

# HORSE AROUND

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WEST PENWITH BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION

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## *Straight From the Horse's Mouth*

Getting round to produce the Summer edition of Horse Around is quite difficult when the sun is shining and outdoor tasks are beckoning and there is hay to get in the barn. Now the weather has 'thrown a wobbler' we have been able to get on with this Horse Around.

Adrian is making a good recovery from his broken leg and he soon hopes to be back on his horse for gentle short hacks. We plan a more varied horse hike programme once we are able to get out and research some new rides. You will find some very easy gentle rides on the new programme for those who really want a quiet scenic ride. The first is with Sue and Howard at St. Just in August. So if you want to walk and trot only this one's for you.

Congratulations to our 3 members who qualified for the Hunter Trials Championship at Peterborough. You can read about it in this Horse Around.

I'm afraid this edition may be groaning a little under the weight of some articles on new rules and regs. courtesy of the government and the EU, but we do want to keep you informed the best we can.

Finally, thank you to those who renewed your membership promptly. If you did not pick up your membership card at the AGM, it is enclosed with your copy of Horse Around. I enclose a reminder to those who have not yet sent their subscription. We do hope you will continue to support us. We believe the membership fee offers excellent value for money with 4 newsletters a year and horse riders being represented at Parish Council and County Council level. We will continue to make a difference and your support is essential.

New members have slowed up as we expect now that we have been going for nearly 3 years. (we have probably got the word around to most) If you know of anyone who you think we might have missed why not ask them to join. It only takes a moment of time.

Margaret

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## *AGM Report*

It does seem a long time ago now but our AGM was held on 26th March. Over 50 members enjoyed a brilliant talk by our Equine Dentist, Ellie O'Toole - complete with horses heads! Thanks again to Ellie!

Our Principle Officers are unchanged:

Chairman: Adrian Bigg

Secretary: Margaret Bigg

Treasurer: Charlie Cartwright

Our Committee Members are:

Gill Burman, Beverly Jenkin, Helen Lewis, Alison McCarthy, Amanda Nicholson and Sue Small

*Ellie showing the features of the equine mouth*



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## Horse Hike From Ludgvan Stables April 6th

Our Horse Hike from Ludgvan with other riders from Ludgvan Stables for a leisure ride was led by Charlie Cartwright on Maverick and was a ride at a medium to slow pace for the less fit horses and beginners. U

From the stables entrance on Blowing House Hill we headed up the lane past Nanceddan and then down the steep hill to Cucurrian. Now "off road" we took bridleway "Ludgvan 52" through the old shooting grounds to join the long part of 52 in the direction of Cannons Town and Heather lane. This part of the bridleway is in a very poor state, recently suffering further damage from motor bikes which have dug out a deep rut along the middle of the path. Sure footed horses/ponies are needed here! We then turned left down the byway past Gonew, across the little ford and coming out on the "B" road from Lelant downs. A few paces to the West and we turned into the National Trust entrance to Trencrom Hill. The National Trust have continued to keep the horse track around the hill well trimmed out for us. The view to the North East across St Ives bay towards Gwithian Sands was magnificent.

Now back on tarmac lanes for about 1½ miles we enjoyed the ride past Trencrom farm Wheal Kitty and Trembethow, eventually turning left back on to the west end of bridleway 52. Here the County Ranger had cut a small diversion around the waterlogged part of the path locally known as "the swimming pool" (*We had previously reported the bad state of the bridleway to the CC*). Without this diversion determined riders had got wet and muddy feet (up to horse's knees) going through there. We thought how nice it would be if the whole route through 52 was well cleared back - which would require machinery to do and well beyond our own resources to tackle. Prior to the ride Charlie had cut back some of the worst of the overhanging boughs by hand. Returning to the shooting grounds we took a diversion through private land (with prior permission), to ride back through the fast flowing ford near Cucurrian Mill and then up the steep hill back to the stables.

