

MID COTSWOLD TRACKS AND TRAILS GROUP

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2010

Access Week ride: The ride during BHS Access Week (21-31 May) will be held on 29th and organized by Julie Dickens. The ride will go through Westonbirt and cover the Badminton area with parking at Hawksbury Upton pond. Due to limited parking a maximum of 12 riders can be accommodated. Julie is willing to lead a ride but maps and directions will be provided for those who wish to do the ride unaccompanied. WE are charging £15 to non members and £10 for members. Please note accompanying poster with all the details and display or pass on to your friends. A black of white version is also attached for those who cannot print in colour.

Cotswolds on Horseback project: is progressing with some trails being redesigned to make them more user friendly or to make them more attractive. Trail 19 through Westonbirt is being used for the Access Ride.

Meeting with GCC PROW: I had a useful meeting with John Lane, Deputy to Alan Bently, the GCC PROW team leader. Following the meeting 3 issues affecting CoH trails have been followed up: the contract has been let to re-hang Potlickers Lane gate from the other post; the gates at Severnhampton have been fixed although Lois has informed me that there are ongoing problems there of which GCC are aware; GCC have the money to improve the surface near Brook Farm at Cranham but they are awaiting assistance from the Cotswold Wardens to get the work done. John Lane has promised to let us have a copy of their work programme for next year.

Social event for members: We are having a BBQ on 21 August from 6.00pm, probably in Dursley. The details will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting in June. Please note the date for your diary.

Membership drive: The following suggestions are to be followed up:

- Re-circulate riding clubs etc
- Produce a 'professional' quality leaflet and business cards which can be used to advertise the group.
- Offer to assist on BHS strand at Gatcombe and display MCTTG material.
- Ask local saddlers/ feed merchants to display MCTTG material.
- Investigate having a presence at Frampton Country Fair and Cotswold Country Fair.
- Investigate use of empty shops in Stroud to display MCTTG material.

If you can help with any of these please let me know.

Website: "For Sale and wanted" section is to be included on new website.

Appointment: Lois is the new County Access and Bridleways Officer.

Penn Wood decision: We are checking on what has happened to this decision which was promised by July 2009!

Quiet Lanes: The Quiet Lanes in Rodborough are to be formally opened soon.

Marsh Lane, Kings Stanley: Pat Harris is fundraising for repairing Marsh Lane.

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