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Three Shires Head
Photograph by Les Gradwell



August always seems to signal that summer is galloping towards the often beautiful days of early autumn, sometimes with regret about the lack of sunshine and excess rain. This year July weather made sure we will have no such regret. In fact rain for many parts of the country is something we have hoped for in vain. Certainly, my allotment has suffered and speaking to others we have all had a rather odd year. As members of our society, concerned with the preservation of public footpaths, we have watched with concern as the risk of wildfires has mounted, including in the Peak District.

My own trips to inspect footpaths were short and accompanied by plenty of water. The society's walk on the east side of the Pennines was sensibly postponed, as it coincided with the hottest days, when records were broken in many parts of the country.

After two and a half years we still cannot say that the global pandemic is behind us, though our day to day lives are far less restricted. You will recall that our AGM in person was a welcome return to meeting members face to face.

Unfortunately, since then the number of people in the community who have tested positive for Covid-19 has risen and our Managing Committee meetings have remained virtual. Despite this the good work has continued and our improvement programme moves forward. Do raise any ideas for improvement to footbridges, stiles or paths with area officers or footpath inspectors. One casualty of the pandemic has been our strategy day, originally planned for a year ago. I am pleased to say we now expect this to take place in early autumn with a half year meeting to share the outputs and seek your views in November.

You may remember that we have been planning an update to the website. This is now actively under way, and I am sure we are all keen to see the new one, preserving the information we will find so valuable, approach. Well done to everyone involved in this key piece of work.

I am delighted that we continue to welcome new footpath inspectors volunteering to do the vital work of the society. There are still plenty of parishes which are lacking an inspector so if you believe you could take on an untrained parish do contact David Gosling.

One thing I am planning to do is arrange to meet volunteers in the different counties, for a walk and chat. I will let you know dates soon. In the meantime, happy walking and inspecting.
Kathy Mclean, Chair

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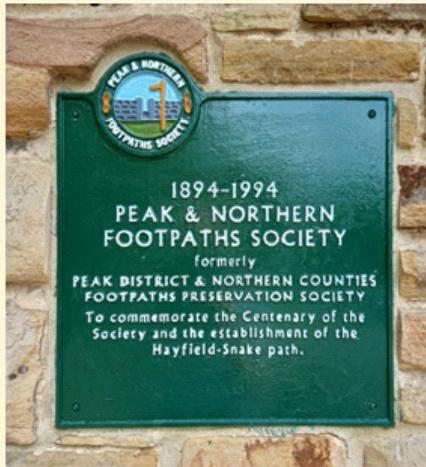
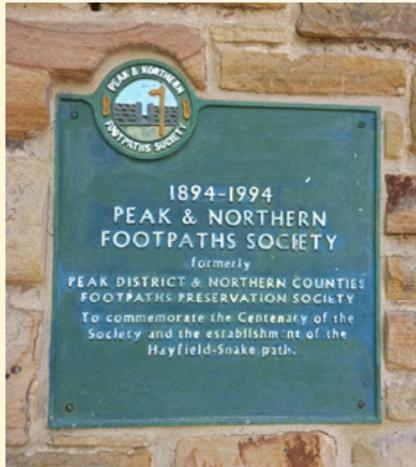
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Half Year Meeting

The next Half Year meeting will be held on Saturday, 12 November 2022 in Sheffield. Details have yet to be finalised and they will be publicised in *Waymark* and the website in due course.

• Our Centenary Plaque •



Here are before and after photographs of our centenary plaque dated 1994 at Hayfield Bus Station. It was repainted by Steve Brown on 17 May 2022.
David Morton, Signpost Officer

PNFS On-line Talks Programme

Autumn 2022

All talks start at 7.00 pm, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The link for all the talks is as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85644656118?pwd=RWVWM29jaDdrbDFycCtpSHZ0Q0Y0Zz09>

David Gosling and Linda Smith	Inspecting Footpaths Explained - 27 September Have you wondered what footpath inspectors do? PNFS has 180 volunteers who inspect rights of way on behalf of the Society. In this talk, David Gosling, who is the Footpath Inspectors Coordinator and Linda Smith, a Footpath Inspector, will explain the role and responsibilities of the PNFS footpath inspector, with illustrations of the types of problems they deal with. This talk will be useful if you are new to inspecting or are considering becoming an inspector, or just curious about what we do.
Patricia Stubbs	The Peak District Green Lanes Alliance - 25 October Ancient byways are being destroyed by off-roading throughout the Peak District, including inside the Peak District National Park. The PDGLA believes that green lanes should be for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and carriage drivers and not off-road vehicles. PNFS supports the aims of the PDGLA and is affiliated to it. Patricia Stubbs is the Chair of the PDGLA and in this talk she will explain the work of the organisation, discuss some of the current campaigns and the opposition they face.
Dr Paul Hindle	Historic Maps - 12/22 November Maps are important for walkers and many of us have a fascination for maps and mapping. Furthermore, historic maps are a vital part of the evidence for claiming the status of rights of way. Paul Hindle was a Senior Lecturer in geography at the University of Salford. Now retired he devotes himself to research and giving talks on a variety of topics. His talks are well-known around the region, and we are delighted that he will be at the Half Year Meeting on 12 November in Sheffield. The talk will be online on 22 November at the usual time of 7 pm for those who cannot attend the meeting in Sheffield.
Simon Thompson	The Hiking Craze - 20 December Simon Thompson has researched the enormous increase in popularity of walking in the 1920s and 1930s. During years when the country was suffering an economic depression many working class people found escape by walking on the hills and in the countryside. This striking social phenomenon, dubbed the Hiking Craze, transformed walking as a leisure pursuit from the exclusive preserve of the upper classes to the popular activity it is now. Simon will tell the story which has had such a significant impact on societies such as PNFS.

Getting (a) stick

For years my husband has tried persuading me to carry a stick when walking in the countryside. I've always resisted because I did not see the point of doing so unless I had an infirmity or difficulty when walking very steep hills. As for people waving Nordic sticks about, don't get me started!

I was interested in Mike Nelms' article about using a stick in *Cattle and Walkers* in *Signpost 72*, as I had been in David Gosling's experience with dangerous cattle. This is because during the last few years I've become more nervous about cows. However, it was not until I recently inspected Gisburn's footpaths that I tested Mike's advice. As I approached a field gate, curious cows gathered on the other side, and I opened it only to immediately retreat because they would not move away. Nearby I found a large broken tree branch, which would have done Moses proud, and I reopened the gate, brandishing my improvised staff and I found all the cows rapidly scattered away from me. Alas, after walking several steps my courage failed as I was not sure if they would not approach me again, so I rapidly retraced my footsteps to the previous field. It was an interesting experiment though as it confirmed what Mike had written. Earlier that day I had a stand-off with cows that surrounded me for several minutes before I felt brave enough to wave my map case about and walk speedily towards a stile which thankfully was not far! Clearly cows were - or rather my growing fear of them was - hampering my inspections.



Another use for a walking stick! Propping up a stile's step to show rotten post for a photograph to be used in a fault report

For my next inspection, I borrowed one of my husband's telescopic walking sticks, which was short enough to be carried on the wrist without catching the ground (I have a hands-free policy whilst walking), but easily extended when needed. How glad of it I was! It gave me so much confidence to walk through a field of cows who kept their distance. It was also useful on a path overgrown with nettles and bramble, crossing a stream, with descending into a steep clough and checking uneven ground that was concealed by overgrowth. On later occasions, it was reassuring when I was greeted by a group of dogs, and it kept my balance as I crept under several lines of string or electric wire in a field. Lastly but not least, my husband no longer gives me stick for not using a stick!