We had covered 6½ miles in all at an easy pace, about 4 miles were on bridleways and byways.

Charlie is planning more rides from his Ludgvan Stables, including to Zennor to explore the new route being offered by the National Trust (see this newsletter). Also a ride across Lady Downs and through Carnaquidden and Chysauster to try out the recently reopened bridleway "Madron 55" from the Chysauster road to Castle an Dinas. (Featured in the last Horse Around.) Both these rides will be at a leisurely pace and will require sure footed horses/ponies..

## Bridleway Clearance

All parishes other than Paul have joined the County Council's Local Maintenance Partnership scheme. Parishes are therefore responsible for keeping your bridleways clear. Parishes sometimes have different strategies and timescales for when they trim out the paths. We sometimes find that bridleways are only trimmed for footpath use.

**Bridleways should be trimmed to a minimum width of 2.5 metres and a clearance height of 3.5 metres!**

If you find bridleways not adequately cut back and to full height do contact your parish clerk or do let us know. However it is important to make sure that the path in question is a bridleway on the definitive map (or OS map).

## 2003 Summer/Autumn Programme of Horse Hikes

Please put these dates in your diary.

Organiser  
or Contact

U	St Just	23 <sup>rd</sup> or 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Sue & H.
UU	Drift	13 <sup>th</sup> or 14 <sup>th</sup> September	M & A
U	Ludgvan	27 <sup>th</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Charlie
UU	Ch. Carn Brea	11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Amanda
UU	Gwinear	25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> October	M&A
U	Goldsithney	8 <sup>th</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Alison

Always check with the organiser or ourselves at least a few days before. We do need to have an idea of likely attendance, and the exact date will be determined by the interest in the ride and/or weather. Please phone us early to find out more about these rides.

Sue and Howard 788125 Amanda 871876  
Charlie 368610 Alison 763223  
Margaret and Adrian Tel: 795098

Most Horse Hikes will find a suitable pub for a lunch stop.

Hikes are ridden at your own risk.  
BHS Affiliation covers our members for Public Liability Insurance on organised rides.

### Juniors on Horse Hikes

All juniors must be accompanied by a responsible parent or guardian who can look after them and their safety on the ride, and can vouch for their riding competence.

*If you have a good idea for a Horse Hike or wish to organise one, do please let us know!*

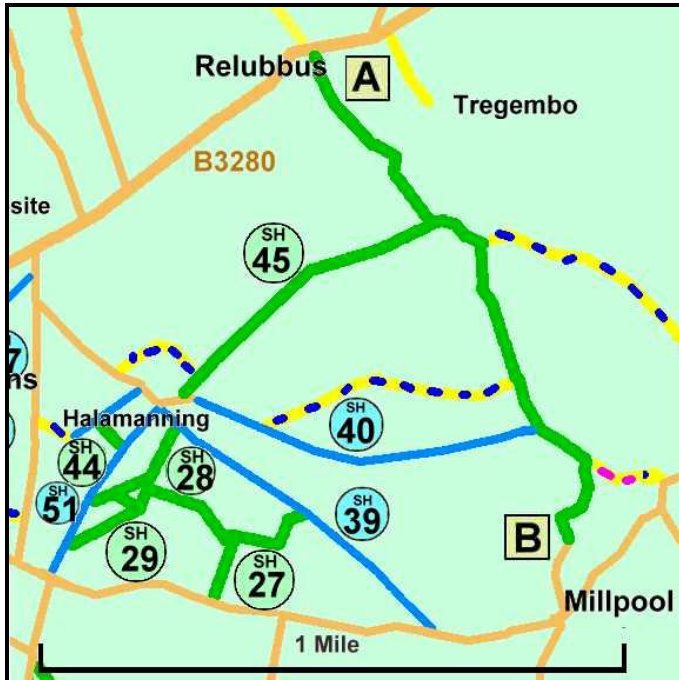
## Horse Hike Grading

When we first started running horse hikes we suggested grading the rides so the more apprehensive riders could choose the level of horse hike they would like to take part in. Although the hikes we have run so far have not been difficult or particularly demanding, you will see that on this new programme we have planned some easy rides to suit the more cautious riders or those with unfit horses. We hope this will inspire more to participate in our hikes. We are marking our rides as follows:

