David Shaftoe (Open Country) – information for all; Andrew McCloy (Peak District LAF) – the work of the Peak District Local Access Forum; Jon Beavan (Yorkshire Dales National Park LAF) – geocaching; Paul Delaney (National Trust) – conserving access in the Lake District; John Deighton (Swaledale Outdoor Club) – the work of the Swaledale Outdoor Club; Liz Blanchard (Swaledale Outdoor Club) – mountain biking and orienteering; Chris Marshall (Countryside Agency) – the formation of Natural England; Bill Breakall (North York Moors National Park) – sustainable tourism and transport; and Tamsin Phipps (British Canoe Union) – the Rivers Access campaign.

In August 2005, the Forum received detailed feedback on the joint 'training' event held in July (see above)

In November 2005, the Local Access Forum were given an account of the proposed methodology to be used to assess the adequacy of the rights of way network. This involved dividing the county into a combination of service centre areas and landscape character areas which would then be used as a basis for assessing levels of demand and the suitability of the existing network for different types of user. A separate report was received on the funding of projects likely to be identified in the Rights of Way Improvement Plans. This covered the potential for support from the Local Transport Plan as well as a new source of implementation grant recently made available by the Countryside Agency.

In January 2006, a workshop was held to discuss the first draft of the 'adequacy assessment' of the rights of way network. This was attended by over 100 delegates including representatives of the three Local Access Forums, National Parks Rangers, AONB Officers and NYCC Area Rights of Way staff and District Council officers. This led to detailed prioritisation of access issues for each of the service centre and landscape character areas being used to provide the framework for the assessment.

In February 2006, the Local Access Forum received feedback on the previous month's workshop and an explanation was given as to how this work would be used to inform policy development for the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. At the same meeting a separate report was considered which explained the results of the 'Skipton Pilot Project', a local initiative which involved user group volunteers undertaking a detailed survey and appraisal of the rights of way network and formulating proposals for improvement. The Forum debated the conclusions and made recommendations on how the information could be used to feed into the Improvement Plan.

Management of Open Access

A second major focus for the work of the Local Access Forum over the year has been arrangements to manage the new right of public access to open country. The majority of access land in North Yorkshire became available on 28 May 2005. During the course of the previous year, regular reports had been provided to the Local Access Forum by the County Council on action being taken to prepare for introduction of the new rights.

In June 2005, the Local Access Forum received a report on the launch of the new rights at an event in upper Nidderdale just a few days earlier. Some of the key management measures that were being introduced were summarised. These included the provision of information points, interpretation boards and a wardening service using open access volunteers.

In August 2005, the Local Access Forum debated a report on fire hazards on moorland which highlighted the need to provide more information to the public and to ensure that there were updated fire plans in place for open access areas.

In November 2005, the Local Access Forum received a report summarising the results of the first season's wardening by the open access volunteers. 40 volunteers had been trained to assist with wardening and at least two had been out on patrol every weekend since May. Their reports revealed that most patrols had encountered relatively few people using the access areas and over 90% of those seen were using established paths or tracks.

In February 2006 the Access Officer provided further details of management problems encountered by the open access patrols during their first year. The views of the Local Access Forum were also sought on an issue relating to the training of racehorses on access land at Thixendale in the Wolds. Members supported proposals to resolve the issue through appropriate signage. At the same meeting, they also considered proposals to extend open access wardening to Barden Fell and agreed that this should be undertaken in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park ranger service.

Local Access Forum Consultations

- Countryside Agency consultation on the future of the Access Management Grant Scheme
This was considered in November 2005. In their response members made suggestions for targeting any future funding that might be made available on nature conservation issues, providing links to access land, developing the volunteer service and on a rapid response service.
- Countryside Agency consultation on a proposals for a long term direction on access land at Raisthorpe Estate in the Wolds.
This was considered in November 2005. After a lengthy debate, the Forum agreed that there were sound reasons for a restriction in this particular case to prevent disturbance to game birds and recommended that dogs should be restricted to leads all year round to avoid a confused message to the public.
- DEFRA Consultation relating to the amendment of the Local Access Forum Regulations
This was considered in November 2005. Members endorsed a set of suggested responses to various questions posed in the consultation paper aimed at improving or clarifying the regulations governing the establishment and operation of local access forums.

Presentations to the Local Access Forum

- Green Lanes
Following discussion in previous meetings of the Forum about issues related to 'green lanes', at the meeting of the Forum in August 2005 the Assistant Director of Highways North Yorkshire presented a report on the management and maintenance of the green lane network. This explained the legal position and ongoing work through the County Council's Green Lane Liaison Group towards the development of a policy to decide future priorities for maintenance and management. This led to a wide ranging debate on the complicated issues involved and the way forward for the future through consensus building.
- Environmental Stewardship
A presentation was made to the Local Access Forum in June 2005 by Angus Barratt from DEFRA on the operation of the Government's new Environmental Stewardship Scheme. Members debated a number of related issues, including educational access and the problems caused by paths crossing arable fields and farmyards.
- Geocaching
Following his talk to the Local Access Forums training day in July on geocaching, Jon Bevan, the Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Access Forum, was invited to give a presentation to the meeting of the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum in November. The

Forum provided advice on how this rapidly growing recreational pursuit could be more effectively managed.

