

Newsletter January 2025

Notice of AGM and Talk by Dr Diane Fisher on Thursday 30 January by at the Blue Cap, Chester Road, Sandiway. CW8 2DN. 7.30pm AGM for members and 8pm Talk.

HORSEBACK TO RESUS - STAY SAFE AROUND HORSES

Dr Diane Fisher is a major trauma and emergency medical consultant at Stoke's Royal University Hospital, BETA Chief Medical Officer and also a Grade V Para Rider. She will talk about her work, passion for horses and equestrian safety. Diane founded 'All the Kings Horses' platform on Instagram and Facebook: to help educate riders around horse related injuries: <https://www.facebook.com/medicalmare> Diane works very hard to inform equestrians on what to do when things do go wrong, from how to properly relay information to medical professionals to how you can help until they arrive. Diane also won an award as Social Media Influencer of the Year in 2022 at the Equestrian Business Awards. She has also appeared in the TV series 999 Critical Condition shown on Channel 5 and Netflix. This talk should be both relevant and informative for everyone whether you ride or not.



Diane receiving her Social Media Influencer of the Year award

Our new BHS Access Field Officer for the North West is Reanne Benson who lives in Cheshire and will also be attending and will briefly introduce herself and her access work after the talk.

Please do try and attend and guests are welcome. The talk is free to members but there will be a charge of £5 for non-members to help towards the room hire. You can also renew your membership as we do appear to have lost some of our former members last year and we do

need your support if we are to continue our work and membership fees are our main source of income. You can join at the AGM or it's very easy now to do it online with the link below with the option of paying by Paypal or BACS. The membership fee remains at £10 for individuals or £15 for a family.

Link for online membership form: <https://zfrmz.eu/jy2sLq6m72C2x9x11zkP>

Six members of our current committee of 8 are willing to stand again. Anna Revitt and Helen Farmer are both standing down due to pressures of work and we haven't managed to replace Susie Adam who stood down last year. We do therefore have a bit of a crisis as MCBA is not sustainable without enough committee members to share the tasks. If there are any other nominations please get in touch as we really do need more help, particularly someone who is good with technology. We are currently renewing our website and will welcome help to keep this updated. If you are willing to help in any other way by researching bridleway routes or checking and reporting on bridleways, this would be a big help. If you may be interested in helping, please feel free to email us or ring Sue Griffiths on 07808 921084 for a chat about what this entails or have a chat after the AGM. Most of our meetings are monthly but are usually held online.

Kath Wurcbacher – Chair

Liz Holmes – Treasurer / Membership

Susan Griffiths – Secretary and Newsletters

Kathryn Steer - Website and Facebook Administration

Janene Hamilton - Delamere Forest Liaison

Harry Ziman – Committee member

Whitegate Way

The mounting block for the Whitegate Station Car Park has now been ordered from the same supplier as the ones in Delamere Forest which have proved very popular. It is to be located opposite the toilet block and will save riders having to use the picnic tables to mount. We are pleased to report that 50% of the cost has been awarded from the BHS Access Fund with the balance from our own funds. This is to be installed in spring following some surfacing which is being arranged by Cheshire West and Chester Council. We have also ordered a new permanent sign indicating the Horse Box parking area, as the existing temporary sign isn't clear and riders have complained that cars often block this area. This is to be installed by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

FRODSHAM MARSHES – UPDATE ON PROPOSED SOLAR DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to those who commented on the proposal via our Facebook page. The revised concept layout includes some permissive routes which we requested, but these are shown as walking routes and we have requested that these should allow equestrian access. One of the restricted byways, Alder Lane currently ends at the Ship canal and one of the permissive routes would create a circular route for horse riders. A parking area is being considered and we have requested some space for horse boxes if this goes ahead as we know some riders are deterred by having to cross both the A56 and the motorway bridges.

Frodsham Solar Concept Plan