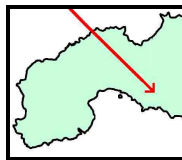
- U Easy Ride at walk or easy trot with maybe the option of a canter or two.
- UU Rides with a reasonable amount of trotting and canters where the terrain is suitable.
- UUU Rides which may be a little more demanding either in length or pace of ride to suit the more experienced rider or fitter horses

## Featured New Bridleway – Relubbus to Millpool

## Modification Orders and the Definitive Map



Key	Road	ByWay	Bridleway	Track
	Orange line	Blue line	Green line	Yellow line
			Dashed blue line	Dashed yellow line
			Dashed green line	Dashed orange line



A piece of very good news is that after a lengthy process a Modification Order has been implemented on the path that runs through from Relubbus to Millpool to create a new bridleway. It runs from **A** to **B** on the above map. It is new in the sense that it is now added to the definitive map and the route is thus secured for all time. The process started well before our association was formed.

From Relubbus the bridleway runs near the upper reach of the Hayle River and then broadly follows the boundary between the parishes of St Hilary and Germoe to Millpool. The bridleway also connects to existing bridleway St Hilary 45 and Byway St Hilary 40 along its way. It is also joined by some other ridden but non designated tracks. The bridleway is wooded for much of its length.

The parish of St Hilary does have a very high density of bridleways and byways most in reasonable condition, making good and varied riding. Many of the paths have their origins in the district's mining heritage.

### Riding Maps of Penwith

Each Map is A3 in size and is 2.5 miles per inch. The maps are available as follows:

- No 1 Sennen and St Leven
- No 2 St Just
- No 3 St Buryan and Paul
- No 4 Sancreed
- No 5 Madron
- No 6 Morvah and Zennor
- No 7 Towednack and St Ives
- No 8 Ludgvan
- No 9 St Hilary, Marazion, Perranuthnoe, Germoe
- No 10 St Erth and St Hilary
- No 11 Breage and Germoe (available shortly)

The maps cover adjacent parts of neighbouring parishes. These maps are available at a nominal cost of only £1 each to cover production costs etc. Any three maps will be sent for £2.00.

Please send cheque or coins with your order to Adrian at

Trevesa Farm. An A4 SAE would be much appreciated.

**The Definitive Map** - The definitive map is a map maintained by the County Council which is a legal record of the public's rights of way in one of four categories (footpath, bridleway, or byway open to all traffic). If a way is shown on the map, then that is a conclusive legal right of way for the designated users.

However the reverse is not true. Depicting a way as a footpath does not prove that there are not, for example, additional unrecorded rights for horse-riders to use the way. Nor is the fact that a way is omitted from the definitive map proof that the public has no rights over it.

**Modification Orders** - The statutory process for amending the definitive map is a 'Modification Order'

There are different subcategories of orders. The one which is most common and relevant is an order to either modify existing rights shown or to record rights on paths where none are recorded. (ie either change footpath to bridleway, or to record an undesignated track as a bridleway).

Unless all landowners of a path agree and are prepared to dedicate a path as a right of way, the path has to be shown to be a right of way (and for our purposes by horse).

There are defined procedures to enable the allegations to be tested. These are set out in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, older procedures still apply but are more difficult.

To establish that a way has become a right of way by means of presumed dedication, it is necessary to show firstly that there has been uninterrupted use as of right by the public (not necessarily the same people all the time) over a period of 20 years. This is typically about 8 people who between them have used the path over a twenty year period.

**Difficulties:-** The process is long and tedious for a single path and generally results in a public enquiry. This is why currently such order processes are only instigated where the right to use a path is challenged.