Developing the work of the Local Access Forum

In August 2005, the Local Access Forum received details of a Countryside Agency sponsored research report on the work of Local Access Forums nationally. During September 2005, the Local Access Forum was represented at a workshop for Forums from across the Yorkshire and Humber region in which the report was debated in some depth. Subsequently at the next meeting of the Local Access Forum in November 2005, members considered how they felt the North Yorkshire LAF rated against a suggested checklist of good and poor practice and agreed a range of specific measures to help improve the work of the Forum. These included: induction for new LAF members; regular briefings for the Chair and Vice-Chair; circulation of minutes to NYCC Area Committees; improved liaison with neighbouring Forums; developing a more independent identity for the Forum; a review of the relationship between the LAF and the Rights of Way Liaison Group; the development of a Forward Plan of agenda items; and financial budgeting for the work of the LAF. At their next meeting in February 2006, members received an update on specific actions that had been implemented to help deliver these improvements.

In November 2005, the Local Access Forum received a report on Legal Orders relating to public rights of way. This prompted a debate on the extent to which the Forum should get involved in advising on detailed issues concerning the rights of way network and NYCC performance and highlighted the need for more detailed information.

In February 2006, the Local Access Forum received a report on the various types of information currently available for monitoring rights of way performance. The report also considered the relationship between the Local Access Forum and the work of the Public Rights of Way Liaison Group. The Forum was then able to consider what types of issues it might wish to invite reports on to future meetings.

Budget

The following expenditure was incurred by North Yorkshire County Council during 2005/2006 on behalf of the Local Access Forum

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| | £ |
| Annual Report | 1,160 |
| Meeting expenses | 460 |
| Recruitment advertising | 1,832 |
| Total | 3,452 |

Members' attendance 2004 – 2005

✓ = attendance

× = apologies / non-attendance

| NAME | 3/6/05 | 18/8/05 | 24/11/05 | 23/2/06 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Middlesmoor | Northallerton | Pateley Bridge | Northallerton |
| Diane Baines | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Eric Broadbent | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | × |
| Leo Crone | × | ✓ | ✓ | × |
| David Currie | ✓ | × | ✓ | ✓ |
| Edward Dennison | ✓ | × | ✓ | ✓ |
| Roland Firby | ✓ | ✓ | × | ✓ |
| Edward Flexman | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| John Fort | ✓ | ✓ | × | × |
| David Gibson | ✓ | ✓ | × | ✓ |
| John Goss | × | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Nigel Graham | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Michael Knaggs | appointment not confirmed | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Timothy Laurie | × | ✓ | × | ✓ |
| Stephen Ramsden | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Judith Ratcliffe | × | × | ✓ | ✓ |
| Anthony Turner | ✓ | ✓ | × | ✓ |
| Derek Welford | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Thomas Wheelwright | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | × |

Forward Plan for 2006/2007

Members are asked to consider future agenda items in advance and to discuss these with the Chair prior to each meeting of the LAF. The LAF then agrees a Forward Plan at each meeting covering a rolling two year period.

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| 4 APRIL 2006 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment Interviews |
| 27 APRIL 2006 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAF Induction for new members |
| 18 MAY 2006 - Pateley Bridge |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report 2005/2006 – Approval Prior to Publication Open Access land in Upper Nidderdale Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update NERC Bill Site Visit – Open Access Issues – Nidderdale AONB |
| JUNE/JULY 2006 (date to be arranged) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on Draft Green Lanes Policy – joint meeting with Yorkshire Dales LAF and North York Moors LAF |
| 17 AUGUST 2006 – Howardian Hills AONB |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Consultation Prior to Approval of Draft Plan Open Access Update Progress on Definitive Map Modification Orders Public Rights of Way budget Countryside Service Annual Report Site Visit – Rights of Way Issues – Howardian Hills AONB |
| 16 NOVEMBER 2006 – County Hall, Northallerton |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Access Update Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update Countryside Access Management System (CAMS) Demonstration Local Access Forum – Review of Effectiveness |
| FEBRUARY 2007 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Consideration of Consultation Responses Open Access Update |
| APRIL 2007 |
| Recruitment Interviews |
| MAY 2007 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update Open Access Update Annual Report 2006/2007 – Approval Prior to Publication Site Visit – Open Access Issues |
| AUGUST 2007 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Consultation Prior to Approval of Final Plan Open Access Update Site Visit – Rights of Way Issues |
| NOVEMBER 2007 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Receipt of Final Plan Open Access Update |

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Information on the work of the Forum can be obtained from the following County Council staff. All can be contacted at:

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| Keith Watkins | Access and Public Rights of Way Manager (to Jan 2006) |
| Iain Burgess | Access and Public Rights of Way Manager (from Mar 2006) |
| Angela Flowers | Improvement Plan Officer |
| Chris Jones | Access Officer (to Apr 2006) |
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