Shirley M Addy, Footpath Inspector Ribble Valley, C&IO and Editor

PS: Read Hugh Stewart's *Cattle, Walkers, Sticks - and Grouse!* in this issue

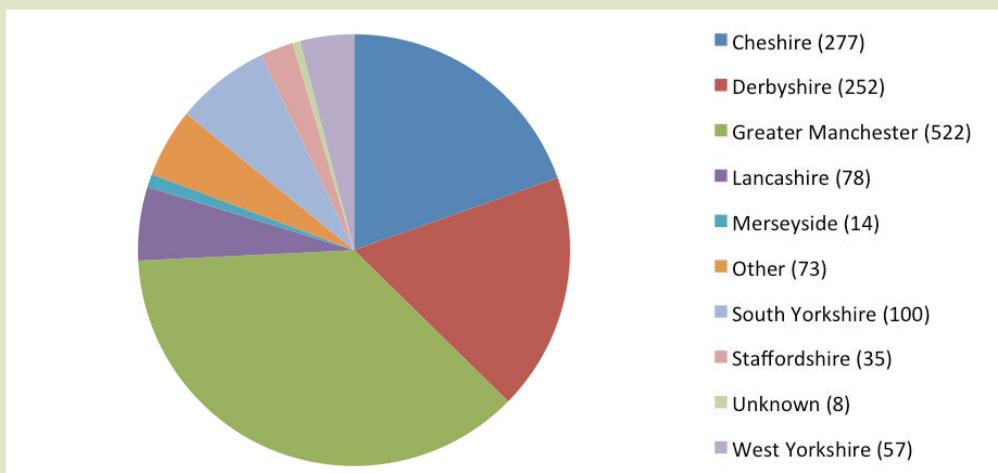


I'd like to thank all the members who responded so quickly and generously to the renewal reminders that were sent out with the summer issue of *Signpost*. Renewing by PayPal has become increasingly popular. It is a convenient, cost effective and green way to make payments. You don't need to have a PayPal account either: as long as you have a debit or credit card you can use PayPal. Another batch of reminders have been included with this copy of *Signpost* and I'm confident that there will be another excellent response.

The last couple of months have seen a steady flow of new members and it's interesting to note that their geographic distribution is very similar to that of our existing membership. Just over half our new members are from either Derbyshire or Greater Manchester.

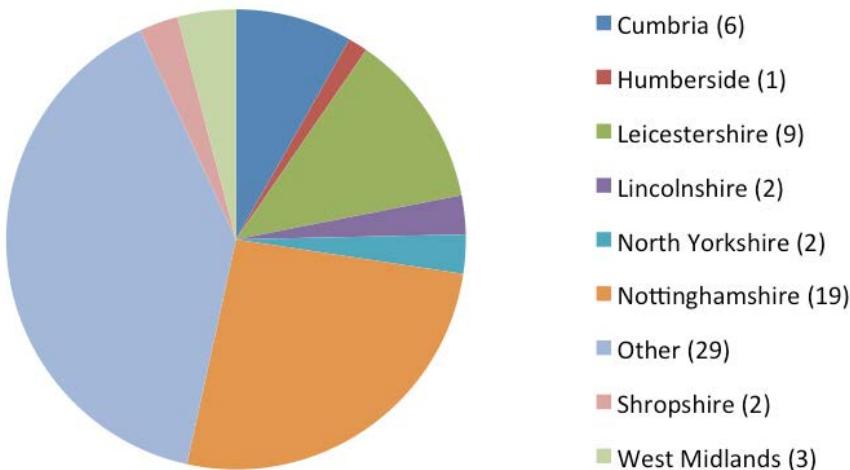
You may remember that my previous *Membership Matters* featured two charts that showed our membership numbers by county/region and within Greater Manchester. I asked members what they thought what about them. I'm delighted to say that several people emailed me and pointed out that the county/region chart didn't include them! My reply to them was that this was intentional and that I was glad that they had raised the issue as I wanted to begin a discussion about membership outside the PNFS counties/regions.

I hope that the two charts below give a more accurate picture of our membership. The first one shows all PNFS members. The OTHER category (73) are members from outside the PNFS counties/regions.



Membership Distribution by County/Region

The second chart illustrates that the majority (52) of these members are actually from adjacent counties such as Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. Food for thought perhaps, again I welcome people's thoughts on these figures.



Membership Distribution Non-PNFS Counties/Regions

My role as Membership Secretary brings me into almost daily contact with our members through their correspondence with the society. Inevitably some letters bring the sad news of a partner's or parent's death. One such letter arrived only a few days ago, but it was heartening to read the deceased member's daughter now wished to join the society.

As always, please contact me at membership@pnfs.org.uk if you have any questions about membership or other thoughts about PNFS.

Mel Bale, Membership Secretary, Webmaster and Trustee

Free Navigation Class

Bradfield Walkers is offering a free navigation class at Langsett Barn on 3 September 2022. Interested? If so, go to https://bradfield-walkers.org.uk/maps-and-apps/?mc_cid=7032c278a8&mc_eid=d7f02de8f9 or <https://bradfield-walkers.org.uk/> and click on Maps and Apps. This course is an introduction to navigating in the countryside, where to find new walks and how to keep safe.

Thanks go to John Harker, Area Officer Sheffield, for drawing attention to this course.

S639 in memory of David Heath

A new sign S639 was donated by his family in memory of David Heath, who lived in Warrington. It is at Lumb Brook Valley, Appleton Thorn. David was a footpath inspector and a good friend of mine. The wording on the plaque was humorously chosen by his wife. The photographs, of which 9-10 were taken by David Morton, below show the various steps involved in erecting this signpost.

David Bratt, President



*David
Morton,
Signpost
Officer,
arrives with
signpost on his
car's roof*



*The
chosen
spot*



*The tools
of the
trade*



*The
constructors
spring
into action*



5

*It's magic
Postcrete
ingredient
time*



6

*Signpost
639 erected*



7

*Job done -
cheers!*



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*David
Morton
with Neil
Oxley of
Woodland
Trust who
kindly gave
permission*



9

*S639 in its
location
near
entrance
to Lumb
Brook Valley*



*Plaque
dedicated
to David*

Parish Notes ~ Dethick, Lea and Holloway

This parish, to the south-east of Matlock, has a rich mixture of footpaths and bridleways, offering both good views over the Derwent Valley and varied woodland walking. Settlement is rather dispersed, divided between Upper and Lower Holloway, Lea Bridge and Lea Green; while Dethick is a hamlet of a church and three farmhouses to the north.

The name Holloway, of course, comes from a 'hollow way', which may have run over the moor from Lea to Upper Holloway and then on to Cromford Bridge via Bow Wood; most parts of this route can still be walked (*see photo*).

The parish is associated with several historical figures: Florence Nightingale was partly brought up at Lea Hurst, Alison Uttley went to school at Lea, as described in her autobiography, and John Smedley developed the mill at Lea Bridge, which provided employment for many villagers, before founding his hydro in Matlock Bank. The mill is still operated by John Smedley Ltd and claims to be 'the world's oldest manufacturing factory' (*see photo*).

A good starting point for several walks is the Florence Nightingale Memorial Village Hall at the junction of Mill Lane and Church Street. From beside the neighbouring surgery paths lead down to the Cromford Canal, offering views of Lea Hurst, and also into Lea Wood, now owned by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. The canal can be walked westwards to a recently renovated canal-side cottage, from where the derelict Nightingale Arm of the canal leads to Lea Bridge.