In Penwith most of the tracks and paths we ride are not designated as bridleways. Problems occur often when the landowner changes and the new owner 'does not like horses' or does not like walkers'.

However after 2026 all claims to rights of way which are not on the definitive map are lost. Hence action is required now!

**What are we doing?** - We have completed mapping all known ridden routes in West Penwith. We have clearly marked on our maps all ridden paths that are not bridleways. This included short links which connect many bridleways to roads often as well as the major routes.

We are going to categorise these and prioritise these to enable us to form a strategy for submission of potential Modification Orders. In the course of this we will also be looking carefully at how the County Council's Strategy of parish reviews is progressing.

In anticipation, we are going to be looking for riders who have ridden particular routes over the years and are willing to witness such use. If we just wait for the County Council's review process (will take at least 20 years!) the opportunity to speak to many witnesses will have disappeared.



## **The CROW ACT and Open Access**

The CROW Act 2000 provides for the designation of moorland and other specific areas as 'Open Access'

The Countryside Agency has recently published the draft maps for Cornwall. They are available at various public offices and also via the internet. ([www.countrysideagency.com](http://www.countrysideagency.com)). The draft maps are for comment by both the public and land-owners on the land which has been included (or excluded when it should be included).

Before you all get excited and think that you can therefore ride on this new 'open access' land. We can tell you that the Act specifically excludes providing access for all activities other than walking on foot.

Despite lobbying by the BHS when the Act was going through parliament, other lobbies made sure that horse riding was excluded.

As we have said before, they also made sure that any existing rights we have by history of usage, expire for good in 23 years time. We have only 23 years left to get all the many undesignated routes we ride onto the definitive map. We are initially participating in the County Councils parish by parish review to see how 'efficient' their plans are for putting things right. (See article on Hayle Review.)

Going back to the open access issue - Although the Act specifically 'excludes' horse riding on these open access areas it does not take away any existing rights you have either through history of use (until 2026) or through a path being on the definitive map.

However we do hope that when the detail of access to these areas is discussed with the landowners that permissions for horse access can be obtained on some of the land where appropriate. We just have to be patient but monitor the processes very carefully. The new statutory County Access Forum and our new local Penwith Access Forum will be very useful instruments to address our concerns and hopefully our needs.

## **National Trust Permissive Bridleway to Zennor**

Following our request to the National Trust, we are pleased to report that the NT (with the co-operation of other landowners, and farmers) is now able to allow horses to use the old lane which runs from the moors (Amalveor Downs/Lady Downs) through Foage Valley down to Zennor, where the Miners Arms will welcome you for refreshment.

The route is following the old lane (not the route directly across fields that has sometimes been used in the past). Some restoration and clearance work has still to be done by the NT on the old lane but the route is passable at present with care.

Do please as always respect any stock on the moors and on Foage Farm through which the track runs, and please leave all gates as you find them.

For more information or if you are uncertain of the route please contact me.

Adrian.

## **PAROW – (Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum)**

As we mentioned in the last Horse Around, ourselves (the WPBA) together with West Cornwall Footpaths Preservation Society, the Ramblers and Penwith District Council have established a new Penwith Access and Rights of Way Forum (PAROW).

Its formal objective is "To promote and achieve wider access to public rights of way and open land in Penwith, with further development of the network, in partnership with all aspects of the community".

Along with Penwith District Council, ourselves and the footpaths associations, all parish councils are encouraged to participate as are countryside organisations and landowners such as the National Trust.

The Forum is separate from Penwith District Council. However PWDC have given £2000 to enable the forum to get off the ground. The Forum is currently in the process of applying for funding from the "Rural Key Fund" to finance the employment of a 'Paths Officer'.

This Paths Officer will complement the work already done by the County Council and the parishes in the maintenance and enhancement of the rights of way network. This new officer will be able to look at all paths, bridleways and footpaths including those that are not on the definitive map. Liaison and provision of new access will be an important part of the officer's role.

