

SIGNPOST

Newsletter of the Peak and Northern
Footpaths Society



RAMBLING FROM THE CHAIR

For some this will be the last edition of Signpost they will receive as they have chosen not to renew their subscription. No doubt the current economic climate and increased subscriptions are partly to blame. At less than 20p per week our subscriptions are a small price for an otherwise free activity. I say free, but in reality there are still those who seek to deny the walking public their ability to freely walk the paths that run over their land. Subscriptions are a vital part of our income that helps fund the work we do in the fight against those who deny us the right to walk in peace.

Invisible Work

One of the problems the Society faces is that much of our work is invisible. When we come home from an enjoyable walk on good paths that are well marked, clear of obstructions and not overgrown, how much thought do we give to that invisible work? I'd hazard a guess that the answer is not a lot. But when you have had that good walk, how are you to know if the Society has been involved in ensuring the paths were clear and well marked? This is why I refer to it as invisible work; it goes on unnoticed. Whilst it is true that our signposts and bridges are very visible evidence of our work, in reality they represent a very small, albeit important, part of the work we do.

So how is the Society to address this problem; how are we to raise awareness of the work we do? I am not sure that there is an easy answer or a quick fix to the problem, but we are making a start in this edition of Signpost. You will notice that there are more footpath-related reports but I must stress that this work represents only the tip of the iceberg. For the time being the bulk of our work, carried out by the inspectors in the field and the assessors at Taylor House, remains unsung. But it is a vital part of the struggle to keep paths clear for the enjoyment of all walkers.

Inspectors Conference

On 4th October we held our bi-annual Inspectors conference at the Britannia Hotel. The event was well attended and opened with a presentation from Mike Taylor from Cheshire County Council, showing what can be achieved by a good authority that is determined to uphold the rights of walkers. We also had presentations from Terry Norris, Donald Cruttenden and Chris Davidson. For me the most important part of the day was the feedback from the inspectors. This will help me set the priorities for the year ahead.

There were two very clear messages: "better documentation of our processes" and "access to information". On the latter we are lucky to have recruited Donald Cruttenden via an advert placed with REACH, an organisation we will be using again. During my early meetings with Donald he suggested that a structured database, based on highway authority, parish and path number, accessible via the internet and containing all the latest information, would be a major improvement to the way we work. Now a good idea is one thing, but being able to deliver it is another. Fortunately for the Society, Donald was not only coming up with a good idea but he was also offering to deliver a solution. An early prototype was demonstrated at the conference. It was well received and we hope to be running a field trial in the year ahead.

New Appointment

Another welcome development is the appointment of Dave Brown as Vice Chairman (Admin). Dave will be taking on a number of vital projects, on which he can work mainly from home as he is still in full time employment.

Now in order to make space for reports on the "real work" I've been told to stop rambling and keep it brief. So I'll round off with the following: Thanks to Rotherham Ramblers who donated £300 to the society. Thanks to K. Jones, step-daughter of Harry Sutcliffe, a former Inspector of the Society, who contacted me to return Harry's files. Although I didn't meet Harry I believe that he still reads Signpost avidly. Finally, thank you to all our other volunteers, especially those who helped with the Inspectors conference.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Shortly after the publication of the last issue of Signpost I received this letter

David.

I have received "SIGNPOST" and note that little information is available/included for the area north of Taylor House. Does our membership not extend into this area or is the area unsuitable for footpath/countryside walking?

Regards: FP Inspector Shiny Boots Gerrard, Northern Territories (or perhaps the Empty Quarter)

I replied with a detailed analysis of the issue, demonstrating that the balance was about 60-40 in favour of the southern area, which hardly justified the description "little information". But the Chairman agrees that there is a genuine problem and gave his own reply, which is reproduced here

Hi Brian

To answer your question regarding the extent of our membership: it is a fact that the bulk of our membership live within a few miles of Taylor House and that the majority of our volunteers also live in that area. If we look at the history of the Society it is also a fact that many of the early disputes were in the area now covered by the Peak National Park Authority. As recently as 1992 the Society split our patch into inner and outer areas with Inspectors in the Inner area and Agents in the outer area. No doubt the decision was right for the time, but it is not a concept that we believe is right today. We cover 34 highway authorities in an area of 6,000sq miles. Our aim must be to give even coverage across the whole area.

