

# MID COTSWOLD TRACKS AND TRAILS GROUP

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

A belated Happy New Year – can it really be the end of January already?

## OPEN MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY NYMPFIELD VILLAGE HALL 8-10PM

We are holding an open meeting for members and anyone else interested and we have invited Alan Bently Head of the Public Rights of Way team to come and talk to us. Any questions you may have on what they do and how we can help them will be welcomed. Please tell others about the meeting and come and support your group and bring along friends. At the AGM I suggested a target of doubling our membership by the next AGM. This is an ideal opportunity for us to attract new members.

## GYPSY LANE APPEAL

I hope you saw some of the excellent coverage of the Gypsy Lane cheque presentation in the Stroud News and Journal, Citizen, Stroud Life and at <http://www.southwestbusiness.co.uk/gloucestershire/Horse-riders-improve-old-lane/article-1761424-detail/article.html>. We may be a small group but with a bit of effort and determination we CAN make a difference to the quality of the tracks and trails in our area. The Committee agreed that the Gypsy Lane appeal is now closed.

## SECRETARIAL HELP

On the subject of effort, we are still sort of secretarial assistance to share the load. Steve Radcliffe has kindly taken on the website and is working hard to refresh and update it. Look out for the new format soon. However, no further offers of assistance have come forward and without some more help there is a danger that all of our hard work over the last 18 months will lose momentum. So do please think about how you might be able to help – whether it is to look after the membership or help with arranging meetings. Every little helps as they say.

## COTSWOLDS ON HORSEBACK

I am very pleased that the work on updating of the Cotswolds on Horseback book is continuing apace with Lois Eyre leading on this. She is being helped by various members who are checking routes and drafting notes. Please look out for any requests she may put out for further help as this is our top priority.

## SOCIALS AND RIDES

The Committee propose that we hold one social and one ride this year. We have identified May and June as the most appropriate months in which to hold these events and are looking for volunteers to help organize them. If you can help please send a message to the secretary webmail address on the website or email me at address below.

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