

MID COTSWOLD TRACKS AND TRAILS GROUP

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Hello. I am Leni (Leonora) Rozee the new Chair of the MCTTG. The last year has seen the group become established and start to make an impact on making our area more accessible to horse riders and others. Most of the credit must go to Pat Harris our founder who, after what was an amazing 18 months of incredible activity has decided to give up her role as Secretary to the Group and to resign from the Committee. We are sorry to see her go but know that she will continue to support the Group. As a result of Pat's decision we need a new Secretary or Secretaries to undertake any or all of the following roles: membership; organising meetings and taking minutes; monitoring the web mailbox into which all mail using the secretary e-mail address now goes. If you are interested and wish to discuss the role/s either Leni (07774 836004) or April (01453 823834) will be happy to discuss.

A key achievement for Pat has been the improvement of Gypsy Lane in Leonard Stanley where a previously impassable bridleway up a steep gully has been cleared and widened to give a much more useable track for riders, walkers and cyclists alike. The fundraising for the improvement to Gypsy Lane raised £523 between February and November this year and the Committee agreed to donate £600 to Gloucestershire County Council for the improvement work. These funds were instrumental in ensuring that GCC were able to do the work before the end of the year. We plan to handover a cheque to GCC early in the New Year and hope to get some riders, walkers and cyclists along to give us some publicity. Look out for details of the event. Thanks to all who supported this important project – we will be monitoring how the track stands up to use and to ensure that it remains usable for the long term.

At their meeting on 9 December the Committee agreed to focus effort on updating the BHS Cotswold on Horseback book with a view to publication by the end of 2010. Lois Eyre is doing sterling work in reviewing all of the routes the

recommending which ones we should concentrate on and where there is a need to find new routes. Our long term goal is to ensure that all of the routes link up in some way to significantly improve off road access right across our area.

This is the first of a regular series of newsletters through which we will keep you updated on the work of the Group.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a very happy festive season and lots of good and safe riding, cycling, walking and carriage driving in 2010.

Leni Rozee

Chair MCTTG

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