Our efforts on recruitment this year have been aimed at strengthening membership in the outer area. Bakewell was a success. Our illustrated talks and increased leaflet distribution by our Inspectors are all yielding results. We are leading 11 walks in the South Pennine Walking Festival all aimed at spreading the word and recruiting new members.

Signposts and bridges are our silent ambassadors, drawing in new members, and we are constantly looking for new locations in the "outer area" to find new ones. We welcome suggestions from all our members for new locations.

As to suitability for good walking: our outer areas provide ample opportunity for good walks, often away from the crowds, better served by public transport than many realize, and for those travelling by car, parking is often plentiful and free.

Finally, it occurs to me that our members are our finest ambassadors. If we all planned to take a walk in the outer areas, carrying a couple of leaflets, engaging fellow walkers along the way with a view to recruiting them to our cause, that really would make a difference.

Clarke Rogerson (7th September)

WALKERS STOPPED BY ALDERLEY BYPASS

Construction of the Alderley Edge bypass will commence in January 2009. This means that all footpaths that cross the line of the bypass will be closed until sometime in 2011. Footpaths in the parishes of Chorley and Nether Alderley will be affected. In addition the road, Welsh Row, will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians where it crosses the railway. This means that it will not be possible to cross the line of the bypass between Chelford Road near Alderley and the A34 Congleton Road, north of Monks Heath.

A map showing the line of the bypass can be found at www.cheshire.gov.uk/roads/aebp

Neil Collie

ACROSS THE BAY

From SD468665 to SD400760.

If you want to get away from it all and experience adventure with a smell of danger then I can recommend the walk across Morecambe Bay from Hest Bank to Kents Bank. Not on your own though, but with the Queens Official Guide Mr Cedric Robinson. Yes he has the Royal Charter to guide whoever, across the Bay, following a route established thousands of years ago, to see the same views and experience the same conditions as the earlier travellers on foot and in wagons. For this was an official mail route up to the introduction of the Lancaster to Barrow-in-Furness railway in the mid 19th century.

As you stand barefoot on the shore at Hest Bank with the sun shimmering on the sand of the bay, remember that this could change when you are on your way. Your guide is waiting with his ropes, whistle and flag-mounted poles. Yes, he's done the risk assessment! He remarks to the group that there has not been a lot of rain recently so the River Kent section should be passable, "Should be"! Of course at the start we will have to negotiate the ever-changing course of the River Keer quicksands! All set? Good!

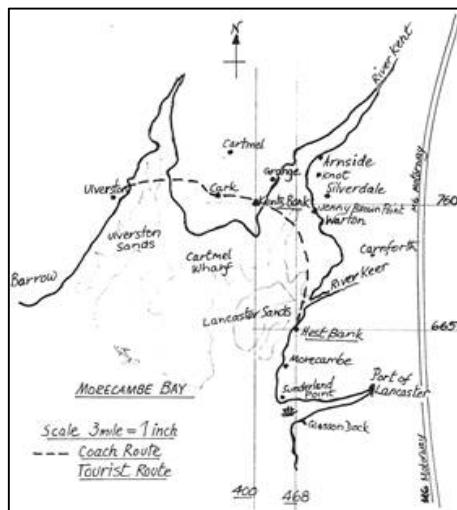
Cedric strides off, encouraging us all to stay close behind without straying and to watch his flag. Kents Bank is nine miles away, shimmering in the haze. The first two miles are easy, the sand firm, and you wonder why all the fussy preparations. Then you feel a bounce, your feet start to penetrate the sand up to your ankles, and you realise why. Cedric ties a rope about his waist and pays it out. Having left a stalwart as anchor man he finds the safest way across the dangerous floating sand. Soon we are all across onto firm sand again and on our way. As we, trudge barefoot onward, the famous beauty spots of Warton Crag, Jenny Browns Point and Arnside Knott become visible. As we draw level with Arnside Knott there is a shout from the rear. A man is sinking to his knees in the sand. Cedric shouts for all to stay still where they are and he throws an already looped rope to the victim. Or is he an actor in Cedric's pay?

