## 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

Dear Chairman,

## **Buckinghamshire Restoring the Record Project**

At our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 we had a presentation from Phil Wadey of the British Horse Society, who is undertaking work to draw attention to the 2026 cut-off date and galvanise action to secure missing links and unrecorded rights of way that could potentially be lost. The culmination of discussions after Phil's presentation, and the realisation that many years have already passed since the CROW 2000 Act, without progress, we decided to start our own county-wide, volunteer-led project and this is the reason for me writing.

We also enjoyed hosting a training session led by Phil Wadey and Sarah Bucks earlier this year and have appointed a volunteer co-ordinator, Ross Osborn (rossosborn41@gmail.com) to run the project. Ross has also written a training guide for novices to understand the background and compliment the more advanced Bucks and Wadey publication, 'Restoring the Record'.

Attached is a map indicating the spatial coverage of volunteers. You will note there are numerous (white) gaps on the boundary with Hertfordshire, so we are looking for volunteers to cover these parishes. It seems logical to seek cross-boundary routes where these need recording, so to this end, we would like to ask if any of your members or their contacts would be interested in volunteering on our project, covering parishes in both Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire along of our shared boundary?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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