

Newsletter**Summer 2024****Going for Gold Olympic Challenge Ride**

This is our latest challenge to ride 128 miles during July and August to commemorate 128 years since the start of the modern Olympics. Entry fees as £11 for members and £16 for non-members.

Ride or lead 128 miles over July and August, submit your evidence and receive your very own gold medal (well OK a lovely gold rosette). This works out at about 14 miles a week and can include schooling too and more than one horse. Don't forget to share your adventures with us via our Facebook page! Please like and share our post to get the word out. Prizes also to be given for the best set of Olympic rings ridden!

Link to enter: <https://zfrmz.eu/M4F8tNxzOByWq3RasJrY>

Bridleway News

Several routes are becoming overgrown with all the wet weather we have been getting this year and we have reported some including Frodsham Restricted Byway 45 (see photo below) which runs from Dobers Lane southwards towards Newton and also forms part of the Delamere Way. . Do let us know of any problems and please report these to the relevant Council too and take a good photo as this helps. If the location isn't clear use What3words as this will give the exact location.



Frodsham Restricted Byway 45

Please let us know if you hear that as issue has been resolved so we can post on our Facebook pages so others are aware. The permissive route between the Whitegate Way and the Oakmere Way has been blocked again recently by a falling tree and has now been cleared by Forestry England, as part of the adjacent Lobslack Nursery.

The links for reporting problems to Cheshire West and Cheshire East are below:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/public-rights-of-way>

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/leisure_culture_and_tourism/public_rights_of_way/public_rights_of_way.aspx

These links take you to the Council public rights of way page which allows you to report any issues online and enclose photos. If you are not sure which route you wish to report you need to open the Interactive map and this shows all the public rights of way and their numbers. If any route numbers are not shown you just left click on it and the route number will be displayed. Please do report any issues as even if we report a problem as well, it will help.

Delamere Forest News

Our next six monthly liaison meeting with Forestry England is in September so if you have any equestrian related issues you would like raising please get in touch. There has been a problem with one of the gates to Old Pale off the steep road being locked and this is now open and secured by a padlock only used by Forestry England as it appears a third party had been locking it.

We continue to have good feedback regarding the two mounting blocks in the car parks and Harry Ziman met a lady with a disability from Nottinghamshire recently on an 18 hand horse and these were her comments:

"The mounting blocks are so valuable. It's really nice to have them at a good height for mounting big horses.

They were also brilliant for dismounting. As someone living with arthritis dismounting can be hard but the mounting blocks were perfect for this too.

It's brilliant to find such a fabulous resource when out hacking - it really helps make exploring new places a pleasure."

We are hoping to fund another similar mounting block at the Whitegate Way to save using the picnic tables!

Evening Visit to Cotebrook Shire Horse Centre



An evening tour would take about 1 ½ hours, 6.30pm – 8.00pm, probably a Friday with a personal introduction to all of the horses. It would be an informal walk around and would probably include a bit about the history of the Cotebrook Shire Stud and how it has developed over the years.

We would need to be a minimum of 15 people and a maximum of around 30ish and the cost would be £10 per head. Refreshments would be available afterwards at an additional cost. If anyone is interested please email: midcheshirebridleways@gmail.com