We continue towards Grange, now visibly outlined in the distance. It is interesting to note at this point the illusion created by broad stretches of sand interspersed with pools of water. Although we have been walking for 45 minutes the landmarks of Cartmel Fell and Grange appear no larger. Now we are on the last three miles and beginning to wonder about the state of flow of the River Kent, just as travellers in bygone times must have done. Cedric, who lives in the Guides Cottage at Kents Bank, knows the danger signs on this fast-flowing river and urges us in and onwards. You are soon up to your knees and braced against the force of the current. Others are clinging to their partner or hero. All the time Cedric can be heard shouting encouragement to keep moving and to keep your eyes on the shoreline ahead.

The river appears wider than expected, taxing your resolve. Then wow! You've made it across, wondering what would it have been like had there been a thunderstorm the night before. Soon you are on terra firma between Grange and Kents Bank, giving thanks to Cedric and searching for the transport back to Hest Bank.

What a wonderful experience, trekking this ancient route exactly as our ancestors did... But do not, repeat not, attempt it without an authorised guide.

Shiny Boots Gerrard



RISLEY TIP APPEAL

Back in April the then Chairman, David Bratt, gave the evidence reproduced below on behalf of the Society at a public inquiry to determine an appeal by Biffa Waste Disposal against a decision by Warrington BC not to grant planning permission to allow a 2 year extension to the working life of Risley waste disposal site. The Society's interest in this was the effect on Footpath 13.

The inquiry was a major event lasting nearly 3 weeks with lots of evidence given on both sides. The decision by WBC not to grant permission was taken at councillor level and was against the advice of their own planners! It is very satisfying to report that the inspector dismissed the appeal and the Society can take some credit for the outcome, with the footpath remaining undiverted

1. My name is David Bratt of 107 Common Lane, Culcheth and I am giving evidence on behalf of the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS), of which I am Chairman.
2. The PNFS is the country's oldest footpaths society dating back to 1826, is a charity and works through unpaid volunteers in 8 northern counties to protect our precious footpath heritage. The membership of the Society has grown from 800 to 1,400 over the last 4 years. We have 80 groups representing thousands of members affiliated to us and supporting our aims.
3. Our policy is one of consultation rather than confrontation to resolve footpath issues, and the majority of diversion proposals we have no issue with.
4. Footpath Risley 13 was already diverted some years ago as part of the landfill site development and we believe it would be perverse to divert it and the accompanying stream yet again.
5. The footpath is, with one notable current exception which I will detail for the inspector, quite pleasant to walk (as per the 2 photos) and the stream is clean looking and supports flora and fauna.
6. The loss of the path and stream to allow the extended site would mean the destruction of a wildlife habitat and its inhabitants and the loss of enjoyment which it gives to those walking by. Enjoyment is one test for a potential diversion.
7. Another is convenience, and in this regard the current section of around 600m would be replaced by a 3-sided, traipse viz 400m east and parallel with the noisy M62; 500m north; and finally 200m west, meaning an extra, inconvenient and less pleasant 500m.
8. In conclusion we ask that due weight be given to the loss of wildlife habitat and the reduction in enjoyment and convenience to walkers that would result from the proposed extension.

BRIDGES

Since the hand-over of the Hey Wood Bridge, Kirklees in May 2008 the following footbridge projects have been approved:

- Brampton Footpath 15, above Linacre Reservoirs , Derbyshire (£1,883)
- Two bridges north of East Morton on Keighley Footpath 275 (£1,925)
- A bridge northwest of Oakworth on Keighley Footpath 29 (£1,050)
- Sun Wood, near Shelf, Calderdale (£3,484).

In each case we have negotiated a package of improvements to the paths leading to the bridges, paid for by the highway authority. We have been promised that these bridges will be constructed when it stops raining and access is possible! Won't we all be happy then?

