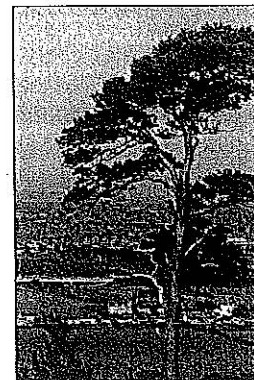


Shropshire Local Access Forum



21 April 2009

To: All Members of the Local Access Forum

A meeting of the **SHROPSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM** will be held at **10.00 am** on **THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2009**, in the **SHREWSBURY ROOM** at **THE SHIREHALL, ABBEY FOREGATE, SHREWSBURY.**

Please find the agenda attached.

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Members of the Forum

| Name | Fields of Interest |
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| Mrs Caroline Bedell (Vice-Chair) | Landowner |
| Mr Stephen Bell | Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access |
| Mr Gareph Boxley | Motorised vehicular use/Conservation Wildlife/Disabled Access |
| Mr Chris Chillingworth | Walking/Voluntary Activities/Community |
| Mr Richard Cotham | Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Walking |
| Mr David Cowell | Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism |
| Mrs Barbara Craig | County Councillor |
| Mr John Everall | County Councillor |
| Mr John Gibson | Carriage Driving/Children in the Countryside/Disabled Access |
| Mr Bob Hill | Conservation Wildlife/Voluntary Activities/ Landowning |
| Mrs Jane Ing | Conservation Wildlife/Walking |
| Mr Clive Leworthy | Local community/ Walking/Tourism |
| Dr Jane Morris | Conservation/Wildlife/ Walking/ Disabled access |
| Mr Dennis Nisbet | Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Voluntary activities |
| Mr Roger Plowden | Landowner/Conservation Wildlife/Farming |
| Ms Sula Rayska (Chair) | Tourism/Countryside Voluntary Activity/Walking |
| Mrs Zia Robins | Horse riding |
| Mr David Shelley | Walking/Conservation Wildlife/Tourism |
| Mr Mark Weston | Horsesriding/Carriage Driving/Voluntary Activities |

AGENDA

Lunch will be provided for Forum Members from 12.30 pm following this meeting.

1. Attendance & Apologies

Please ensure you sign the attendance record.

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 January 2009 (attached marked:A)

Arising thereon:

Feedback from other forums and items for noting
England Access Forum (Item 12)

Correspondence with Natural England (attached marked B).

4. Public Question Time

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which notice has been received from members of the public.

5. Shropshire Outdoors Project

Joe Penfold, Shropshire Outdoors Project Officer, will give a presentation on the progress of the project which has just started its second year.

6. Walking for Life! Project

This project is now in its final third year. Members will remember the inception of the project and earlier presentations. Carmel Heggarty the Walking for Life! Project assistant will show a DVD promoting the project.

7. Shropshire Council

Shropshire Council became effective from 1 April 2009. Neil Willcox Head of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation will update members on the unitary changes and new structures.

8. LAF UCR Working Group update

The working group met on the 20th March 2009. Group members will outline the findings of the meeting (attached marked: C)

9. Shropshire Way Update

At the last meeting members were concerned about the route of the Shropshire Way at Plowden.

Jim Stabler, Shropshire Way Project Officer will update members on the progress made on this issue.

Mr Shelley also raised concerns about the line of the route through Sheet village where it follows a road and there is no footway. This is part of the section of the Shropshire Way route known as route 5. Information on the 'Sheet Detour' is given on the following website
www.shropshirewalking.co.uk/shropshire-way/downloads/sheet-detour-shropshire-way.pdf

10. Feedback from other Forums and items for noting

The following minutes/papers are provided as updates for members:

England Access Forum held on 11 March 2009 (attached marked D)
Shropshire Riders and Carriage Drivers Groups held on 13 October 2008, (attached marked E)
Shropshire Cycle Forum held on 18 March 2009 (attached marked F)
Shropshire Hills AONB Access, Recreation and Tourism Working Group held on 17 March 2009 (attached marked G)
Access newsletter issue No. 38 (attached marked: H)

Jane Ing will bring some copies of the Wat's Dyke Way guide with her for sale after the meeting.

11. Items for next agenda and list of dates

The 17 July meeting is at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Members are asked to suggest agenda items for the next meeting.

With regard to future meetings the following dates are put forward for consideration: -

Tuesday 20 October 2009

Wednesday 27 January 2010

Tuesday 27 April 2010

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