At this point you can regain the starting point by walking half a mile up Mill Lane, but an interesting option is to walk down to the end of Smedley's mill and then take the track into Bow Wood, initially climbing quite steeply (in fact this is outside the parish boundary). This route is the medieval road to Cromford, superseded by the turnpike road which runs lower down beside the Derwent, and which is still being repaired, over two years after being closed due to flooding. Continue through the wood and you emerge to enjoy good views towards Cromford. At the end a tarmac road leads up briefly to Castletop Farm, the childhood home of Alison Uttley. Turn right here onto a bridleway, Hearthstone Lane. This can be followed all the way to Riber, but the walk can be curtailed by taking field paths to the right which lead quite steeply downhill, offering panoramic views of Holloway, and then cross the Lea Brook on stepping stones which bring you to below Lea Green. From here turn right to return to Holloway via Church Street or go uphill to Lea Green and the Jug and Glass pub.

Other routes can be accessed by walking up Yew Tree Hill from the surgery. At the top of the hill Chapel Lane leads to a rough cliffside track emerging onto Long Lane, which offers great views northwards over the parish. If you continue down the lane a path to the right skirts the walled grounds of Lea Green, now an outdoor recreation centre, and brings you to the park at Lea. Here you could visit the Jug and Glass, the parish's only pub, open seven days a week, lunchtimes and evenings, or continue the walk to Dethick by taking the path over the dumble and up to St John the Baptist's church, another excellent viewpoint.

A further possibility is to walk up the Hollow passing the end of Chapel Lane and at the top take a path running east along the top of the valley's edge towards Wakebridge, which provides wide-ranging views towards Crich Stand straight ahead, then out over the River Derwent and round to Wirksworth Moor to the west. Instead of descending to Wakebridge you can turn north up an ancient track which will eventually bring you back to Lea Green.

In addition to the pub there are several cafes in the area (opening times vary), a general store on Church Street and a butcher's on Leashaw. Buses 140 and 141 serve the village from Matlock, and the nearest stations on the Derby to Matlock branch line are at Whatstandwell (walk up to Holloway via the canal path) or Cromford.

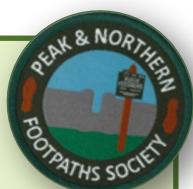
Stephen Bailey, Member

(Stephen is the author of *The Old Roads of Derbyshire and The Derbyshire Portway*, which was reviewed in *Signpost 60*)

This article is part of a series of Parish Notes which will be published both on the website (pnfs.org.uk/parishnotes/) and in future editions of *Signpost*. Any readers who would like contribute are encouraged to contact Mel Bale at webmaster@pnfs.org.uk.

Cloth PNFS badges

The cloth PNFS badge has now sold out. More stock has been ordered and when the new badges become available, they will be advertised in the next *Signpost* or *Waymark*.



Stoke FP7 - Investigating a Cul-de-Sac Path

As a new PNFS footpath inspector I have been checking footpaths in Cheshire East just west of Crewe and north of Nantwich. I completed all the paths in the Stoke civil parish with the exception of FP7 which appeared to be a cul-de-sac as it stopped

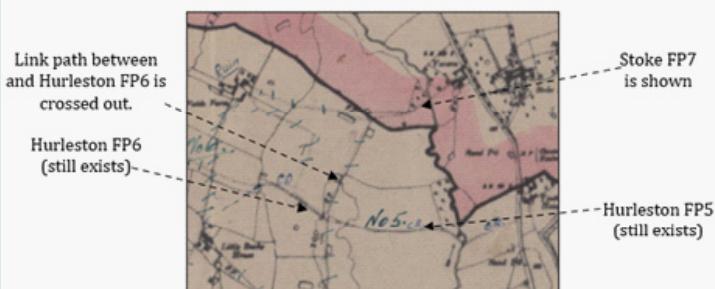
at the boundary with the adjacent Hurleston parish as can be seen in map. I therefore decided to try accessing the path from the western end from Hurleston FP6 and was able to walk across the fields and then made my way through along FP7 eastwards to the A51. The path was overgrown but accessible. It was clear that there must have been a path extending FP7 into Hurleston parish so I contacted the PROW department of Cheshire East Council to ask if I could access the records regarding the construction of the definitive map. I received a reply from Jenny Ingram, the Definitive Map Officer, who said she would investigate and in due course sent me a lot of documentation which cast light on the whole process of the creation of the definitive map back in 1969 by the (then) Cheshire County Council. I am very grateful to Jenny for her help.

This is my understanding of the process. In 1949, The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act required local authorities across England and Wales to keep an official record of public rights of way known as a 'definitive map and statement'. This was a long-drawn out process and the definitive map for Cheshire was not actually published until 1973. In 1953 the parish map for Hurleston was produced showing the footpaths and indicated those that were open and those that were former rights of way that had been closed or diverted rights of way. This map would have been agreed at a parish meeting. The two footpaths linking Stoke FP7 are shown on the map as belonging to the latter category.

At the same time, between 1951 and 1955, walking surveys were carried out by the footpath societies such as PNFS (as the PNFS was called then) and the Ramblers. This area was surveyed by the Ramblers Association of Liverpool and North Wales which produced a map showing the existing paths (shown in red). Two paths, one from the west and one from the south, linked to FP7 are shown in the map on the facing page.



OS Map showing the location of the cul-de-sac path (from PNFS database)



Extract of Hurleston parish map showing footpaths (1953)

Where the paths meet there is a comment: O BARS & BW (FORMER STILE REMOVED) where O means Obstruction and BW Barbed Wire and FG means Field Gate. So, the landowner had removed the stile and put a gate (Bars) and barbed wire to restrict access. Clearly there was some dispute about access between the two parishes. Interestingly the Ordnance survey map from the time shows the paths identified by the Ramblers.

From these surveys Cheshire Council produced a draft map showing the footpaths in the area and then a provisional definitive map which was distributed to local landowners and councils for comments. The draft map for the area is shown below and a footpath (Hurleston 11) is shown linking to Stoke FP7. In 1969 Cheshire Council published the provisional map which is shown below. This was distributed for comments. Those paths which were under review (including FP11) are shown clearly shown. It is not clear why some of the paths appear to be crossed out. Objections were lodged to a number of paths in Hurleston on behalf of the Haughton Estate which owned the land. Haughton is the adjacent parish to the west and the objector was GC Dean of Haughton Hall. The estate appealed to the Quarter Sessions and submitted the map shown overleaf.