Neil Collie

PNFS WALKS PROGRAMMES

For all walks: please check all rail or bus times near the date.

All walkers joining a PNFS led walk should wear appropriate clothing and are responsible for their own safety. Walk leaders reserve the right to exclude people from the walk without giving any reason for that decision.

SHORT WALKS

Wednesday 12th November

Leader: Clarke Rogerson (0161 749 8412)

Stalybridge to Greenfield linear walk.

7.7 miles. 1,332 ft gentle ascent.

Manchester Victoria 1027. Walk starts Stalybridge Station 1042. Bring lunch.

Wednesday 10th December

Leader: Neil Collie (0161 440 9424)

Alderley Edge circular

6 miles. 650 ft ascent.

Manchester Piccadilly 1033. Walk starts Alderley Edge Station 1110. Bring lunch.

Wednesday 14 January

Leader: Peter Vickers (0161 748 8135)

Broadbottom circular via Great Wood

6 miles. Moderate ascent.

Manchester Piccadilly 10.49. Walk starts Broadbottom Station 1110. Bring lunch

Wednesday 11 February

Leader: Dave Brown (01663 733236)

New Mills to Whaley Bridge linear walk.

6 miles. 700 ft ascent.

Manchester Piccadilly 1037. Walk Starts Newtown Station 1105. Bring lunch.

LONGER WALKS

Wednesday 26th Nov

Leader: David Morton (0161 283 7824)

Marple to New Mills linear walk - 17 PNFS signs!

12 miles. 2,100 ft ascent..

Man Piccadilly 1003. Walk starts from Marple Station at 1030. Bring lunch.

Wednesday 10th December (note EARLY date)

Leader: Jeff Lewis (0161 766 5201)

Newton le Willows to Winwick linear walk.

10 miles. Little ascent

Manchester Piccadilly 0949 or Victoria 1001. Walk starts Newton le Willows station 1030.

Return to Newton le Willows by bus.

Wednesday January 28th 09

Leader: Brian Morrison (0161 483 8957)

Broadbottom to Stalybridge linear walk.

10 miles. Hilly.

Manchester Piccadilly 0949. Walk starts Broadbottom station 1015. Bring lunch.

Wednesday Feb 25th 09

Leader: John Humpherson (0161 449 0524)

Bromley Cross circular.

10 miles. Hilly.

Manchester Victoria 1000. Walk starts Bromley Cross station 1030. Bring lunch.

CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF A PATH SHOWN ON THE DEFINITIVE MAP

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 set up the system of definitive maps and statements. The Act provided that they were conclusive evidence in law of the particulars they contained; in other words the definitive map was truly definitive. Unfortunately a subsequent amendment to the statute, introduced by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, allowed for the deletion of a path from the map on discovery by the highway authority of evidence that there is no public right of way as shown on the map. Thus it is possible for the status of a path to be brought into question some 50-60 years after the definitive map process was completed. Fortunately the courts have ruled that the evidence to overcome the presumption that the path in question is correctly shown must be 'of some substance and compelling in nature'. If the application to delete the path is opposed, then the matter must go before an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State who will conduct a public inquiry.

Just how difficult it is for the highway authority to satisfy this burden of proof is illustrated by the Society's recent battle with Calderdale Council, who sought to delete from the definitive map a path at Coley in the parish of Brighouse. The Council produced four witnesses in their 80s who had lived in the area all their lives. Thus their recollection went back to the 1930s some decades before the definitive map was produced. The witnesses were adamant that no path had ever existed as shown on the map. The inspector held that "this was not evidence that no path existed or that local knowledge of the existence of the path was not available when the route was included on the definitive map." This confirms the important legal point that negative user evidence, however sincere, cannot in itself defeat the presumption that the map is correct.

In my view this is as it should be. The original process which led to the production of the definitive map gave ample opportunity for landowners and others to object to the inclusion of a path on the map and for these objections to be tested by adjudication before an independent inspector. Paths would have been included on the basis of local knowledge and memories going back to the 1880s. It is unacceptable that this process can be challenged after 60 years because the owners of the land crossed by the path find it inconvenient or a nuisance. It was a pleasure to join David Norcliffe, a local historian and keen supporter of public rights of way in successfully defeating Calderdale Council. In the near future the Society will be joining the RA in facing a similar battle with Wigan Council, who want to delete from the map a path in Standish.

