

Local Access Forum
Meeting of the 'Access for All' Subcommittee
Thursday 17th April 2008

Present: Tony Turner (note taker), Eric Broadbent, Diane Baines, John Goss (chair), David Swabey, and Paul Tibbatts

Unable to attend: David Gibson, Leo Crone.

Matter Arising from the Previous Minutes:

John Goss had had no reply to his letter to the Communication Department, North Yorkshire Times, regarding the lack of wheelchair access to the walks they had published.

1. It was agreed that we needed to prepare a LAF agenda for the visit of Richard Flinton, the new Director, that would help him to understand the work of the LAF and the issues that current members were concerned about. We need to choose some simple short term opportunities for improvement, as well as introduce him to some bigger and more long-term issues linked to the need to improve future funding for ROW. Can members of the LAF be prepared to offer examples of 'quick wins' where improvements could be made that are relatively inexpensive?
2. It would be helpful to establish a future wish list of projects and plans from the LAF with potential costs attached. This would help NYCC and others to better understand future funding needs. This existed partly in the existing ROW Improvement Plan but the LAF could 'fine-tune' this further.
3. David Swabey circulated an excellent list of accessible routes for those with limited mobility. The list contained additional information about gradient, distance and whether any further work was needed to make the route fully accessible. It was agreed to ask for officer advice about using this resource to publish a list of accessible routes in North Yorkshire. David (because of his extensive knowledge) was asked if he could identify any circular routes also.
4. The subgroup believes that waymarking should include some signs where destination and distance information is also given. These additional signs could be provided through local sponsorship. (To suggest adding to the list of principles.)
5. The group also suggested that where the circumstances would be appropriate, stiles could eventually be replaced with gates that are pushchair and wheelchair friendly. This suggestion will be included in the Parish Council Toolkit.
6. Publicity & Communication:

- 6.1 It was suggested by Diane Baines that we develop a primary school resource pack with suggested activities to help young people to understand their local rights of way.
 - 6.2 To publish a guide to the different rights of way in the NY Times. Can the officers provide this information to the editors? This could go on the NYCC website, similar to that of South Gloucestershire.
 - 6.3 Where walks are currently publicised in the NY Times and elsewhere it was agreed to encourage the authors to add information about any section of a ROW that had higher rights e.g. cycleway or bridleway.
7. The group expressed concern that the finance for supporting the maintenance and improvement of ROW has been reduced. It was agreed to ask for an update on this at the next meeting.
 8. We see Lancashire as a model of excellent practice. Can North Yorkshire learn from there?
 9. Members recommended offering a presentation to Richard Flinton at its next meeting. It was agreed to seek volunteers to share in delivering the presentation.

After the meeting John Goss indicated that he was intending to resign his place on the LAF because of current poor health.

ROUTE	LENGTH	1 WAY/ CIRCULAR	SURFACE	GRADIENT	TRAFFIC	OBSTRUCTIONS	FACILITIES	COMMENTS
GREAT AYTON Green Lane to Ayton Firs (GR 565097)	½	1 way	tar	flat, slight rise	access only	none	Gt.Ayton Parking at GR 565097	No work required
GREAT AYTON Green Lane, Tunstall (GR 543120)	2	1 way	tar	flat, hills slight at ford	little through traffic	culverted ford, running after heavy rain	Gt.Ayton Parking at GR 543120	Views No work required Rural
STOKESLEY Flood Diversion Channel Tresanto (GR 538087) to Broughton Bridge and Kirkby Bridge	½ 1	1 way	firm, grassy banks	flat	none	gates	Stokesley Parking at Broughton Bridge GR 539080	Survey required Rural
INGLEBY GREENHOW West of Folly Farm (GR 582054)	1½	1 way	tar	flat, slight gradients	little through traffic	none	Stokesley Parking on Lane	No work required
South East of Folly Farm to New Sheepfold	1½	1 way	tar	flat	little traffic cul de sac	none	Parking on Lane	Linked together would form 3 mile route
GREAT BROUGHTON Bank Lane to farms (GR 553052)	1	1 way	tar and gravel	slight	farm traffic cul de sac	none	Great Broughton Parking at GR 553052	Views of hills Survey required

KIRKBY-in-CLEVELAND (GR 538058) to Toft Hill along Hill Road	1¼	1 way	tar	gentle rise	little cul de sac	none	Kirkby Parking in lane beyond Village	Close to Cleveland Hills Popular Village walk towards hills
HUTTON RUDBY Blue Barn Lane (GR 471072)	3½	part circular	tar, gravel, grass	steep to and from Corn Mill at Crathorne	on tarred section only	gates	Hutton Rudby Parking Blue Bath Lane	Needs Survey with some surfacing Powered Wheelchairs
KNARESBOROUGH High Bridge (GR 347572) to Grimbald Bridge (GR 362562)	2	1 way	tar	none	little as there is no through route	none	Knaresborough Parking at High Bridge	No work required Excellent for viewing many of Knaresborough historic sites
GOLDSBOROUGH (GR 381561) to Little Ribston via Ribston Park	3½	1 way	tar, then grass, then tar in Ribston Park	slight	little - only farm and estate vehicles	gate and 3 stiles in High Wood	Goldsborough Parking in Guisborough	work required on middle section of ¾ mile path through fields and through High Wood. Excellent potential for long wheelchair route