The Forum provides a good platform for addressing rights of way issues working with the parishes and landowners with co-operation rather than confrontation.

We are greatly encouraged by this new development. It has come about because the importance of our paths network to the rural economy is now more fully appreciated. The aim is to seek the co-operation and enthusiasm of more landowners in achieving the goal of improving access in Penwith.

## **Hayle Parish Review**

We attended the Hayle Parish Review on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. This is the last of the pilot set of reviews organised by the County Council to try and correct the definitive map of our rights of ways.

**As we have reported again in this Horse Around, the recent CROW legislation removes any claims to rights of way through past usage unless they are put on the definitive map by 2026..**

The CC set out their stall to user groups and the general public on what they hope to achieve. Detailed maps of Hayle have been issued to anyone interested and this is being followed by a consultation period. Their plan is to put missing paths onto the map and sort out anomalies such as path designations that stop at parish boundaries or farmyards and farm lanes. (The Definitive map was started in 1949. In 1951/52 parish councils were instructed to undertake a review. This is when a lot of anomalies and inconsistencies started as adjoining parishes failed to communicate on decisions made. Around this time horse riding was probably at its lowest point of interest and consequently there were not many folk interesting in promoting bridleways and access).

The only mechanisms that are currently proposed by the CC to put things right are landowner's consent or modification orders. At this stage we are very sceptical on how much these processes will achieve and in what timescale, with their current resources.

## Riding Helmet Standards

I wanted to buy a new style airy riding helmet but didn't want to end up with just a fashion item with no real protection so I decided to do some research into the many confusing standards on offer.

Firstly there are various national standards organisations eg.:

BSI British Standards Institute  
SNZ Australian/New Zealand test house  
SEI Safety Equipment Institute (USA)  
ASTM: American Society Testing & Materials

Other marks are:

CE Introduced for products entering the EU to meet the basic safety requirements of Europe. (not worth the paper its printed on!)  
PAS: Product Approved Specification - The British equestrian safety standard  
EN: The European standard designation.

The common standards assigned to helmets are:

EN1384: The European Standard - This standard may be found prefixed by other initials belonging to the country testing the helmet, eg. DIN EN1384. Certain people demand BS EN 1384 because the helmet has been tested in Britain. Though in theory there should be no difference, Germany and Italy have approved helmets that would have failed if tested in Britain!

PAS 015 1994: is BSI's enhanced EN1384 standard. It offers improved protection to the crown and the intermediate areas, which together account for 75% of most general riding impacts. It tends to be a bulkier helmet.

PAS 015 1998 put right certain differences which occurred between PAS015 and EN 1384 which were not foreseen in 1994. Namely crush resistance and prevention of brain injury when landing on an edged surface.  
However the PAS 015 1998 standard is generally less stringent on some features but is still better than the European standard.

So which is the safest helmet? From what I have read, these two helmet standards come out the top. The British Standards PAS 015 and the American ASTM 1163 95. So we are talking Charles Owen Competitor and Champion Pro Plus Jockey skull and the Troxel range.

The British PAS 015 1998 still offers the best yet in terms of shock absorbency, penetration and retention. However, when two sizes of helmets were evaluated, medium and small, the small ASTM helmet was found to provide a higher level of protection than the small PAS 015 helmet. The British Standard and American Standards are the most stringent in testing but with subtle differences about how and what they test. The European standard tests is not as rigorous. So don't buy a helmet with only the EN 1384 label on it if you want maximum protection.

SNZ 3838 1998 is an Australian/New Zealand standard.

The BHS recommends:

BS PAS 015 1998, ASTM 1163 95 or BS EN 1384

The British Horse Trials Association recommends:

PAS 015 1998 and ASTM 1163 95

Other points of note:

- Chincups have been banned. They can cause serious injury
- Soft peaks are imperative. It must crumple under impact or the wearer can sustain serious injury to c-spine vertebra. Soft peaks worn to protect eyes from the sun will fold under such stress, and whilst impact injury might still result, a broken nose will mend much easier than spinal damage.
- A horse rider in an accident, who has not fastened up their helmet can render any insurance invalid.