Terry Norris, (Courts and Inquiries Officer – Western Areas.)

1952 ANNUAL REPORT

The Society does not have a copy of the 1952 annual report.

Someone, somewhere, must have a copy. So please search your shelves, cupboards and attics. If you find a copy please allow David Williamson to borrow and copy it

Contact him at 01663 733035 or captdavidandgill@aol.com

PNFS IN NEW PARISH PATHS LEAFLET

When PNFS Footpath Inspector John Goodman was approached by Pott Shrigley Parish Council, Cheshire, and asked if he would help with the production of a "Parish Paths" leaflet, he knew immediately that there was one local landmark that had to be featured: a PNFS signpost. The only difficulty was choosing which one, because there are at least three PNFS signposts within the traditional bounds of Pott Shrigley parish. John, who lives in the parish, gathered together a leaflet production group of fellow parishioners, all keen walkers. He was quickly joined by another PNFS member, Roger Fielding, who made a major contribution to the project. Like the others, he gave his time and expertise freely as a service to the community. The colour leaflet *Walking in Pott Shrigley* was formally released in October 2008 and immediately found favour with local walking groups, as well as attracting the attention of the local press.

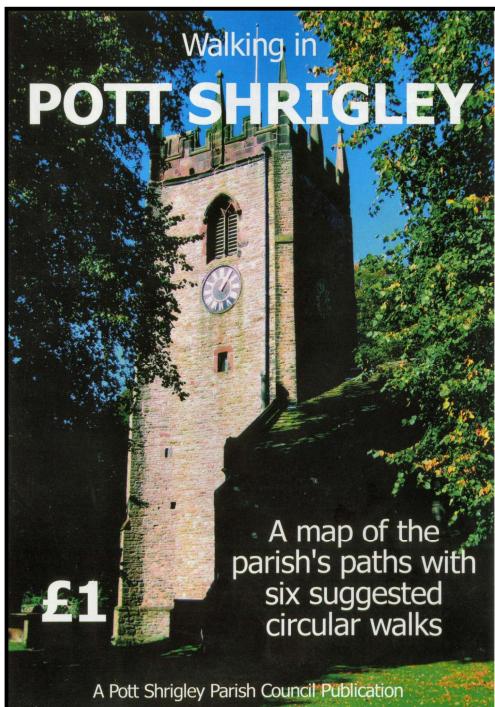
Parish Paths leaflets aim to encourage walkers to use the public rights of way to follow easy circular routes within the parish boundaries. The Pott Shrigley leaflet packs a lot into its double-sided colour sheet, which folds neatly into a cagoule-pocket-sized booklet. Six circular walks are described with text and map, ranging from a 2 mile (3km) stroll to the 7.5 mile (12km) Tour of the Parish. A large map, based on the OS map, identifies start and finish points, footpaths, bridleways, bus routes, roads and refreshment points. An accompanying information panel gives helpful advice on how to reach Pott Shrigley by public transport.

Pott Shrigley and its St Christopher's Church, a grade one listed building, have many features of historical interest dating from the 13th century, as well as an industrial heritage reflected in place names today. Walking in Pott Shrigley provides exercise for the mind as well as the body and John and his group have encompassed all this for the benefit of walkers and visitors. When *Signpost* asked John to comment he was quick to praise the work of the many hands that were involved. He said, "The PNFS people helped us to start out on the right road. The thoroughness of the leaflet group's research work gave us a surfeit of quality information and accurate routes and the excellent design, typesetting, artwork and printing of the leaflet made it a credit to Pott Shrigley parish. It has been hard work for everyone who was involved but it is very rewarding to see the splendid finished product."

Which PNFS signpost became the chosen one? No 154 on Moorside Lane which points the way to Bowstone Gate and Kettleshulme. To see it, follow walk 1 in the leaflet.

