

County Access and Bridleways Officer Role Description

As a volunteer County Access and Bridleways Officer (CABO) you will co-ordinate the volunteering activities of the Access and Bridleways Officers in your county. In conjunction with the BHS Access team, your local volunteer committee, Access Field Officer and Regional Manager, you will identify local equestrian access priorities. We ask you to co-ordinate tasks and develop relationships with other organisations and landowners to plan and deliver access activities to meet these priorities.

Who are we looking for?

- Excellent communication skills
- Good IT Skills
- Organisational skills and ability to run and chair meetings
- Knowledge of the BHS
- Desire to work with local authorities and/or landowners
- Flexibility to attend evening/weekend committee meetings

What is in it for you?

As a county lead volunteer, you will be helping to protect and increase safe off-road access to places to ride and carriage drive in your area. You can expand your own skills, knowledge and experience and be part of a strong team of like-minded volunteers. You can make a lasting difference, today and for future generations. The Access team at HQ, your Access Field Officer, and your Regional Access and Bridleways Officer will be there to support you throughout your role. You will have an induction and training plan specific to your area and skills. We reimburse necessary out-of-pocket volunteering expenses. We will also provide you with Rights of Way Training levels 1- 3 and, if required, Public Inquiry training.

Example activities of a volunteer County Access and Bridleways Officer

- Co-ordinating the volunteering activities of the Access and Bridleways Officers in your county, sharing work between them, holding local team meetings, and supporting them to achieve their aims and improve their knowledge.
- Checking that the activities undertaken by the local volunteer team are in accordance with BHS policies and procedures and relevant Health and Safety legislation.
- Maintaining good working relationships with local riders, drivers, equestrian access groups, local authorities, other user groups and organisations to ensure effective liaison and consultation on access priorities in your county.
- Engaging with the Local Access Forum and perhaps joining as an equestrian representative.
- Commenting on or supporting the Access & Bridleways Officer for the area to comment on Public Path and Definitive Map Modification Orders, development and transport plans, development proposals and road schemes that may affect access for local riders and carriage drivers.
- Helping to ensure that all unrecorded equestrian rights of way are applied for and recorded on the Definitive Map.
- Providing reports on local activity and achievements to your Access Field Officer and local volunteer committee.

How do I get involved?

Contact Volunteer Support volunteer@bhs.org.uk or the Access Department access@bhs.org.uk

Notes: As CABO, you should normally have been an active Access and Bridleways Officer previously and should refer to the Access and Bridleways Officer role description for the specifics of that role.