

Questions collated for Mark Weston - presentation Hertfordshire Local Access  
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- Hertfordshire The rights of way network is some 3000 kms and yet less than 71% is above footpath status. This does not meet the needs of current and future users. How successful have you been in upgrading routes and how can you assist HCC in improving these statistics. We Equestrians share what we have how can you promote that others do to.
- Do the BHS have a preferred surface that they recommend to Row units or for permissive paths. It is often difficult for the ROW officers to surface pathways that please all users and within the equestrian population there are many different preferences. It would be useful to have a steer from the BHS
- Do the BHS have a preferred option for the type of gates used on Bridleways
- Do the BHS promote and encourage permissive paths.
- In light of the Government plans to sell off Forestry Commission land how can we, LAF work with the BHS to ensure existing access is maintained and additional access is achieved.
- Can you update us on access progress from the Equestrian Access Forum and the British Horse Industry Confederation.
- Is there a vision to improve access for equestrians from the new Government, DEFRA and NE.
- How can LAF help to improve access for equestrians.
- Safety on our roads- We have major and busy roads across Hertfordshire. Many of our Bridleways and Restricted byways are severed by these roads. What can the BHS do to help move horses off these roads and keep them safe whilst using them. Is there evidence to support that horse signs help. Are there signs for carriage driving.
- Parking can prove to be very difficult for carriage drivers when they travel to designated routes. Can you give some advice on how to overcome this.
- Do you have a dialogue with John Parker Chair of BDS
- Horse riders and carriage drivers wish for circular routes, often routes are severed or there are gaps, or a RB turns into a BW or FP, how does the BHS help ROW improve these anomalies
- Do the BHS have guidance on maintaining routes, overgrown hedgerows, ploughed fields.
- We know you are a member of the Stakeholder group Discovering Lost ways. Can you give the BHS view on its progress.
- Equestrian Access was not promoted strongly under the CROW act. How have the BHS managed to adjust this.