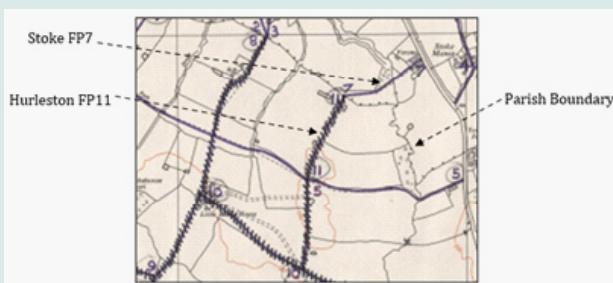
Walking map showing the footpaths in use in 1955 (Ramblers Association)



OS Two and a half inches to one mile map, 1956 (National Library of Scotland)

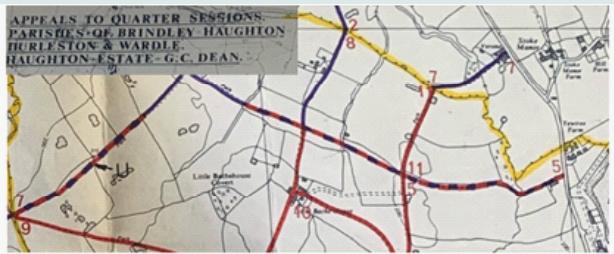


Draft map of footpaths in Hurleston Parish (Cheshire Council)



Provisional Map produced by Cheshire Council (1969)

The map shows undisputed footpaths (in blue), footpaths under appeal (in red) and footpaths suggested for retention (red and blue dashed). The parish boundary is shown in yellow. As can be seen FP11 is under appeal. The grounds given for objection were that the



Map submitted to the Quarter Sessions by the Haughton Estate as part of their objections

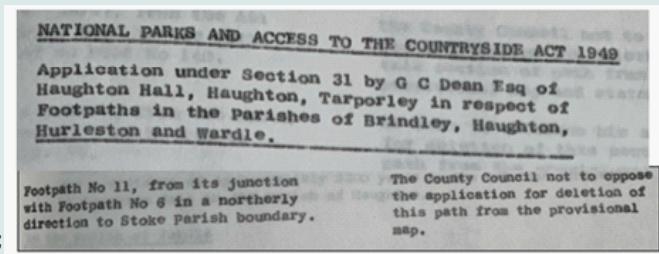
paths were not public rights of way at the date of the walking survey (1 Nov 1955), so the onus was on the County Council to prove to the Crown Court the existence of the PROWs which could only be done with evidence of public use for the requisite period. So they approached the Local Authority, Parish Council and the local Footpath Group but little or no evidence was forthcoming. In fact, the clerk to Haughton Parish Council stated in a letter dated July 1970 they "the council resolved to offer no opposition to the footpaths being closed." Hence there was no evidence to retain the footpaths. Cheshire County Council negotiated a compromise settlement with the objectors whereby the deletion of most paths was not resisted in consideration of which the Haughton Estate agreed to dedicate some new footpaths and to withdraw objections to certain other lengths of path. Thus, as can be seen below, Hurleston FP11 was closed which left Stoke FP7 as a cul-de-sac.

Hence when the Definitive Map was published in 1973 footpath 11 was deleted making Stoke FP7 a cul-de-sac footpath which is unmarked apart from a sign on the A51 pointing west. It is accessed by going through the property of Verona and then downhill through an overgrown area to a stone bridge across the brook and then up to the fields beyond. In order to reinstate the link footpath in Hurleston, it would be necessary to show 20 years of uninterrupted use since 1973 which is unlikely to be available unless inhabitants of Stoke parish can tell us otherwise. This path is listed as a Lost Path by the Ramblers but it seems very unlikely that it can be claimed. Now that the 2026 deadline has been removed it just needs for me to walk it on a regular basis for the next 20 years! In the meantime, Stoke FP7 will remain a cul-de-sac path.

Thanks to Jenny Ingram, Definitive Map officer for Cheshire East Council who are the holders of the information in this article; Ken Brockway, PNFS for clarification of the process of producing the Definitive Map; and Trevor Boxer, Chair of Sandbach Footpath Group for his proof-reading and advice

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Richard Vickery, Footpath Inspector



Decision regarding Hurleston footpath 11 (1969)



Away with the fairies

If you are ever in the Ribble Valley village of Rimington, walk quietly on footpath 22. Soon after leaving the main street to follow this path which runs through an alley, you are confronted with a short painted wooden gate with a metal notice saying "Beware of the fairies".

Go through it and you will come upon a fairy village. Alas, by the time we have read the notices reminding us that "a rustle in the wind reminds us a fairy is near" and "shh ... fairies sleep here", most of its inhabitants have gone into hiding.

Shirley M Addy, Footpath Inspector and Courts and Inquiries Officer

Cattle, Walkers, Sticks - and Grouse

Following your interesting articles in the recent Signposts about cattle, can I add to that grouse?

They may not be as dangerous, but they certainly scared my grandchildren, wife and daughter this Easter on the open access path below Clougha, near Lancaster. A very aggressive male would not let us pass, persistently running towards us on the path, only fended off with the stick. I actually had to hit it, and even then it was not frightened off.

On the return journey we met a young stickless man, who had to move well into the heather to escape the 'pest'. This was not the first time we had come across this phenomenon on this path, several years ago the same happened near there and was possibly the same grouse. Is it something about Clougha, or the grouse?

Hugh Stewart, Footpath Inspector



*Signpost No 85
- first signpost visited*

My wife Shelagh and I moved to Chesterfield in June 2019 and one of the main reasons for our choosing the town for our new home was its proximity to the Peak District. We are both keen walkers and immediately set about exploring the extensive local footpath network. We soon began to be aware of attractive green metal footpath signs which we had not come across in our perambulations through other parts of the country. The fact that these signposts were numbered intrigued me and I soon tracked down the PNFS website to find out more about them. Having been a trainspotter in my youth you can imagine my delight to find that not only was each signpost numbered but there was a list detailing all of them together with detailed guidance on how to find each one. Not only that but, joy of joys, there was a map showing the exact location of each signpost!

At this juncture I must confess to having a (slightly) obsessive personality. In addition to my early trainspotting exploits I have ticked off the English Nuttalls (peaks in over 2,000 feet in elevation), the Lake District Wainwrights and (as I got older, and my legs got weaker) the Outlying Wainwrights. My long-suffering wife has accompanied me on many of these exploits and recognised the early warning signs!

Signpost Challenge

Despite her reservations the combination of a numbered list to tick off and fresh walking areas to explore proved to be irresistible and the challenge was born! You probably won't be surprised to hear that, as an obsessive completist, I decided that the challenge would also include the footbridges, fingerposts, plaques and toposcopes listed on the PNFS website. Well "in for a penny in for a pound" as they say! Needless to say, any challenge has to have a set of guidelines! The main one in this case was that each signpost etc had to be visited on foot as part of a circular walk. This meant that, despite my wife's complaints, those posts situated by the side of a public road could not simply be visited by car. That would obviously be against the spirit of the enterprise! No time limit was imposed but it was hoped that a finish date might coincide with my 70th birthday in March 2022.

Having laid down the basic ground rules the challenge began on 21 August 2019 with a nine mile walk around the southern edge of the Kinder plateau which allowed a visit to Signpost No 85. After the walk I realised that, if the challenge were ever to be achieved, I would have to be a bit smarter in planning the walks as having to walk that far to bag each signpost would involve a total walking distance of over 5,000 miles. Much too far for a gentleman fast approaching 70 years of age and his reluctant spouse! Luckily the PNFS website map showed several areas where signposts were thick on the ground and it proved relatively easy to plot routes that visited multiple sites. For example a seven mile walk around Mellor yielded a mighty total of twenty signposts and several other walks included a double digit tally.

It soon became apparent that things might not be as straightforward as I first thought. During the Mellor walk mentioned earlier I was puzzled to find that one of the signposts was missing although the post to

which it had been attached remained in place. A visit to the society website revealed the existence of a Signpost Officer responsible for maintaining and erecting the signposts and I made my first report to David Morton. He advised me that the signpost in question had been removed for renovation and suggested that I join the society as the quarterly magazine contained a Signpost Report which gave updates of all work being carried out on the society's signposts. This report proved invaluable in preventing further fruitless visits and demonstrated the tremendous amount of work involved in maintaining the network of signs. This contact with David proved to be the first of several and I even had the pleasure of an unplanned meeting with him on the slopes of Kinder where he was buffing up the four sides of Signpost No 247! I would like to take this opportunity to thank David for the heroic work he undertakes and which has helped to give my wife and myself (and I am sure many others) a great deal of pleasure.