KNARESBOROUGH Grimbald Bridge (GR 362562) to Goldsborough (GR 381561)	1¼	1 way	gravel	steep bank to Goldsborough Mill Farm	none except road crossings (A58, B6164)	gates	Knareborough Guisborough	Would be central section linking 2 previous walk linking High Bridge to Little Ribston Powered wheelchair only Survey required
RIPON CANAL(GR 323705) B6265to Ox Close Lock	1¾	1 way	gravel and grass towpath	flat	none	none	Ripon	Negotiate with British WaterwaysCanal- side walk
FOUNTAINS ABBEY Visitor Centre (GR 272687) LAVERTON (GR 226733) Laverton Bridge area along Gillgate Road and Appleby Lane	various routes in park and circular abbey with water garden	1 way and circular	gravel, tar, grass	flat, but some gradients towards East gate	traffic free to visitor traffic depending on route	none	Visitor Centre	negotiate with National Trust especially over improving 7 Bridges Walk Excellent opportunities for touring this World Heritage Site
	1½	1 way	tar and gravel	slight, near Low Intake	little	none	Kirkby Malzeard Parking in Laverton	Pleasant rural lane No work required

SWINTON (near Masham) Roomer Lane (GR 223786)	1	1 way	tar	gentle gradient	little	none	Masham Parking at Roomer Common GR 223786	No work required Pleasant rural lane
JERVAULX ABBEY Wensleydale (GR 169857) to Cover Bridge JERVAULX ABBEY (GR 169857) through Jervaulx Park (could be combined with previous route)	2	1 way	grass	flat	busy A6108, (200 yards) then none	4 gates	Jervaulx Abbey	limited work required would make excellent riverside route
ULSHAW(GR 145873) to Danby Low Mill and into Danby Park	1	1 way	gravel	flat	none	gate into park	Jervaulx Abbey	No work required Very pleasant walk through parkland
RIPLEY Hollybank Lane (GR 284605)	1	1 way	tar, gravel, grass	flat	little	none	Middleham	Survey Required Would make pleasant parkland route
PATELEY BRIDGE -Bewerley Glasshouses -	2	1 way	gravel	1 hill (motor wheelchair)	none	none	Ripley	Requires survey Ancient historic road, (17th Century Ogilby's York to Lancaster road
PATELEY BRIDGE -Bewerley Glasshouses -	3	circular	tar, gravel	slight hill into Bewerley	little, (road closed at Glasshouses)	none	Pateley Bridge Glasshouses	Is road at Glasshouse to be re-opened to traffic? Beautiful dales Scenary

RAMSGILL (GR 118711) Bouthwaite - along east side of Gouthwaite Reservoir	2½	1 way	tar, grass, gravel (old railway line)	some hill at present	little to Bouthwaite then none	needs surveying and surfacing	Ramsgill	"Big" project with funds required Excellent route along reservoir side
LOFTHOUSE (GR 101734) to Scar House		4 1 way	tar, on old railway line	gradual	some (to resevoir)	none	Lofthouse	No work needed Traffic?
RICHMOND STATION (GR 176009) to Easby		2 1 way	gravel	flat	none	none	Richmond	No work required Excellent woodland and river route
GILLING WEST (GR 183051) Waters Lane - Jagger Lane - Hartforth	3½	circular	tar, gravel, grass	slight rise	farm traffic	gates and stiles between Hartforth and Gilling West	Gilling West	Fanciful but first 1½ miles would make excellent rural one-way route Funds required to complete circular route
HOVINGHAM (GR 667756) to Slingsby		2 1 way	grass	flat	none	none	Hovingham	Survey Required Open fields with views
GILLING EAST (GR 615770) West to Lower Fish Pond		2 1 Way	tar, gravel	flat	little (cul de sac)	none	Gilling East	No survey required Walk through fields and woods

NEWBURGH LAKE (GR 541768) to Low Rush via Colley Broach Road	2	1 way	tar	1 hill, medium gradient	little, farm traffic	none	Coxwold	No survey required Excellent peaceful route with views
OULSTON (GR 547744) West along lane to Yeoman Course House	1	1 way	tar all way, slight hill	slight hill	little	none	Coxwold	Excellent views down on to Vale of York
BISHOPTHORPE TO RICCALL on York- Selby railway line	5	1 way	gravel	flat	none	none	Bishopthorpe Riccall	Ready to Use
FILEY BRIGG	1	1 way	gravel, grass	flat	none	none	Filey	Ready to Use
LEEDS & LIVERPOOL CANAL West and South Skipton	8	1 way	gravel, grass	flat	none	none	Skipton Gargrave	Surveys required for all 3 canal routes
SELBY CANALS South West of Selby	5	1 way	gravel, grass	flat	none	none	Selby	Also negotiations with British Waterways
AIRE and CALDER NAVIGATION Heck Bridge (GR 584209) west 4½ miles to boundary	4½	1 way	gravel, grass	flat	none	none	Knottingley	Canals towpaths make flat interesting route