

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum**4 February 2016****Schools and Education Project****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To update the Forum on progress.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In February 2015, Members received a progress report on a project to promote outdoor access for school children. It was noted that further work was planned to produce modules that can be incorporated into the worksheets used by the NYCC outdoor centre and a blueprint to help teachers promote outdoor access for primary school children.
- 2.2 The Chair has worked further on this and a copy of “Getting Out ‘n About Together” is attached.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Forum considers progress and next steps.

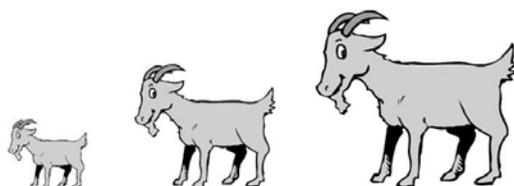
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Background Documents: None

GETTING OUT 'N ABOUT TOGETHER

Aimed at Primary School age children, this ideas list is to encourage children to gain confidence and interest in using their local path network. Designed to stand alone or to enhance the education gained from visits to the Outdoor Learning Centres, it is hoped these projects will support the benefits of **Getting Out 'n About Together**.



(being a **GOAT!**)

Walking out of school, instead of in to school:

- Make a list of the flowers, trees, birds and insects found. Note how this will change with the seasons. Devise an observation game or quiz
- Guess how far the walk was, then work it out on the OS 1:25000 map
- Initiate a litter-pick; how long will the various items take to biodegrade?

Back In the classroom

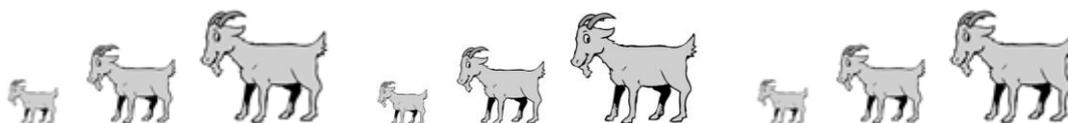
- See how the current map contrasts with the map of 100 years ago; the changes of society, the history reflected in road or field names
- Why paths matter. Their purpose in the past and now; healthy lifestyles, sustainable transport, social interaction; responsibilities
- Plan an exhibition centred on Your Path for a school Open Day or have a **GOAT** walk with friends and family.

Could the school Adopt a Path?

- Keep it tidy, and encourage others to do so too.
- Is your trail user-friendly for the less able? Is it safe? Is it signed and easy to follow? Can you ask the Parish Council to be a partner to improve it?

These are a few of the projects that can be explored, with many opportunities to follow the themes of the John Muir Award (Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share) as promoted by NYCC's Outdoor Centres. Overleaf are source notes....

SOURCE NOTES
FOR
GETTING OUT 'N ABOUT TOGETHER



An essential tool for Getting Out and About Together is an **Ordnance Survey Explorer map** (orange-fronted series) with a scale of 1:25,000. No other scale will show what you need: i.e. short green dashes to indicate footpaths and long green dashes to show bridleways. When you are out and about, paths should be signed from the road, then translate to yellow arrows for footpaths, blue for bridleways wherever there is doubt about the correct route in order to prevent trespass.

The County Council is responsible for public rights of way. On your computer put in **North Yorkshire County Council rights of way**, where you can navigate to online mapping, walking and riding leaflets, contacts and every kind of useful information.

The North Yorkshire County Record Office (the Archives) in Northallerton is a rich source of information and their website will provide old maps, parish records and all sorts of local background. **archives.northyorks.gov.uk/dserve/wt_contact.htm** They can even arrange visits and talks.

There may be a **local history group** in your area who would enjoy working with you, and telling stories or showing photographs of your neighbourhood from the past.

This leaflet is produced by the **North Yorkshire Local Access Forum** – an independent body which advises on Access within the county, and which wishes to promote the enjoyment of rights of way particularly amongst those new to the experience.