Armed with the inside information provided in the Signpost Reports things were going swimmingly when disaster struck in the form of the covid pandemic and its associated lockdowns and travel restrictions. This lead to two periods of inactivity from late March 2020 to early May 2020 and early November 2020 to early April 2021 and meant that my original aim of finishing the challenge by March 2022 wasn't to be achieved. A further issue that slowed progress was the increasing distance which we needed to travel to visit signposts located away from the core Peak District area. Having relations in north Lancashire helped with some of the travelling and visits to celebrate weddings etc were often accompanied by a walk shoehorned into the journey there and back! In addition my wife suggested an occasional overnight stay so that several walks could be fitted into a single return journey. This proved to be a very successful tactic and we have spent enjoyable evenings in such diverse establishments as The Inn at Whitewell, The White Lion in Hebden Bridge and The Old Bell



*Chance encounter
with David Morton,
Signpost Officer
on Kinder*



*Signpost No 27 -
first signpost visited post-covid*

Inn in Delph. The fact that the pub in Delph holds the world record for the number of gins available helped to cheer up my wife after a particularly challenging visit to Signpost No 376 which involved traversing a right of way which obviously hadn't been used in living memory and was rapidly disappearing under a newly planted forest!

Despite these problems the numbers of signposts etc visited slowly increased until in early May 2022 there were only four signposts remaining. As these were in Cheshire arrangements were made to visit family in Wilmslow for yet more 70th birthday celebrations which would involve a final walk south of Northwich to polish off these remaining signposts. There was much consternation, however, when a visit to the society database revealed that the indefatigable David Morton had managed to erect another three signs! Hasty visits to Morridge, Macclesfield and New Mills were sufficient to solve this problem and the final Signpost No 356 was duly visited on 21 May. After a total of 196 routes involving 907.45 miles of walking the challenge had finally been achieved!

I realise that the society has a continuing programme of signpost installation and this means, thankfully, that the task of visiting them will continue but this will probably be done at a less frenetic pace. I have already thanked David for his efforts but I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the society for its efforts in promoting the use of the footpath network and for providing endless pleasure to myself and others during a particularly difficult time.

Although the original target of completion by the 70th birthday in March was not achieved, unbeknownst to me, my long-suffering wife commissioned a splendid birthday cake (*see photo*). It sports the colours and logo for the society but was personalised to include my year of birth, together with a mention of some of the various places we have lived together since our marriage. It was a great surprise and gave the final couple of months of the challenge an added impetus!

Richard Richmond, Member





Tidying up Taylor House

Here are photographs taken before and after of a small area owned by the Society at the front of Taylor House. In spite of several emails appealing for volunteers, only David Gosling and Paul Easthope were there to carry out the work, otherwise they might have finished the small area that remains to be cleared. Well done to both!

PNFS East Walk ~ 14 June 2022

This linear walk was led by Ken Brockway, 18 km long with 409 m ascent, from Baslow to Bakewell via Monsal Head. It started alongside the Derwent on Bubnell Lane, and followed paths through fields and along the edge, before descending to Rowland.



The weather was glorious and we met just one dog walker before we reached Great Longstone where we enjoyed lunch on a bench in the churchyard. We then walked onto Monsal Head via Little Longstone. After taking in the views, we went through the Headstone Tunnel and followed the trail to just past Thornbridge, where we took a good path through Cracknowl Wood to the Wye and Holme Lane into Bakewell.

*Sue Davies, member
Photos by Sue Davies*



Tribute to Tony Brackenbury (1942-2022)

Tony Brackenbury died on 22 May 2022 after a long illness.

I first met Tony Brackenbury when I became Area Officer covering High Peak Borough in Derbyshire in 2007. Tony was the Society's inspector for Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside parish (he and his wife lived in Chinley) and also other parishes like Chapel-en-le-Frith. He was already a stalwart of the local Blackbrook Conservation Society (a PNFS affiliate) and in the summer, he led the BCS on evening walks in the area to show people where there local paths were (sometimes not where the landowners said they were). He had been the Site Maintenance Engineer at the nearby large engineering works in adjacent Whitehough adjacent to the former Peak Forest Tramway which had historically brought stone from the quarries around Buxton down to the head of the Peak Forest Canal (Buxworth branch). The tramway would often feature heavily in Tony's emails to me and the site visits we undertook together. Its erosion caused by water run off from the adjacent Chinley bypass embankment was a source of real frustration to him. When the road was being planned his job was to ensure it didn't impact on the firm he worked for. He told me that he warned the designers that the proposed drainage scheme would prove inadequate and history proved the wisdom of his warnings. That section that ran past the works and on to Buxworth was a definitive footpath and other footpaths, severed by the building of the bypass, proved to be prone to overgrowth problems as people were afraid to use them having to cross "at grade". Flash flooding of the tramway from the bypass embankment caused real damage to the tramway surface which is a historic monument.

I ventured out to Chinley regularly to meet Tony for a site visit in response to another email from him seething with frustration at more Highway Authority inertia. He and his wife's hospitality was enjoyed more than once with a lift from Tony back to the station for the Sheffield train. Tony was someone who was a pleasure to meet and work with because his passion for the path network went deep and his local knowledge was a boon to someone like me from far away. I think that I frustrated him sometimes when I cautioned that legal action wasn't the panacea for all path ills, or a proposed diversion wasn't as bad as he thought it was. My respect for him never wavered though. Although I lost touch with him after I stepped down as Area Officer, High Peak, I shall always think of him as a resolute and stalwart champion of the public path network whose memorial is the path network around Chinley and Chapel-en-le-Frith.

John Harker, Area Officer and Courts & Inquiries Office

To me the key sentence in John's eulogy is, "I shall always think of him as a resolute and stalwart champion of the public path network, whose memorial is the path network around Chinley and Chapel en le Frith." I will always remember his key role in retrieving the long-lost 1905 signpost number 5, which had been stolen from a spot

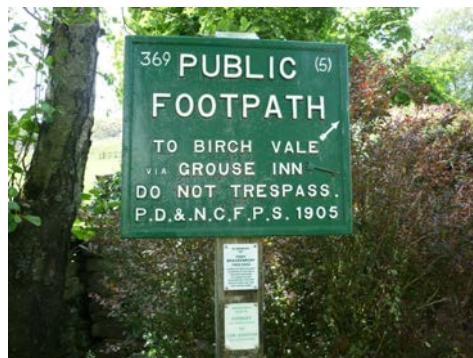
near Peep o'Day. Years later, when the signpost had been replaced, the thief owned up to the wife of our then treasurer, who was out riding, that he had the sign. He even showed it to her in his garage, but refused to let us have it. A year or so later, Tony fell into conversation with the man, while inspecting the footpath below his house, and the man gave it to him.

I then had the satisfaction of finding it a new home up the man gave it to him. I then had the satisfaction of finding it a new home up the hill at Hills Farm, where it carries a plaque in Tony's memory (*see photographs*).

David Morton, Signpost Officer

I am grateful to John for writing this piece. I don't think I can add much. Tony continued to be a conscientious inspector in his three parishes Chapel-en-le-Frith, Chinley, Buxworth and Brownside and Peak Forest. Even in declining health he was determined and knowledgeable. He was a regular attender at AGMs and inspectors' meetings. As well as the stiles he got fixed and the diversions he examined, and footbridges installed, his legacy will remain through his reports on the Footpath Inspection Database, Thank you, Tony.

David Gosling, Footpath Inspection Co-ordinator



Signpost Report



Photograph shows David, Graham and Mark on Winter Hill

Since April the total number of PNFS signposts has risen from 558 to 564.