Obsolete standards:

BS 6473 1984 and BS4472 1988 and are no longer seen as suitable by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE)

I hope this helps you understand and clarifies the awful mish-mash of letters and numbers!!

Margaret

## Horse Passports Update

From 1 January 2004 all equines need to have a "for life" passport. The aim of this EC ruling is to prevent horses entering the human food chain with any medication not allowed for food producing animals.

Over 50 organisations have been authorised to issue passports – registering each horse with an equine life number. The cost will be set by each organisation so prices will vary. The BHS say individual ones will be between £20 and £30 (£13 may be the starting price for those with lots of horses to register.) Special arrangements have been agreed for semi-feral horses on Dartmoor and Exmoor and in the new Forest.

A silhouette is required for your horse. An existing silhouette (eg done by your vet) can be used but will need additional information. It does not seem clear how these silhouettes are going to be produced and by whom, and in the timescale required for all the 1m horses in the UK.

### Positive Benefits

Having a national horse database will give information on horse numbers and distribution and enable an equine disease surveillance system. Also, when you buy an animal the passport system will give more information than is often the case currently.

You can sign an opt out clause to say you do not wish for the animal to ever go for human consumption. Your decision can never be revoked.

### On the Negative Side

The cost will be considerable especially for those who have large numbers of horses. Organisations such as the Donkey Sanctuary who have 5,000 EE-AWES, say it's a 'necessary evil' which will cost them money and a lot of extra work. The ABRS (Association of British Riding Schools) oppose the legislation because of the extra cost and say it could be the final straw for many proprietors already operating on narrow margins. This legalisation together with the new deadstock laws (see below) is likely to greatly increase the disposal costs for horses. Disposal costs of £300 or more are already being talked about!

The details of the scheme are still being finalised, but once it becomes law, owners who fail to comply could face a fine up to £5,000!

## EU Legislation on Deadstock

From the 1 May 2003 all on-farm burials will be illegal. Fallen stock will have to be taken away and incinerated or collected by the hunt kennels. This legislation applies to all animals not deemed as pets. The pet exclusion will not be a loophole for tame animal owners.

Typically, costs could be

Donkey/Pony/Horse	£100-£200+
Sheep/Goat	£30
Chicken	£ 5 !!

These disposal costs are very hard on keepers of livestock. DEFRA was trying to get a subscription scheme going for farms with reduced costs but so far without success.

## News from outside the County

### Somerset

Somerset CC are considering banning all motorised vehicles from RUPPS (Roads Used as Public Paths). Any such track that was once used by horse and carriage can legally be used by motor vehicles. At the request of the Ramblers Association, the Somerset CC may downgrade such tracks for the sole use of walkers, horse riders and cyclists only. The Quantock Hills are suffering greatly from erosion damage and pathways are becoming very deeply rutted due to the usage of trial bikes. The ban will come in at the end of this year if they decide to go ahead. (Note there are no paths designated as RUPPS in our area.

### The Welsh Equine Economy - Facts

It has recently been reported that a third of the Welsh rural economy is horse related business, and such enterprises are the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest employer after farming, with 15,000 jobs and is worth £15M to the rural economy. There are 240,000 people who ride in Wales alone. One in twelve people in Wales ride. There are 2.4 Million riders in the UK. Equine studies and related degree courses are now very popular, in particular Veterinary Science and Equine Nutrition.

### FESTIVAL OF THE HUNTER

Welsh Riding Club's Novice Hunter Trials Championships.