Copies of the *Walking in Pott Shrigley* leaflet cost £1. They can be obtained from the information centres in Macclesfield, Bollington and Poynton; the library, Discovery Centre and Chadwick's newsagents in Bollington; and the Coffee Tavern restaurant and tea room in Pott Shrigley.

June Mabon



SIGNPOSTS

In the three months since Signpost 29 appeared we have done the following:

• Inspected, cleaned, and generally improved.	29
• Obtained landowner's consent	7
• Repairs	4
• Cross-plates : patterns made/painted/fitted	8/8/4
• Restored and re-erected	2
• Reposted	1
• Plates painted at home or in situ	11
• New signposts erected	4

The Renaissance of Signpost 22



In August, I got Whiteheads' Iron Foundry in Broadheath to shot blast and weld S022 (Barber Booth), then repainted it in its original black and white with a dedication to Thomas Mower (1840 – 1915), our first Footpaths Inspector and Signpost Officer.

Then in September we reinstated S013 and its cross-plate S020 at Hope Cross after a long absence due to PNP or DCC policy from, I think, 1966. It rejoins S057 (Haggside) and S127 (Belmont) in the place where it was first erected in 1905. The photo shows my good self with farmer David Shirt, who helped us with transport up the rough track, and John Hodgson our contractor, who did all the hard work,

On October 17th Brian Morrison. and I fixed new cross-plates on S002 and S019 (Kinder Reservoir). Next for cross-plates will be F014 (Derwent), S057 (Hagg Side) and S103 (Sparsbent, NW of Three Shires Head). Cross plates for signposts 99 (Abney) and 34 (Grindleford) are at Taylor House, undergoing minor repairs and repainting.



Vice president Sir Martin Doughty has funded three signposts in the New Mills/Furness Vale area which should be in place when this newsletter goes to press

Our small team has recently been reduced by the absence of Ted Wolfe due to health reasons, but he is now ready to play his part again in helping John Hodgson to erect new signposts. However, if you can help with such chores as painting signposts in situ or even just cleaning them, please contact me for an informal chat on 0161 283 7824. We especially need help over towards Sheffield and Belmont and way down south,

David Morton

THE PERILS OF NOT POLLUTING POLITENESS WITH LEGALITY

Public footpath Newbold Astbury 39 runs through Whitehill Farm near Congleton. In 1992 the occupants, local MPs Nicholas and Anne Winterton, wished to improve their security by having part of the path moved away from their house.

In November 1992 Cheshire County Council consulted the Society about a diversion proposal. We replied by objecting on the grounds that its route was excessively long and by suggesting two possible shorter routes. On 30th April 1993 the Council wrote to us referring to our "two letters of objection" and stating that the relevant Sub-Committee had approved the Wintertons' application. Enclosed was a copy of the Order. The deadline for lodging objections was 7th June.

We made no written objection to the Order, but tried to negotiate an improved route with the Council and the Wintertons. These efforts culminated in a site meeting with the Council, the Wintertons' agent and Anne Winterton on 16th July.

On site, our Chairman (Leslie Meadowcroft) and Secretary (Derek Taylor) realised for the first time that altering the terminus of the footpath would expose walker to fast moving traffic on Mow Lane, whereas the existing terminus gave good views in both directions and a large space where a walking party could pause until it was safe to proceed. Anne Winterton then announced that the Order route was not negotiable.

The Council representative gave us a copy of the Advice which he had taken from Stephan Sauvain, an eminent rights-of-way counsel. Paragraph 22.3 of this Advice states that because, legally, the Order was unopposed, the Council might confirm it. And it was confirmed on 28th July. Cheshire was doubtless glad to avoid an inquiry at which Wintertons' adversaries (politicians, walkers and couch potatoes) would queue up to accuse them of putting their own security before public safety.

We complained to the Ombudsman who found nothing wrong with the Council's conduct except failure to answer one letter. A failure for which they dutifully apologized.