New Signposts to 24 July

S631 at SD 66230 14669, NE of Winter Hill mast, on Turton 50 + Lancs 9-20/84, donated by WLT - *see photographs*
S632 at GR: SK 47815 64042, E of Hardwick Hall on Ault Hucknall FPs 40 and 27, donated by Notts HF

S633 at GR: SK 41807 65852, on Five Pits Trail on N. Wingfield FPs 7 and 40

S634 at GR: SK 41155 66433, on Five Pits Trail on N. Wingfield FPs 1 and 40

S635 at SK 00458 86021 on Sett Valley Way, New Mills on BWs; donated by John Biggins

S639 at SJ 62676 84617 Lumb Brook valley, Appleton, Warrington, IMO David Heath - *see photographs featured in this issue*



Maintenance

No fewer than 8 signs rotted, fell and were reposted: 293 (Hartington), 120 (Gun Rd, Mellor), 187 (Lee House, Upper Booth), 287 (Turton Moor), 34 (Grindleford Bridge by PDNP), 60 (Oyster Clough by PDNP), 232 (Kett'lme), 635 (SVT, New Mills) 132, 104, 377, 420, 374, 523, 528, 546, 118, 516, 106, 71, 108, 74, 248, 504 were

inspected at Wildboarclough, Flagg, Rotherham, Chesterfield Canal, Alport Castle, etc. F8 (Bullshaw Farm), 200 (Shining Tor), 177 (Five Lane Ends, Kett.), 107 (Alport), 261 (Lady Clough) and 254 (nr. Eccles Pike) were repainted and/or repaired in situ/ wedged.

Prospects

636 at Loftrans Farm, Paythorne, Gisburn

637 at Blore, Okeover, Ashbourne on Limestone Way

638 NW of Waddington, Clitheroe

640 300m W of Shireoaks, Chapel en le Frith

I am again grateful to the Signpost Team and other members of PNFS for their active assistance and to PDNP rangers Paul Wetton and Tom Lewis for their valued help in re-erecting 34 and 60 in awkward places; also Hayfield Rangers Sarah and Ellie for finding then re-erecting 635 on the Sett Valley Way, after it had been uprooted twice and briefly lost in its first week.



David Morton, Signpost Officer



Signpost painter wanted

David Morton, Signpost Officer, needs a volunteer who is willing to maintain our signposts in the Saddleworth to Huddersfield or Marsden areas.

Signposts are usually checked every two years and the signpost painter will be supplied with paints and other materials as necessary.

If you are interested, please contact David by email davidcmorton@ntlworld.com.

New footbridge installed after PNFS pressure pays off



The floods at the end of July 2019 washed away a footbridge in Hazel Grove, Stockport. The footpath (HGB78) is a useful right of way over pleasant countryside to the east of Hazel Grove. It is part of a local route known as the Holly Trail and forms part of a Slow Way route to Marple. The path crosses Ochrelay Brook which becomes a barrier without a footbridge.

The local inspector, and after Reg Boot's death, Area Officer, David Gosling pressed Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to replace the bridge. PNFS offered to pay for a new bridge, but still no action was taken.

Finally, in February this year John Harker, Courts and Inquiries Officer, served a Letter Before Action stating that unless a clear timetable was provided for replacing this bridge, then the next step would be commenced under section 56 (1) of the Highways Act 1980. Stockport MBC formally replied to say a new bridge would be installed before September 2022 using some flood funds the council received.

As a result of this pressure from PNFS, on 29 July 2022, at last, we have a new footbridge over the stream and walkers can again use this route. The success will be publicised in local media.

The pictures show the stream with a makeshift and dangerous plank and the new footbridge.

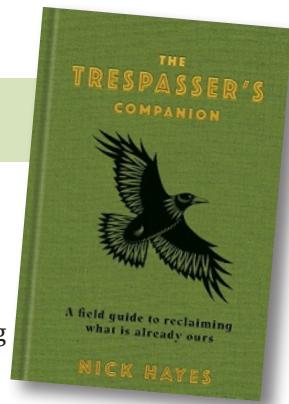




Book Reviews

A Trespasser's Companion: A field guide to reclaiming what is already ours by Nick Hayes, published by Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022

The Book of Trespass by Nick Hayes was reviewed in *Signpost 66*. *A Trespasser's Companion* is, in the words of the author, 'a rallying cry for greater public access to nature and a gentle seditious guide to how to get it by trespassing.'



This volume contains a wide variety of information relating to the historic use of land in England and how access to it has been curtailed for the vast majority of the population. It is beautifully illustrated in the same style as his previous work.

Hayes sees this book as 'a plan (and a provocation) to change the definition of how we connect to nature – from a crime to a birthright. It is not an incitement to break the law, it is a call to change it.'

Included are personal accounts of 'Lived Experience' in nature by a number of individuals with differing mobility and cultural needs. A section entitled 'Reclaiming our Commons Culture' explores some heritage crafts and how we can take part in them. Topics range from corn dollies to stick making plus details of the Heritage Crafts Association's website (<https://heritagecrafts.org.uk/>). Throughout the book there are 'Take Action For Access' boxes aimed at encouraging us to follow up on what we have read.

Information about how one can actively engage in protecting our countryside is well detailed. The reader is actively encouraged to get involved. Citizen Science Apps (p139) are listed and there are facts and figures (pp234-236) that the reader can use in order to contact local and national bodies. In addition, there is a directory of websites for, 'organisations working to make sure nature and humans...make that connection more sustainable and reciprocal' (pp282-286).

A great deal of research has gone into this book making it far more than just an account of the need to extend access to our countryside. It is full of practical information and ideas that can be acted upon now or at some later date. However, the clear message is that action now is what is needed if we are to secure our rightful access. In an open letter to the Ramblers from 'Right to Roam' (<https://www.righttoroam.org/>), (p272) he writes: 'Your current position on extending our rights of access to nature is that 'now is not the time'. But, frankly, this is a position of privilege. If you step outside the perspective of the largely white, able-bodied and financially secure demographic of your membership, you will see that there are so many communities in England whose lack of access to nature is in urgent crises.'

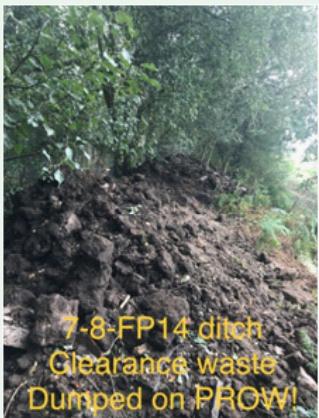
This is a fact packed and very interesting book. As members of PNFS we are already engaged in promoting access to the countryside. This volume provides many ways that we can become more active, as individuals, in order to extend the right to roam.

Pauline Williams, Member

Illustration copyright Nick Hayes



Liaising with Parish Councils



I am retired and keeping myself active and busy with my hobbies and family. In August 2021 I volunteered to be a PNFS Inspector. I suppose this came to be after several frustrations walking on public footpaths whilst at home or on holiday and getting lost or reaching an impasse and thinking if only I could do something positive about it rather than just moaning about it! So I found out about PNFS and its activities and became a member. I now have three parishes: Much Hoole, Little Hoole and Longton which includes 111 footpaths that I look after in the South Ribble area of Lancashire.

