

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Report

AGENDA ITEM 6

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1. Retiring Chairman

A proposal was made at the March 2023 meeting to thank Richard Pushman for his many years volunteering as member and chairman of the Local Access Forum, which members agreed was a good idea. A card was posted to Richard in April 2023.

2. Ridgeway Board Meeting [Brian Worrell]

LAF member Brian Worrell and James Stratley, Buckinghamshire Council, attended by invitation the Ridgeway Board meeting on site at Bury Down, West Ilsley, Oxfordshire in the company of Sarah Wright, National Trail Officer, Simon Kearey, Chairman and Polly Martin, CEO National Trails Trust. This is a body which has just been created with the remit of sharing best practice across all national trails.

3. Natural England support

Natural England have contacted all LAF's in England announcing a proposed online support and information sharing system between LAFs via the software called SharePoint. Further updates will be provided in due course.

4. Draft Local Access Forum Annual Report

The Buckinghamshire LAF Annual Report is ready for publication following members' comments today [see Appendix 2].

5. Venue and dates of next meetings

Paralympic Room, The Gateway, Gatehouse Rd, AYLESBURY HP19 8FF - 10am Wednesday 1st November 2023.