

NETWORK OPPORTUNITIES REPORT FOR**27/04/16 LAF MEETING****1. COUNTY FARMS****Hall Farm Blaby**

Following our comment at the last Forum the County Council has stated “the County Council is not intending to dedicate any additional public rights of way across the land. Any existing public rights or permissive rights are intended to be retained/protected in the event that the land is sold. There are also no proposals to change the current 30mph limit near to Hall Farm to a 20mph zone.”

2. COUNTRYSIDE FOR ALL**Access to the countryside for the disabled**

We were hoping to handout Leicestershire countryside for all routes at the Choice Unlimited event in Leicester 20th April. Unfortunately Leicestershire still has no appropriate route literature. This is a real disappointment for many disabled groups. Lincolnshire will have twenty routes by the end of this year, with countryside for all route literature.

Dementia Friendly Walks

The Lincolnshire and Rutland LAFs funding bids for this year in relation to all their Countryside for All projects have been successful. Due to the funding bid for 87 dementia friendly walk leader training places for Leicestershire, the four places which were going to be offered to Leicestershire districts from the Lincolnshire and Rutland LAFs are now being offered to volunteers in Rutland.

3. UNRECORDED WAYS

We are waiting for training dates to be confirmed by the BHS. The Leicestershire Footpath Association published the details Alex and Vicky provided in relation to researchers required for unrecorded ways.

4. HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP**Permissive Access Agreements ending 2016**

Due to workload, letters have not been produced for Oak Lodge farm, Broughton Astley site A/B and Manor farm, Long Whatton which are the routes where grants for permissive access will end this year.

Ex Co-op Farms routes

A meeting is to be arranged with the Wellcome Trust to encourage the Trust to continue to provide permissive access.