Thankfully, the majority of paths are in good order, sometimes only needing a annual cut back of nettles and brambles across stiles and bridges. Missing signposts and waymarkers affect about 25% of the footpaths, however, Lancashire County Council PROW Office's standard response is to ask inspectors not report them individually as they can only deal with one borough at a time, and they allocate subcontractors to fix them in a block. I have also reported a few faulty stiles and/or bridges which could be considered to be a risk to the public, but as yet none have been repaired. Equally, I have a few that have been badly farmed leaving no footpath at the field edge and in two cases deliberate blockage of the footpath by many tons of earth cleared from drainage ditches and stable waste matter. These have also been reported, again with no action done.

To get a little more traction with faults, I decided to attend the Much Hoole Parish Council monthly meetings as most have a slot on the agenda for members of the public to attend, make a contribution and ask questions. I wanted to tell them who I was, tell them about PNFS and its work, and offer my services if there were any faults reported by the public regarding the footpaths. Luckily, three members of the Council were avid local walkers so I was pushing an open door really. There was a vacancy on the Council, and I was asked if I would consider applying for it. I did and I now have a seat at the table for an hour once a month. I have so far attended two meetings but as far as the footpaths go it's been very positive. The Council has a small local budget, and a small amount has been allocated to public footpaths for repairs.

I have managed to get on the list of invitations to the LCC PROW meeting forum and eagerly await my first meeting and gain a deeper insight into public footpath matters. I have also been given a couple of dozen official waymarkers which will alleviate quite a few current problems I have with the parish footpaths. I have to say the biggest and best result has to be that the Council wants to work through the potentially risky footpaths



in their parish, such as three in Much Hoole. The worst one has been fixed already. It was a footbridge that in my mind was probably beyond economical repair, however, I needn't have worried, because two local volunteers, brothers in their 70s, one of who fortunately sits in the Council, set out with me and a wheelbarrow full of screws and timber across a couple of fields and a couple of hours later, job done! They bolstered the bottom timbers, fitted a dozen new treads, replaced kick boards and handrails. This footbridge is now off the 'risky' list, but there are some areas to clear yet further down the path.

I also trust that with my Council role I will be able to approach the other issues we have with blocked footpaths and poor farming practices. I have always taken a view that in the first instance that people aren't deliberately obstructive and will give dialogue a chance. If nothing else at least I will have more detail to pass onto LCC. Perhaps the LCC PROW forum will offer other avenues for me to deal with this. I try to listen in to the online presentations that PNFS organises. There is always some area of enlightenment. I found the one given by the Ramblers Association helpful, particularly around funding for active paths (cycle ways), etc. These seem to be putting even more pressure on the already meagre budgets for public footpath maintenance; partly understandable, but doesn't help our cause on the footpaths.

Additionally, the 'Lost Ways' presentation was good. By registering onto their website, I was able to access their Lost Ways map and zoomed into my parishes to discover that as part of the 49,000 lost miles, they have about 8 or 9 each that I can now investigate. So far I have addressed four routes. Two are still in use and on the PNFS Footpath Inspection Database and the OS map. Two are no longer visible and have been irretrievably covered by commercial and domestic dwellings for at least 30 years or so. These are also excluded from the PNFS FID and OS Maps.

I have found that you can click on the path on the Lost Ways map (<https://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk>) and add a comment to the effect that the path is not lost and is in fact still in use or confirm that it is in fact lost forever. Once you have saved your comments the path is highlighted differently so I am assuming that when the Ramblers Association then reviews or updates the map as these edits are embedded into the current map. I hope you have found my notes interesting and I am always happy to chat or email with fellow inspectors or PNFS members and share experiences or advice.

Paul Cocker, Footpath Inspector



RAMBLING PIONEERS IN THE MANCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY - Part Two

The Kinder Trespass and Jewish participants

By the 20th century a movement was growing in protest at the restrictions placed by landowners which prevented hikers from roaming the countryside. The protests were seen as a means to allow the public to enjoy the open air and as part of a struggle between the working classes and the wealthy. No article headed with the above title could be complete without references to Benny Rothman and the Kinder Trespass of 1932. However, it should be recognised that the fight for the right to roam started before 1932. This point is put by David Hey in his article 'Kinder Scout and the Legend of the Mass Trespass'. He is dismissive of the Trespass and its leaders, and points out that The Manchester and District Footpaths Preservation Society, was established as early as 1894. It was in that year that a railway line was opened between Manchester and Sheffield via the Hope Valley with a station at Edale. There was also a mass protest on Winter Hill, near Bolton. The Bolton Socialist Club helped organise this event which is said to have attracted ten thousand participants in 1896. However these events are recent compared with the formation of The Manchester Association for the Preservation of Ancient Public Footpaths in 1826, and The Hayfield and Kinder Scout Ancient Footpaths Association fifty years later.

One commentator of the time, Edward Royce, access secretary to the Rambling Federation of Manchester, said 'The year 1932 will not be remembered as a red letter year for the ramblers', and later wrote 'It has been a period of more than the usual froth and bubble'. Commentators other than Hey and Royce attach rather more importance to the Kinder Trespass. Although established groups did not support the Trespass at the time, The Ramblers (established in 1935) now recognises the Trespass as a significant turning point in the fight for access to the countryside, and commemorated the 80th and 90th anniversaries. Dee, quoting another author, Stephen Jones, notes the action by a group of 'militant working class ramblers undoubtedly reshaped the policy agenda and gave further momentum to the access campaign'.

Left wing political activists continue to regard the right to roam as an important issue. In 2021, the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Winter Hill Trespass was attended by representatives of the Unite Union and other left groups. In 2022, the Socialist Worker paper covered the 90th anniversary of the Kinder Trespass with an article 'Kinder trespass - how class struggle won the right to ramble'. The rail links from Manchester included a line to Hayfield, a village near bleak moorland known as Kinder Scout, an area closed to the public by wealthy landowners. On Sunday, 24 April 1932, a group of some hundreds of hikers, led by Benny Rothman, assembled in Hayfield for what became known as the Kinder Trespass.

Rothman is described by J J Pearlman in his article 'Jews and the English Countryside: some notable contributions to conservation, access and order'. He was born in 1911 in Manchester where his parents had arrived from Romania. His father, Isaac died when Benny was 12, leaving his mother, Fanny to bring up her five children on her own. Benny's education was cut short by the need to earn a living and he worked in the motor trade. Encouraged by one of Fanny's sisters, he was drawn to Socialism

and started to attend local meetings of the Young Communist League in 1929. He then became active in building up the British Workers' Sports Federation in the north of England. One of Benny's aims was 'to strengthen existing connections between the cycling world, the campers and ramblers across the Manchester area'. It was as local Secretary of the Federation that Benny led the Trespass from Bowden Bridge in Hayfield up Williams Clough toward the Kinder plateau. During the 1930s Benny was an active unionist and a protester against the British Union of Fascists. He is said to have been thrown over a balcony by BUF Blackshirts. He remained a strong supporter of Socialist causes until his death in 2002 aged 90.

Out of the many individuals who participated in the Trespass, only six were arrested and four of those were Jewish - Jud Clyne, Harry Mendel, David Nussbaum and Benny Rothman. They were charged with riotous assembly and incitement, but significantly not with trespass. Their trial, which would not meet today's standards, is described in a book published to mark the 50th anniversary of the Trespass, 'The Battle for Kinder Scout'. Jud (Joe) Clyne was born in 1909 in Strangeways to immigrant parents. He joined the Young Communist League in 1928 and spent a year in the Soviet Union. He married a communist comrade Blanche Krebs. Shortly after the Kinder Trespass, he spoke at a meeting at Jacob's Ladder above Edale, which had been called to protest against the prison sentences handed down by the Court. At the time of his trial, Harry Mendel was 22 years old, a machinist living in Cheetham. He was the only one of the six arrested men who was found not guilty for lack of evidence. He remained politically active after the Trespass, particularly in labour and union matters. David Nussbaum was only 19 at the time of his trial. He is described as a labourer living at Red Bank. He is mentioned by Dee as referring to 'a mass exodus of young Jews from Manchester out to the Peaks every weekend'.