A team of 4 who qualified at Scorrier back in March recently made the 8 hour journey to Grange Farm Equestrian Centre, near Peterborough, to compete in the Riding Clubs Novice Hunter Trial Championship. The team included 2 WPBA horses, the chip-eating Trennal Tristan (otherwise known as Twister) ridden by David Curnow and owned by Heather Gibbons, and Night-time Nina owned and ridden by Liz Thornton. The other 2 members of the team were Scott Perry riding Something Stupid (which he certainly wasn't) and Julia Randlesome riding her own Del-Boy. The team should have included Vicki Donnithorne on Percy Padlock, but he wasn't able to go.

Verity Honess and Vicki had both managed to secure some sponsorship which made the trip more manageable and the horses looked very smart in their cool rugs, numnahs and the riders in their coloured silks. Thanks must go to Arena Leisure, Club 2000 and Royal Mail.

After travelling up on the Friday the horses had a well earned rest day to settle in and loosen up after the long journey. They had lovely stables on site and soon made themselves at home. We were able to take them for a paddle in the carp-filled lake and for some lush grass.

Sunday dawned and we were soon very busy. David was first to go at 8.52 16<sup>th</sup> of over 140 horses in their class. Twister had a brilliant round going 5 seconds inside the optimum time and clear. The course ran on both sides of a valley and included 3 water jumps and some quite technical obstacles too. The other 3 all went clear but had some time penalties. The team finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 32 and Twister was individually placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of over 140 competitors. The team also was one of only 6 to have no jumping penalties - A BRILLIANT EFFORT BY ALL

Heather Gibbons

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## In Brief:

**Camel Trail:** - You may recall that we wrote to North Cornwall CC in support of opening up the Camel Trail to horse riders. They have now decided to open up the Trail to equines. Until now you could only ride a short length of the trail, as most of the route was prohibited to horse riders.

**Safer Country Lanes:-** The CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) have called for the designation of Quiet Lanes where walkers, cyclists and horse riders have greater priority.

**Rural Population:-** The population of the countryside has increased by 20% over the last 6 years. Around 300 people a week, nationally, leave the cities for a better life in a rural environment. A major concern is the increase in rural traffic.

**Guide Ponies:-** No, not a belated April Fool joke but a serious item on the tv news. Miniature Shetland Ponies are being trained up to be guide ponies for the blind. So far, the trials have been successful. The ponies have been house-trained, can negotiate escalators and some have even travelled on aircraft in the cabin on scheduled flights with their dependant. The reason why Shetlands are being trialed is because the long standing faithful Labrador; although ideally suited to the job, only has a working life of 6 or 7 years, and the blind person then has to go through retraining and getting used to a new dog. The advantage of the pony is he can do the job for many more years.

### Bridleway Number 26 Sancreed

This bridleway runs from Grumbla through Botrea and Higher Botrea. There is a CC six month closure notice on this bridleway because it has been reported that the stream bridge is in a dangerous state.

Despite this, the bridleway still appears to be being used as normal – even by local vehicles! Please use your own judgement. We will give more information in the next Horse Around

### Horsebox/Trailer Owners

Did you know it is illegal to accept any form of payment – even in kind, for transporting horses without a licence and insurance. Apparently you need an Operator's Licence and the correct hire and reward insurance.

This may just seem like a bit of bureaucratic nonsense but it is wise to NEVER accept any promise of payment or return favour for giving anyone a lift. Private arrangements between friends after a successful journey are of course difficult to police. But regular arrangements, even with friends for reward or favours, are certainly to be avoided. Be warned because it is reported that more than 100 horse transporters have been seized for operating without valid licences, and receiving reward most certainly invalidates any insurance you have.

For further clarification of this contact the Vehicle Inspectorate the national helpline is 0870 6060440, or contact the Organisation of Horsebox and Trailer Owners on 01488 657651

**Jack Russell Puppies** - We have some delightful Jack Russell puppies now two weeks old. Both parents have lovely temperaments. If you are interested in providing a good home for one when they are ready please enquire from Margaret and Adrian Tel 795098