The moral of these events is: even if you think that you are negotiating a settlement of a dispute over a Path Order, don't omit to lodge a formal written objection within the time allowed

Adrian Littleton. (Legal Advisor)

THE SOCIETY 75 YEARS AGO

Extracts from the 1933 Annual Report

As was naturally to be expected, the past year (being the year previous to the coming into operation of the Rights of Way Act) has shown an increase in the number of cases of obstruction of public rights of way. As the Act has only recently come into operation it is difficult to say what effect it will have on the many hundreds of miles of paths within the Society's area -0 although it is irritating to find that 'Private' or 'Sufferance' Notice Boards, or Notices intimating that there is only a 'permissive use until further notice' are being erected by some owners on paths that are well known to have been used by the public without interference for long periods of years and are, therefore presumably public ways.

Footpaths in Manifold Valley

As soon as it was known that the London, Midland & Scottish Railway Company was seeking parliamentary powers to close the narrow gauge portion of the Leek and Manifold Valley Railway the Council asked the company whether it would consider the granting of a right of way over the site of the railway proposed to be discontinued, but the Company replied that the suggestion would involve the continued maintenance of 22 iron girder bridges over the river and other waterways, a short length of tunnel and a number of other works, the expense of which would, of course, be considerable, and in these circumstances it was regretted that the Company was not able to agree to the proposal.

HAYFIELD SHOW



After such good recruiting results at the Cheshire show, New Mills One World Festival and the Bakewell Show we were maybe due for a bit of a reverse and we certainly got it at the Hayfield Show.

We were pitched on a 45 deg. slope with a very wide gap between the 2 rows of exhibitor's stands. This meant that visitors labouring up the hill could steer a middle course and all but escape our clutches! Potential members were pretty thin on the ground. This show in the main seemed to attract young families with little interest in walking. Of those without families and with an interest in walking there were many who said they

could not afford to join even at our low rates. There were more than a few references to the credit crunch and the belief that hard times were upon us

Despite all that we enrolled 16 new members who we warmly welcome to the Society. My particular thanks go to Janet and Ian, Dirk, Peter and Neil who worked tirelessly. The day was fine and indeed hot, and late in the day we gazed in awe at the runners as they rocketed up Lantern Pike. We will now take a break as the show season is over, but we have already decided to attend the Cheshire Show next year.

David Bratt

WALK REPORT

10th September Godley Circular 6 Miles

No doubt seizing the opportunity to get out on a day mercifully spared the rain and grey skies prevalent over a seemingly endless period this "summer", 17 people joined Janet Cuff for this short circular walk from Godley rail station. Although the day itself was fine, the previous heavy rain had meant, of course, that conditions underfoot were decidedly soggy. However, our struggles with pools of water and difficult stream crossings were more than compensated for by the splendid views we got from high up above the Etherow and from Werneth Low, the visibility being good. Lunch was taken looking over the Etherow Valley, with a bird of prey hovering overhead, one of two we spotted during the walk. A highlight of the walk was when we used the bridge over Gigg Brook funded by Dr David Miller of the PNFS; Neil Collie took a picture here and told us something of the history of this bridge.

Although we did not encounter any deliberate obstructions, several stiles were in very poor condition and two steam crossings needed attention, possibly requiring steps to be put in. Tameside Council has a lot of work to do in this area.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE HALF YEARLY MEETING
OF THE PEAK AND NORTHERN FOOTPATHS SOCIETY**

on

Saturday November 29th

at

**BRITANNIA HOTEL, DIALSTONE LANE
OFFERTON, STOCKPORT, SK2 6AG**

FREE CAR PARKING IS AVAILABLE AT THE HOTEL
NUMBER 383 BUS FROM STOCKPORT AND
NUMBER 384 BUS FROM MARPLE STOP OUTSIDE
NUMBER 192 AND 199 BUSES STOP ON THE NEARBY A6

10:30 COFFEE, TEA, BISCUITS

11:00 MEETING COMMENCES

12:30: COMPLIMENTARY HOT BUFFET LUNCH

13:30 MEETING CONTINUES

15:00 MEETING CLOSES

To reserve your place at the meeting please inform
the Editor (01663 733236) no later than November 22nd

Thank You