Rothman has estimated that between 25 and 30 Jews from Manchester took part in the Trespass. These included Martin Bobker, Max Clyne (Jud's brother), Jack Cohen, N Frayman, Sol Gadeon, Abe Jacobs, Maurice Levine and M Wiseberg. Martin Bobker was born in 1911. His mother died when he was only 14. He joined the Young Communist League in about 1934, remaining in the Communist party for some 20 years. He was active in the Ramblers' Rights Movement which was set up in Manchester in the early 1930s. He also became secretary of the Campers' Club. He was one of 'many Jews who openly enjoyed sporting activities on the Sabbath with few, if any, of the misgivings about the impact of their apostasy on their elders'. Dee notes that 'for Jack Cohen who became an organiser of his local YCL branch in Manchester, offering rambling was a key factor that attracted the younger element of both Jewish and non-Jewish Mancunian society'. Jack was also active in the 'Plebs Ramblers', publicising its activities in the Manchester City News. Solomon Gadeon was born in 1907 and lost his father when he was only six years old. Under harsh financial circumstances he left school at the age of 14. He attended a group 'Friends of the Soviet Union' in 1931, joining the Young Communist League the following year. Dee notes it was a feeling of 'deep injustice within rambling and camping that forced him and fellow Jews to march on the Trespass'. Lance Helman was active in the Ramblers' Rights Movement along with Martin Bobker who is mentioned above. He was born in 1912 to socialist parents who were members of the Arbeiter Freund Group. Despite being on the Trespass organising committee, Lance evaded arrest following the event. Maurice Levine was

born in 1907 to immigrant parents. During his youth he became conscious of the poverty surrounding him and, like Rothman, he was drawn to left wing politics. He joined the Communist Party of Great Britain in 1931. He took part in a number of protests and marches, including the Kinder Trespass, before fighting in the Spanish Civil War as part of the International Brigade. Henry Suss also took part in the Kinder Trespass. He was born in 1915 and, like Rothman, he had a short school education due to his family's poverty. He became a life long communist, working in the clothing industry and fighting the BUF, and later became active in local politics and trade unionism on behalf of the Communist Party. He recalls that thirty or forty people would go rambling together, nearly all Communists, Jews and gentiles, young men and young women. Wolfe Winnick took a leading part in the Trespass, and was a member of the YCL and the Communist Party of Great Britain. He was a committed anti-fascist and joined the International Brigade in Spain.

To be continued - If anyone would like to receive the full publication with references, contact the author on weisgard@hotmail.com

Geoffrey Weisgard, member

PNFS Longer Walk ~ 29 June 2022

Members enjoying a breather on Shutlingsloe during the longer 11 mile walk led by Gavin Miller.

Photograph by David Gosling



Walks for PNFS members

IT IS VITAL that attendees check all train times and pnfs.org.uk for any updates

SHORTER WALKS - All on Wednesdays

John Fisher, Co-ordinator, johnfisher560@btinternet.com, 01625 439298 or 07432 825624

10 August John Fisher 01625 439298; 07432 825624	Buxton circular, 7 miles. The western section of the Buxton 'Ring of Trees' walk, including the summits of Corbar Cross and Solomon's Temple. Train from Manchester Piccadilly 10:08, Stockport 10:18. Please check times nearer to the date. Walk starts Buxton station 11:10.
14 September John Harker 07929 051978	Linear Grindleford-Hope 8 miles, inc paths PNFS was involved with in its history, Padley Chapel, Grindleford 12, Harper Lee, Leadmill Bridge, Offerton 4, Bradwell, Brough, Aston 7. Train from Manchester Piccadilly 09:42 to Grindleford or Sheffield to Grindleford 10:14. Walk starts at Grindleford station when both trains have arrived. Return from Hope station
12 October Brian Lomas 01616 885237	New Hey tram station to Mills Hill train station. 7 miles, easy. Walk starts New Hey 11:00. GM Wayfarer ticket useful if required.
9 November Paul Easthope 01457 855015	Glossop area, 7 miles. Further details to follow.
14 December Ken Smith 07918 154959	Combined Shorter and Longer Christmas Walk. Greenfield Circular around three villages Dobcross - Uppermill - Greenfield 9 miles. Walk starts at Greenfield Railway Station. Train Piccadilly 09:58 arrives Greenfield 10:25. Walk starts at 10:30 and ends after optional visit to Donkeystone the Tap bar

LONGER WALKS - All on Wednesdays

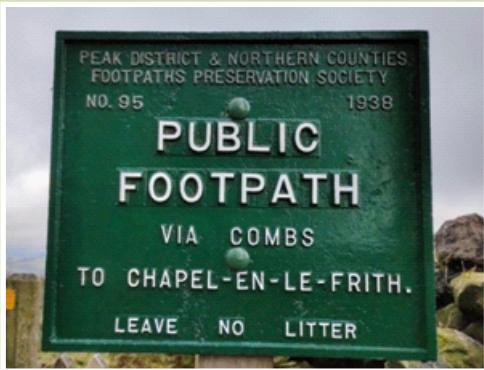
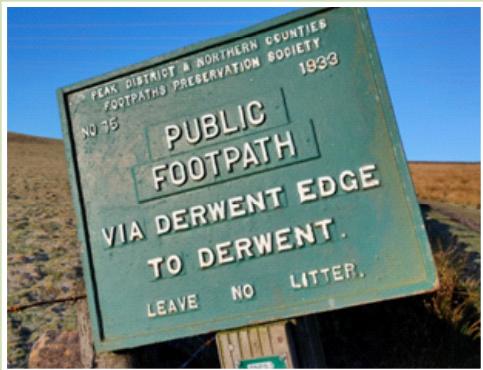
Ken Smith, Co-ordinator, kensmith4rj@icloud.com, 07918 154959

31 August Dave Rigby 07527 582143	Slaithwaite hilly circular walk, 10 miles. Train leaves Piccadilly 09:58. Arrives Slaithwaite 10:33. Walk starts at 10:35
28 September Ken Smith 07918 154959	Marsden to Greenfield via Pule Hill, 10 miles, 1432 ft. Train 09:58 Piccadilly. Walk starts at 10:30
26 October Martin Riley 07908 081959	Shaw Circular Walk. Approx 10 miles, some climbs. Shaw Metro tram stop 10:30
30 November Bill Minshall 07518 926031	Walk starts from Kidsgrove Railway Station at 10:30 when the 09:47 from Piccadilly arrives. Approx 11 miles, walk goes through the edge of Bathpool Park and east along the old loop line and pick up path to Knypersley Pool. Returning to Kidsgrove where we can take refreshment at the Bluebell Inn
14 December	Combined Shorter and Longer Christmas Walk - See above Shorter walk for details

EAST SIDE WALKS - All on Tuesdays

Ken Brockway, Co-ordinator, great.english.walk@gmail.com, 01773 287225

20 September Julian Sankey (see email address)	Moved from 19 July - contact Julian on julian_sankey@hotmail.co.uk . Barnsley to Elsecar linear 12 miles. Train 09:55 Chesterfield via Sheffield 10.13. Walks starts Barnsley station 10:40, return from Elsecar
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Some of PNFS's Earliest Signposts

Photographs by Norman Rice

