

**These Terms of Reference should be read in conjunction with the Byelaws for all Volunteer Consultation Committees.**

### **1. Object**

- 1.1. To advise on the policies which the Society should pursue in securing and maintaining rights of access for ridden and driven horses and ponies.
- 1.2. To enthuse all audiences about Equestrian Access and volunteering.

### **2. Functions**

- 2.1. To consider legislation and case law relating to access for horse riders and drivers in the United Kingdom and to rights of way in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- 2.2. To work with Government and non-Government bodies, landowners and other access organisations to provide multi user access to benefit equestrians.
- 2.3. To provide technical advice to the Society's local committees on matters relating to access and rights of way.
- 2.4. To advise on training opportunities and programmes for the Society's Access and Bridleways Officers, and staff.
- 2.5. To advise on the content of access advice for equestrians.
- 2.6. To advise on the development and implementation of campaigns for the preservation and extension of access for horse riders and drivers.
- 2.7. To keep current and potential members informed of the Society's access achievements.

### **3. Composition and appointment**

- 3.1. In addition to those members provided for in the Byelaws, the Committee shall comprise:
- 3.2. the Regional Access and Bridleways Officer from each English Regional Committee.
- 3.3. the National Access Officer from the Welsh National Committee.
- 3.4. the National Access Officer from the Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland National Committee.
- 3.5. the National Access Officer from the Scottish National Committee.
- 3.6. A person with expertise to advise on carriage driving in relation to Access and Rights of Way.
- 3.7. Two Historical Research advisors.

### **4. Dispatch of Business**

- 4.1. The committee shall meet three times per annum.
- 4.2. The Secretariat shall be provided by the Access Department.
- 4.3. The committee shall consult with the Scottish Access Consultation Committee.