

**Peak District Local Access Forum
Access Sub-group
Aldern House
5 March 2014**

Attendees:

John Thompson (Chair), Charlotte Gilbert, Henry Folkard, Clare Griffin, Caroline Hanson, Terry Howard, Sue Weatherley, Bob Berzins
Mary Bagley, Mike Rhodes, Sue Smith

Suzanne Fletcher for item 1.

Apologies:

Edwina Edwards, James Kellie, Gill Millward

1. Agricultural Policy Reform

Sue Fletcher reported that new agri-environment agreements would be covered by the New Environment Land Management Scheme (NELMS). This programme also covers the Woodlands Grant Scheme. Work is currently ongoing on details of the prescriptions and payments. Annual payments for the provision of permissive access are not available other than for educational access. Capital works are also available for educational access. Existing agreements will continue to be funded for the remainder of their term.

Details of the consultations, proposals and timelines can be viewed at [Land Management Developments webpage](#).

It was also reported that NE were piloting an uplands outcome approach focused on moorland areas. Signs to keep dogs on leads were also going up at hotspots as part of the NPA's wader recovery project.

2. Property Update

Mary reported that job specifications and descriptions were being reviewed as part of the new structure for the Property Team and existing contracts had been extended. An open meeting for North Lees and Stanage was planned for the 29th March in Hathersage.

Donations were being sought for events on the trails which were then going towards maintenance.

**ACTION: report to the June Forum meeting on events and visitor
payback.**

3. South West Peak Landscape Partnership

Sue S reported that a presentation by Karen Shelley-Jones would be made to the March Forum meeting on the funding bid and the links with the LNP and LEP.

ACTION: report to the March Forum meeting.

4. Derbyshire County Council Access Land

DCC were seeking the LAF's views on potential access improvements. Sue S broadly outlined some of the areas from an earlier visit with Gill and members considered that it would be helpful to have more information before they consider further.

ACTION: Gill to forward information for consideration at the next sub-group meeting.

5. Deer Hill Restriction Review

Sue S provided details of the forthcoming statutory review on this site which would be considered at the full Forum meeting in March. It was noted that the previous amendments to the fall of shot boundary had resulted in significant improvements for climbing here.

ACTION: Members to report their comments to the March meeting of the Forum.

6. Open Access Anniversary

As part of the 10th anniversary of the introduction of open access in the Peak District Sue S proposed that the LAF produce a booklet commemorating access land. This would accompany the refreshed Walking on the Wild Side leaflet. Events including guided walks could also take place at this time.

ACTION: Sue to discuss requirements with LAF Members.

7. Access Wish List Updates

Terry raised the unresolved situation at Rod Moor whereby fencing under stewardship had reduced access to open access land. The potential for access at Redmires was also raised.

Sue S confirmed that discussions had taken place at Rod Moor at the time that the fence went in but that she would continue to seek an opportunity to improve the access. In relation to Redmires, Mike reported that discussions had not been encouraging.

ACTION: Sue S to progress and update sub-group.

8. Cake of the meeting

Fruit cake. Thanks to Sue W.

9. DoNM

To be arranged