

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is an independent, statutory advisory body on all matters relating to countryside access, with members representing a wide range of interests including farmers, landowners, walkers, cyclists, equestrians, parish councils, National Trust and those with disabilities.

23rd February 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for volunteering for the Local Access Forum's 'Restoring the Record' project. It is encouraging to see so many of you willing to dedicate time for the benefit of your local community and the wider public in the county. It's a great start.

We have set a training day with Dr Phil Wadey and Sarah Bucks on Friday 6th May 2016 at Old County Offices (Large Dining Room), Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UY together with a tour of the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies (or archives), likely to start at 9-30am. An agenda for the day will follow in due course.

I would also like to introduce you to Ross Osborn, from Lane End, near High Wycombe, who has volunteered to be project co-ordinator and can be contacted by email on: rossosborn41@gmail.com. The aim for Ross will be to seek a co-ordinated approach to the research to ensure a good spatial coverage of the county and make sure, for example, that different volunteers are not investigating the same route. He will be at the training course to meet you.

You may have seen there is a national movement to record lost rights of way, exemplified in a recent article in the Guardian newspaper. There is also a Facebook page to follow, for those inclined, to keep up-to-date with developments. We would also recommend you purchase the book, 'Rights of Way: *Restoring the Record*', by Dr Phil Wadey and Sarah Bucks, priced £28 from the National Archives bookshop. It is also hoped a copy will be available to borrow within the Buckinghamshire library system. Please see the attached links for more information.

<http://bookshop.nationalarchives.gov.uk/9780957403604/Rights-of-Way%3A-Restoring-the-Record/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/dec/25/countdown-begins-to-prevent-loss-of-thousands-of-footpaths-and-alleyways>

<https://m.facebook.com/RestoringTheRecord/>

Once again, thank you very much for offering to volunteer for this most important project. Some have said it is a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to secure public rights across the country, and I hope your work will help guarantee those rights for the next generation to enjoy.

I will be in touch again in the near future with an agenda for 6th May 2016, but in the meantime, please confirm if you are able to attend the training day.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Pushman". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard Pushman
Chairman, Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum