

The Network Rail (Tackley Level Crossing) Order

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CL1

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EQUESTRIAN CURRICULUM VITAE

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DOB 5 July 1956. I have over 50 years' experience with horses. There are few areas of equestrianism with which I have not been involved:- I have experience in Racing, Eventing, Show Jumping, Dressage, Hunting, Shows, Pony Clubs, Riding Clubs, Riding Schools, Trekking Centres and Livery Yards.

I have provided over 2000 written expert witness reports for over 400 firms of solicitors as both a single and as a joint expert. I have given oral evidence on over 140 occasions, in both the County Court and the High Court, in cases involving all areas of equestrianism. I have been instructed in UK, Ireland, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. I continue to train horses, riding or competing on most days, as well as coaching other riders and undertaking high level practical roles within horseracing and eventing. I mentor others within the horse industry. I remain physically fit, running or cycling most days and competing at laser run as a GB Masters athlete at World Championship level.

Academic Qualifications

- MA (Hons) Agriculture and Forest Science (Oxon)
- Postgraduate Diploma Equine Science, University College of Wales (Aberystwyth)
- Member of the Chartered Management Institute

Experience with Horses

- Have ridden numerous horses over the last 40 years.
- Winner of numerous equestrian competitions and currently still competing:
 - British Eventing, on a number of horses up to and including Advanced level. British Eventing Champion (1975)
 - British Showjumping up to 1.20m.
 - British Dressage.
- Experienced in managing own small competition/hunter livery yard, including schooling young and problem horses (1994-2006).
- Ridden out racehorses for many different trainers and raced as a successful Amateur Rider (see below).
- Member of winning team at Hickstead Team Chase Championships, 1975
- Broken in (trained from unriden) competition and Thoroughbred horses. Managed breaking of military horses for The King's Troop RHA. Taught breaking procedure.
- Educated in Pony Club system.

- Played low-goal polo, horseball, tent pegging.

Experience as a Riding Instructor and Equine Lecturer

- British Horse Society Accredited Professional Coach (BHS Intermediate Instructor) teaching a variety of private clients of inexperienced novice to experienced rider (1980-current). British Eventing Accredited Coach (2001-current). Pony Club Coach (1974-current).
- Head of Equine Business Management at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 1994-99.
- Member of the Animal Care & Equine Training Organisation Horsemastership Working Group, 1996-98.
- Occasional speaker at major British Horse Society, Pony Club, Association of British Riding Schools and Medical Equestrian Association Health and Safety seminars (1994-current).

Experience in the Racing Industry

- 1975-1991, held a Category B Amateur Permit, allowing me to race against professional jockeys, in UK and Germany, in both flat and jump races. Past winner of the Grand Military Gold Cup plus other Hunters' Chases and Point to Points.
- Manager of the Racecourse Department of The Jockey Club and National Point-to-Point Controller (1999-2000).
- Stewards Panel Chair for British Horseracing Authority for Flat and National Hunt meetings and on Point-to-Point courses with experience at more than 9 racecourses (1989-current).
- Joint author (50% contribution) of British Horseracing Board Racecourse Training Manual (1995-1996).
- British Horseracing Authority assessor for steeplechasers with poor jumping record(1996-2000).

Experience in the Competition Horse Sector

- Team Manager of the British Three-Day Event Team (1992-1996) during which time the Team were World and European Champions and 5th at the Atlanta Olympics.
- Director, Board of Directors, British Eventing (1996-2000).
- Member of British Eventing Rules Committee (2000-2004).
- FEI (International Equestrian Federation) Steward (2010-2017) and British Eventing Steward (1989-current).
- Chairman of the Medical Sub-Committee of the British Eventing Standing Committee on Safety of Cross-Country Courses in Eventing (1999-2000).
- Health and Safety Adviser to International One-Day Event (2000-2001).
- Referee for Carriage Driving trials at Royal Windsor Horse Show. Foreign Delegate on Jury of Appeal for the USA National Driving Championships (1990).

- Disciplinary Steward of British Showjumping (2005-2008, 2013-2017).
- Member, British Eventing Disciplinary Panel (2006-current).
- Member, British Equestrian (formerly BEF) Disciplinary Panel (ad hoc) and Hearing Body for Adverse Analytical Finding for a Controlled Substance (ad hoc)
- Member British Eventing team selection Appeal Panel (ad hoc).
- Member British Equestrian team selection Appeal Panel (ad hoc).
- Independent Chair of Youth Performance Selectors, British Junior & Young Rider Teams British Eventing (2019-current).
- The Eventing Steward at The Pony Club Championships (2021), member of The Pony Club Eventing Committee (2019-2021) and Area Steward (2005-current)

Experience in the Hunting Field

- Have hunted since 5 years old with over 20 packs of hounds in UK.
- Drag hunted in Germany and hunted in USA.

Other Equestrian Consultancy Work

- Equestrian professional on Harper Adams/Warwickshire University College Equine Degrees Validation Panel (2000-2001).
- Health & Safety advice to racing, eventing, and horse welfare yards and riding schools, and an international horse competition, including preparation of Risk Assessment and Health & Safety Policy (1994-current).
- Member of DEFRA initiated Working Group investigating methods to counter increasing equestrian related insurance premiums (2003-2005).

Military Equestrian Experience

- Commanding Officer, The King's Troop RHA, 1991-93, with responsibilities for 120 horses and 180 personnel including Farriers, Saddlers, Veterinary Officer, Horsebox Drivers, Grooms, Foragemen and Equitation Instruction Staff.
- Second-in-Command, The King's Troop RHA, 1985-88.
- Advanced Military Equitation Course 1984-85, top student.

CL2

HORSE RIDING ADJACENT TO ACTIVE RAILWAY LINES.

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KEY POINTS

This paper presents over 20 examples from around the country of where horses are ridden on public roads, byways, bridleways or permissive bridleways which are alongside active railway lines and shared with walkers & cyclists. It is not a comprehensive list.

The active railways which are adjacent to horse riding routes comprise HS1, main lines, branch lines & heritage steam railways. It should be noted that a bridleway was diverted alongside HS1 when HS1 was built.

Three of the routes next to railway lines are also part of a Sustrans National Cycle Network route.

One route alongside a railway line is part of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail developed specifically for use by horses, cyclists and walkers and thus thought safe.

Nine routes are part of rides promoted by local authorities or the British Horse Society.

One route was part of a Defra/ NE permitted bridleway for 20 years.

Several videos are referenced.

An example of where a riding arena has been recently built alongside a railway line is given.

The BHS has no reports of accidents resulting from riding close to railway lines.

It should be noted that when the railways were built in the 19th century, public bridleways and byways were diverted alongside railway lines for horses to use

We conclude that there is no evidence that it is unsafe to ride /drive horses next to active railway lines on routes shared with walkers & cyclists.

PURPOSE OF PAPER:

To collect examples of where horses are being ridden or driven next to active railway lines on routes shared with walkers & cyclists.

METHODOLOGY

A call was put out in summer 2020 on equestrian social media for examples of where horses were being ridden or driven alongside active railway lines and whether there were any problems. The data was collated into this report. The data provided has not been independently verified. There are likely to be many more examples around the country. No examples of carriage driving came forward.

THE HISTORIC CONTEXT

Horses were the form of transport before railways were built in the 19th century. At that time, horses were used to help build the railways. Horse transport then co-existed with railway transport. For example, a horse and carriage was often used to transport people & goods to railway stations for onward travel. Horses were themselves loaded onto trains and transported to, for example, to race meetings. These trains were all steam trains. Thus, there is no historic evidence that horses and railways do not mix.

PRESENT DAY CONTEXT

Horses are trained to conduct a wide range of activities in a variety of situations including, in the past, going to war where they were in grave danger.

Today, horses are mainly used for sport & recreation, ranging from Olympic Sports to recreational leisure riding in rural, semi-rural and urban situations. They are exposed, and trained, to accept the hazards that the modern world presents including riding on and alongside roads (such as motorways with heavy goods traffic), aeroplanes and hot air balloons in the sky etc. There is no inherent reason why horses cannot be exposed to railways.

EXAMPLES OF LOCATIONS WHERE HORSE RIDING TAKES PLACE ADJACENT TO ACTIVE RAILWAY LINES IN ENGLAND AND WALES: horse riding routes and other situations where horses are kept

HORSE RIDING ROUTES

Videos

1. Alongside HS1 in Kent:

https://youtu.be/bVc_3s4UEiQ

See below for further information

2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8l9qabVCpVw> :

3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmgeWOhQF9A>

4. Kingussie, Highlands Scotland

Video of horses being ridden as train passes. See entry below for map location.

<https://www.facebook.com/shela.a.ryan/videos/10158909845957082/>

(Child Protection issues? – no, posted as on internet?)

5. Fuldata, Germany

Posted on Facebook 'As seen through the horses' ears'

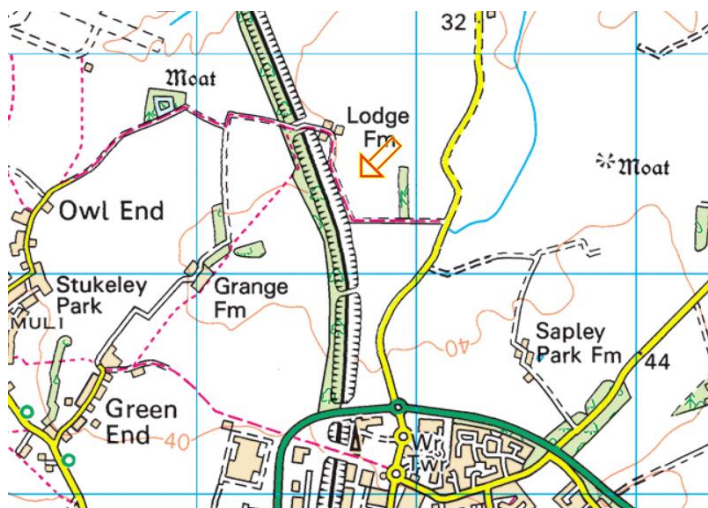
By Steven Haase 22 / 23 Nov 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ASTHE/permalink/3525720824130908/>

Video of group of horses ridden as train passes.

Maps, photos & descriptions

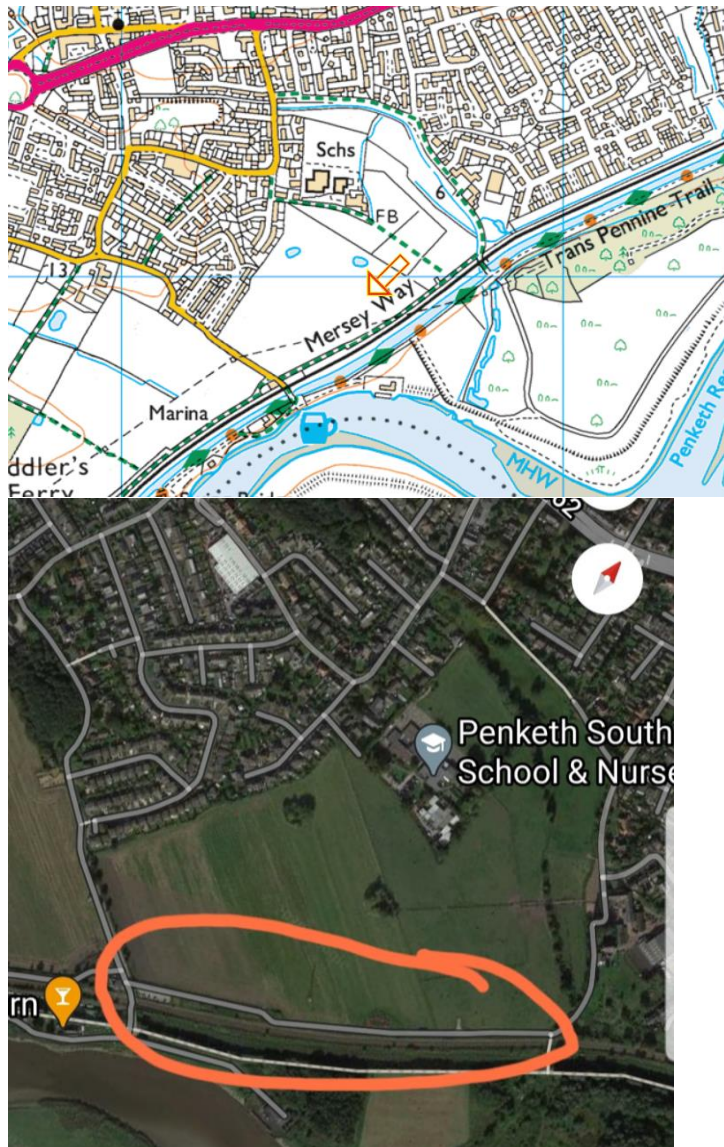
CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Abbots Ripton, nr Huntingdon



Railway line / single or double line / main line?	From Kings Cross, London: main line north to Peterborough etc
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	
Evidence of accidents	
Other	(big wire mesh fence in between)
Equestrian Contact	Sue fenwick-Rogers via Facebook Horse Access Campaign

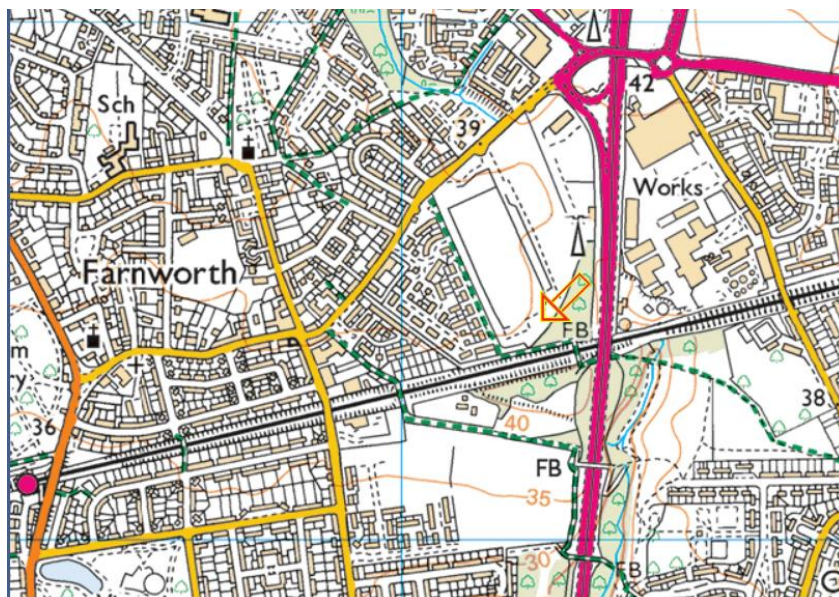
CHESHIRE:

Penketh, Warrington



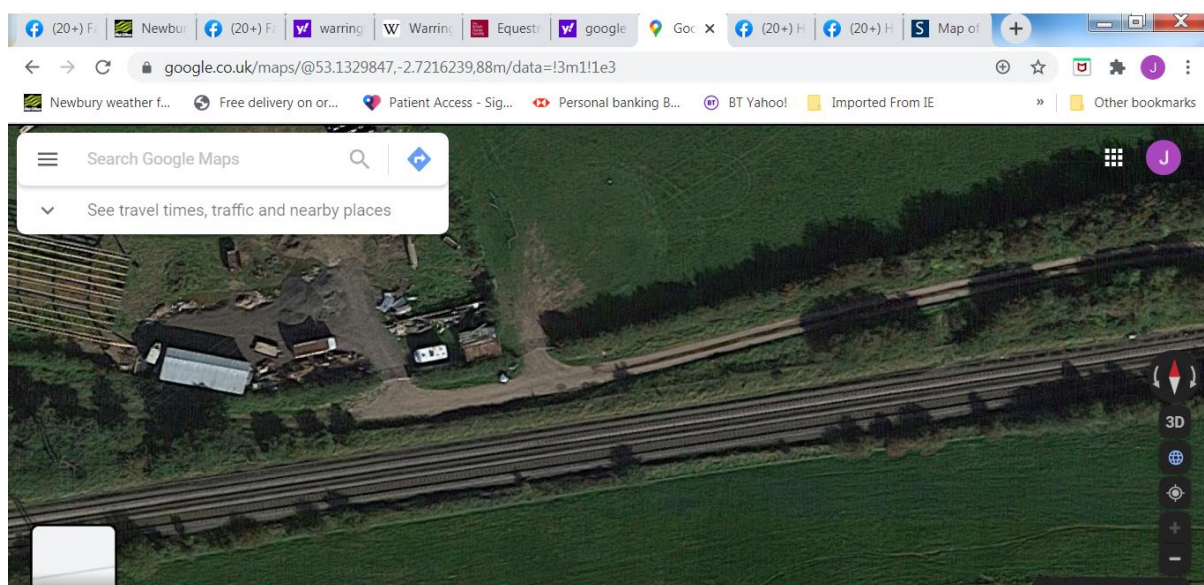
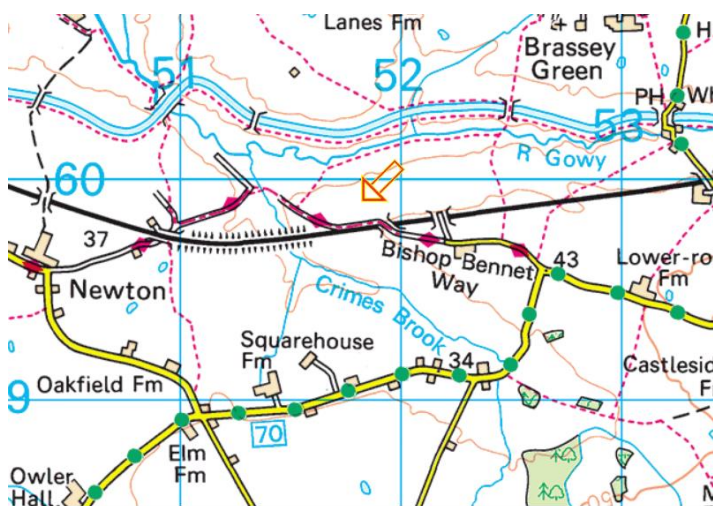
Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Liverpool to Manchester
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Looks to be footpath. Horses legally allowed?
Length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Mersey way
Evidence of accidents	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Shazza Brim, Facebook, Horse Acces Campaign

Widnes



Railway line / single or double line / main line?	the main Liverpool - Manchester rail line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	Immediately adjacent. See picture
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Public Footpath
Length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	This is a public footpath.
Evidence of accidents	
Other	Busy dual carriageway above with a rattly grid (A557). Ps/ we live right next to the rail track too and lead our horses up our track to their field. Trains whizzing past every 10 mins or so
Equestrian Contact	Shazza Brim Horse Access Campaign UK

Tattenhall



Railway line / single or double line / main line?	
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Restricted byway
Length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Bishop Bennet Way
Evidence of accidents	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Helen Ann Connelly Facebook Horse Access Campaign

CUMBRIA: Selside, Garsdale Head & Kirby Stephen

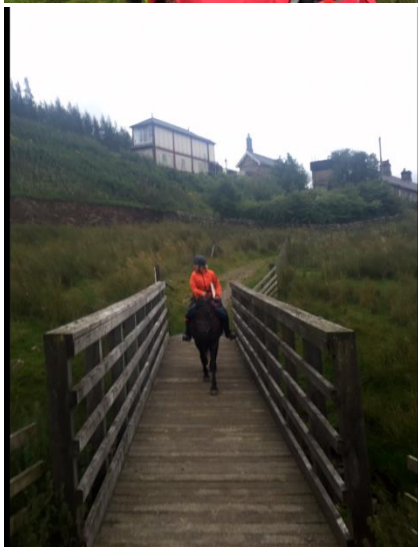
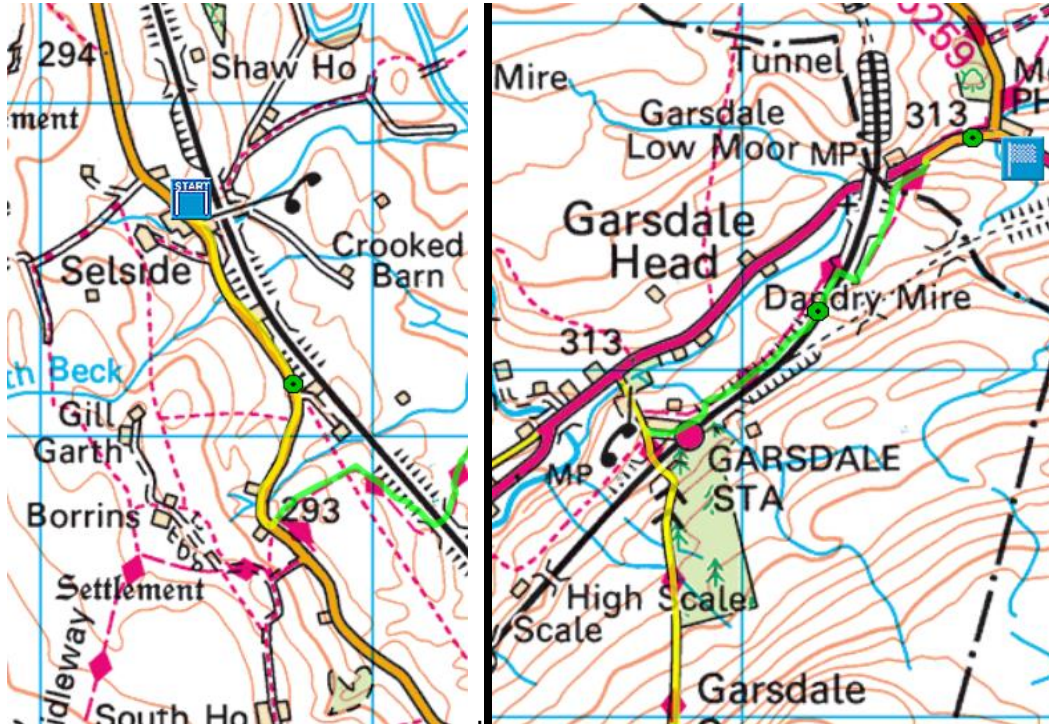
Key point: Part of the Pennine Bridleway, a purpose built National Trail for horses, runs alongside active railway lines at Selside, Garsdale & Kirkby Stephen.

https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/pennine-bridleway/trail-information/

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Settle – Carlisle Main Line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	Diesel & Steam
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	No
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	The path is the promoted Pennine Bridleway National Trail designed for horse riders. See www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/Ridingmap.php?id=northeast/Ridemaps&map=SelsidetoGarsdale
Evidence of accidents / conflict	Mrs Bentley; ‘All the railway line encounters we had were not a problem. We had no issues with how many trains used it’
History	The Pennine Bridleway was developed for horse riders & cyclists to share an off-road route
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Mrs Samantha Bentley

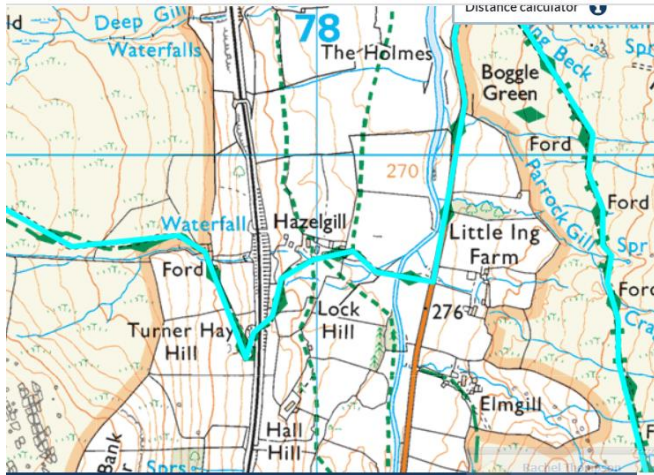
Selside, Garsdale Head

The green line marks the route of the Pennine Bridleway alongside the railway line at Selside & Garsdale.



South of Kirby Stephen

The blue line marks the Pennine bridleway.



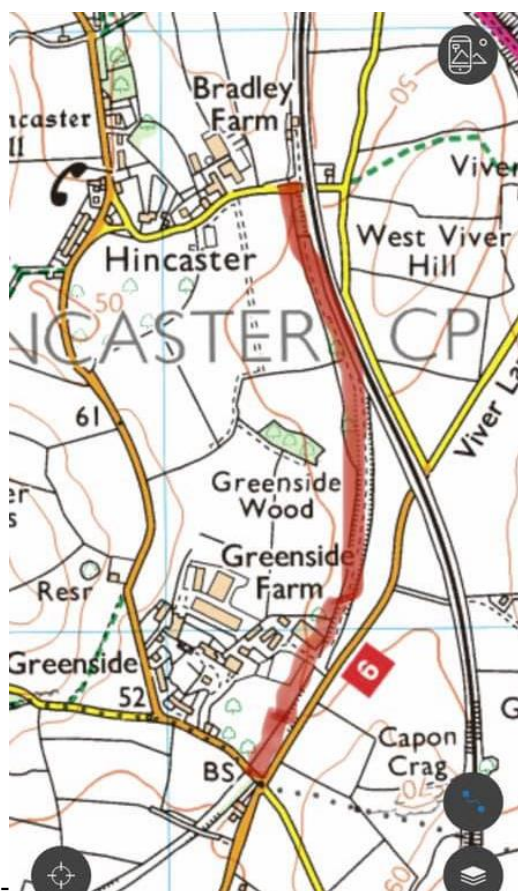
The Pennine bridleway passes under the railway bridge, then doubles back on itself up the side of Turner Hay hill.



Photos by kind permission of Mrs J Samantha Bentley in 2016

CUMBRIA; Hincaster

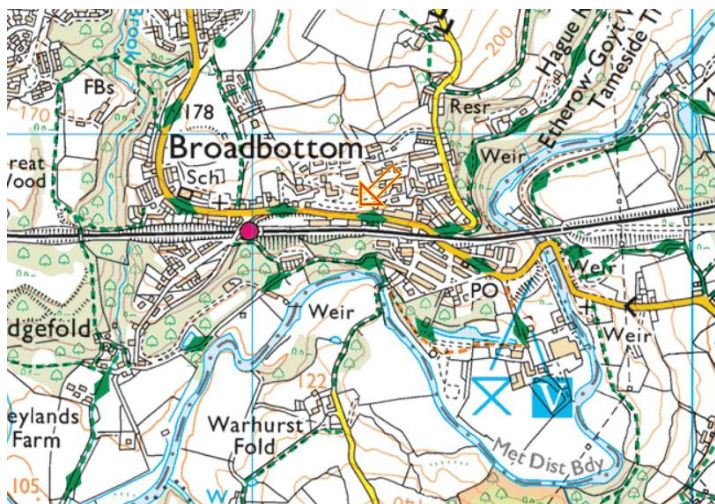
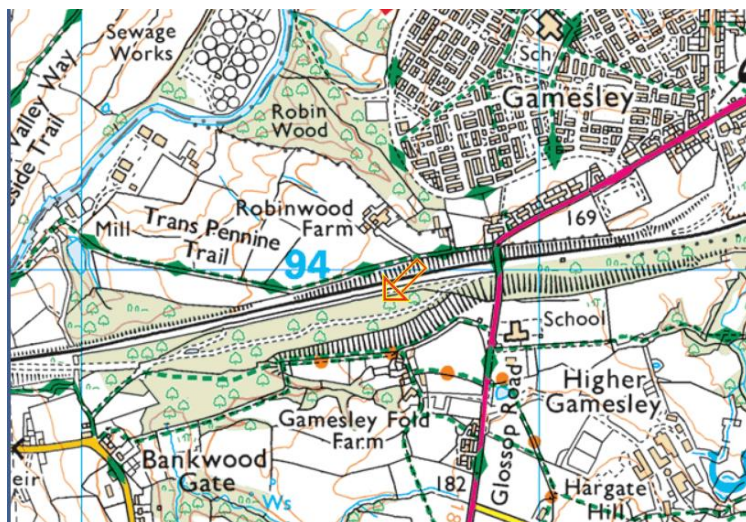
Key points: Promoted route runs alongside main line.



Red line marks route

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	West Coast Main line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Hincaster Railway http://www.hincastertrainway.co.uk/ safe traffic free routes for use on foot, cycle or horseback and suitable for mobility scooters and wheel chairs.
Comments from riders	
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	LA7 7ND area
Equestrian Contact	Hannah Gardner, Facebook: Horse Access Campaign

DERBYSHIRE, nr GLOSSOP: Broadbottom through Charlesworth

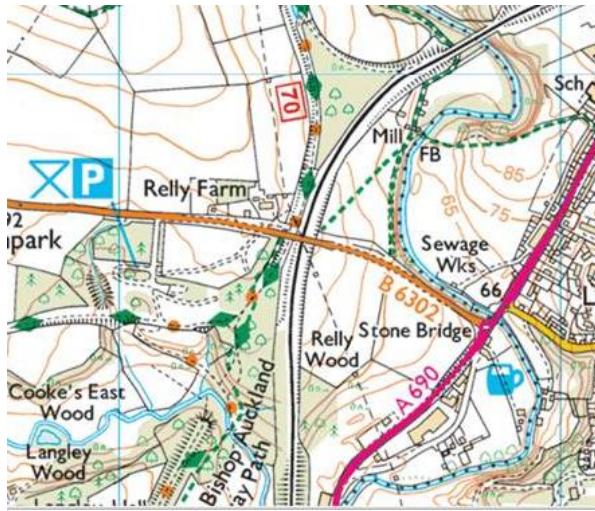


Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Main line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Unclear: FP and public road?
Length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Part of Trans Pennine Trail
Evidence of accidents	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Debbi Hall: Facebook Horse Access Campaign UK

DURHAM: nr Nevilles Cross

Key point: Old railway lines were converted to off-road routes by Durham CC for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and, in places, ran parallel to active railway lines.

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	East Coast Mainline
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Lanchester Valley Way (multi-user, walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc) along the old railway line between Lanchester and Durham. It is part of the Durham Railway Path network which is owned and managed by Durham CC. See https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3691/Railway-paths
Comments from riders Evidence of accidents / conflict	I admit to being nervous the first time I rode that section. Sure enough just as I was approaching the bend where you got a full view of the line, a fast train whizzed by. My horse took no notice. In those days there was only a substantial fence separating the rail track from the path I was on. Today I am sure the vegetation will have grown up so the railway will not be visible from the path. Durham CC should have records going back to the 80s of any accidents that might/not have occurred. Contact them as they could give an independent viewpoint. In the 1980s there was nothing between the railway path and the ECML except the normal fence. Since then a lot of scrub has grown up so it is now well screened. The railway path gets a lot of use by horse riders. There are several livery yards which have easy access to it.
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Sue Rogers



GREATER MANCHESTER: Sale

Key point: route promoted for horse riders; Sustrans route

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Altrincham tramway
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	NCN 82
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Published on the British Horse Society's website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/Ridingmap.php?file=Northwestindex
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	See above link

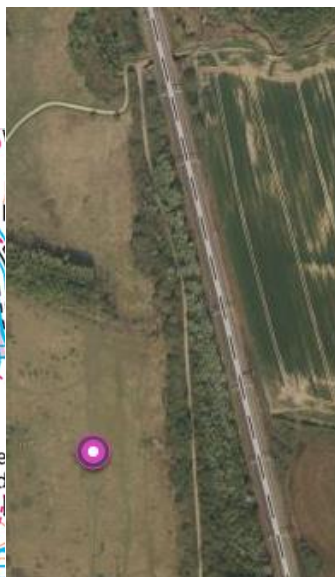
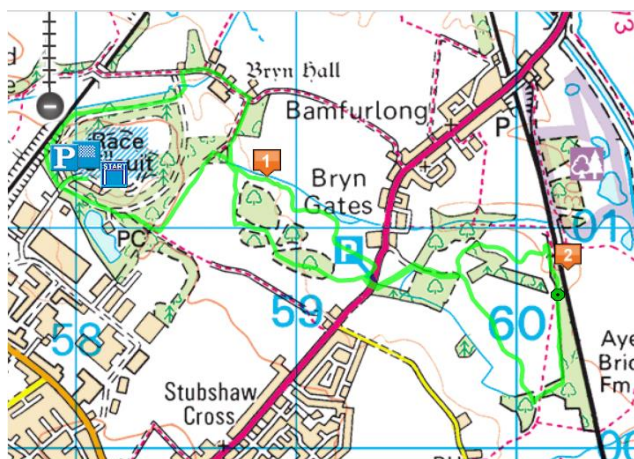
The track crosses the Mersey at the side of the Manch.



GREATER MANCHESTER: Ashton-in-Makerfield

Key point: promoted route

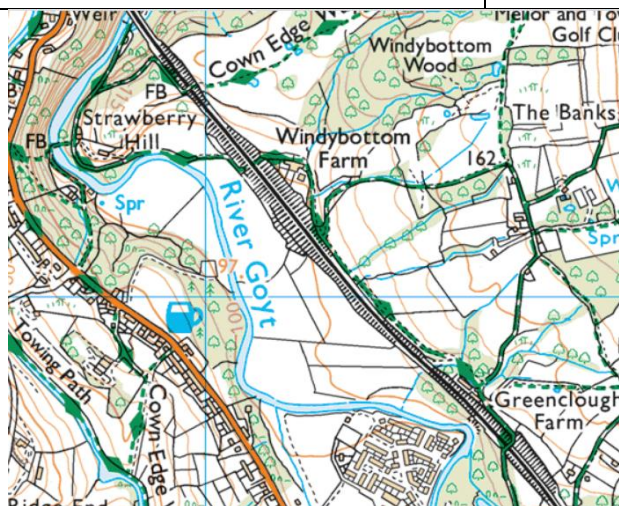
Railway line / single or double line / main line?	West Coast Main Line
Frequency of trains	Frequent
Steam / diesel / speed	Fast
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	Reported very close to railway line on an open section
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Three Sisters Ride Published on the British Horse Society's website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/Ridingmap.php?file=Northwestindex
Evidence of accidents / conflict	Liz Roskell reports that horses are fine alongside railway
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Graeme Bruce / Liz Roskell



GREATER MANCHESTER: Marple

Key point: promoted route for horses

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Northern trains
Frequency of trains	2 x an hour
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	no
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Published on the British Horse Society's MapMyHack website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/MapMyHack.php
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	See above link



LANCASHIRE: Pleasington



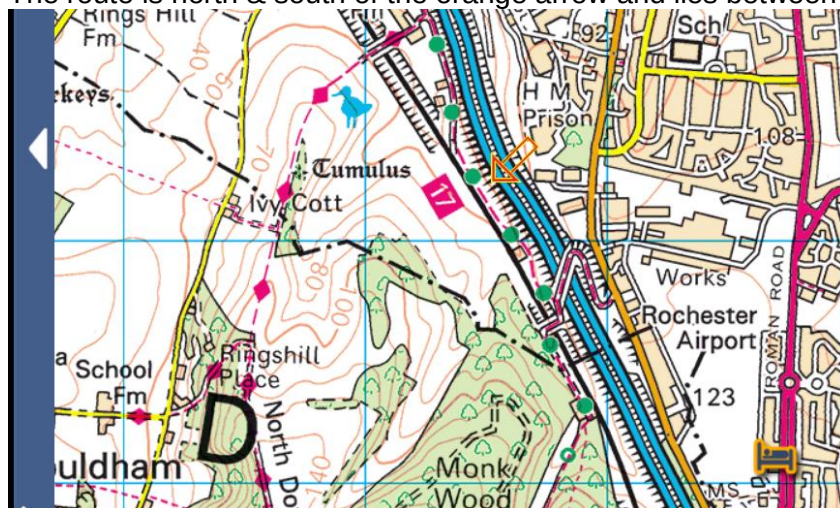
Railway line / single or double line / main line?	East Lancs
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	
Evidence of accidents	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Janet Blessington, Karen Parks: Facebook Horse Access Campaign

KENT: alongside HS1, south of Chatham.

Key points:

- i. Clearly, when HS1 was built, it was thought acceptable by the railway authorities to have a bridleway alongside a very fast railway line.
- ii. The video at https://youtu.be/bVc_3s4UEiQ shows horses being ridden alongside as a train passes.
- iii. The bridleway is part of National Cycle Network, NCN 17, developed by Sustrans.

The route is north & south of the orange arrow and lies between HS1 & the M2 in parts.

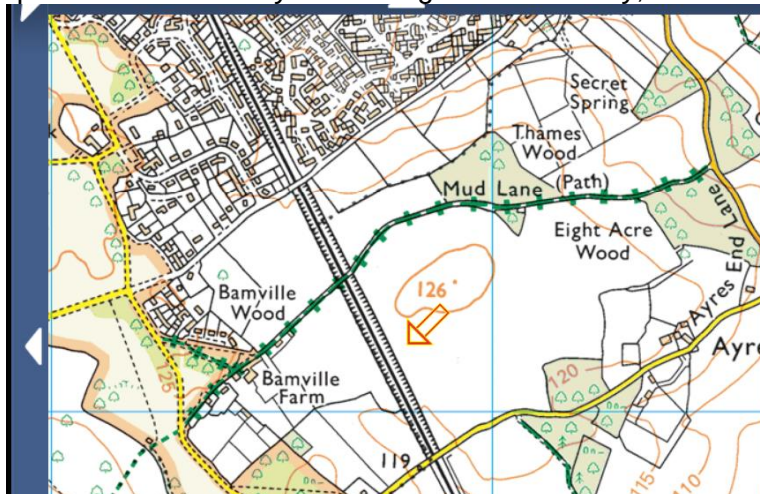


Railway line / single or double line / main line?	HS1
Frequency of trains	High
Steam / diesel / speed	Electric / fast
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	See video. At one point, the bridleway is between HS1 and the M2.
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Length next to railway	About 1km
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	NCN 17
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Part of a BHS ride (from several years ago) in a book of rides
Evidence of accidents	None
Other	https://youtu.be/bVc_3s4UEiQ 20 seconds in to the video The video shows a horse who had never met HS1 before.
Equestrian Contact	Sarah Rayfield

HERTS: Harpenden / Wheathampstead

Key point: A permissive bridleway has been provided by the landowner alongside the railway and is used by horse riders.

The permissive bridleway runs alongside the railway, north & south of the orange arrow

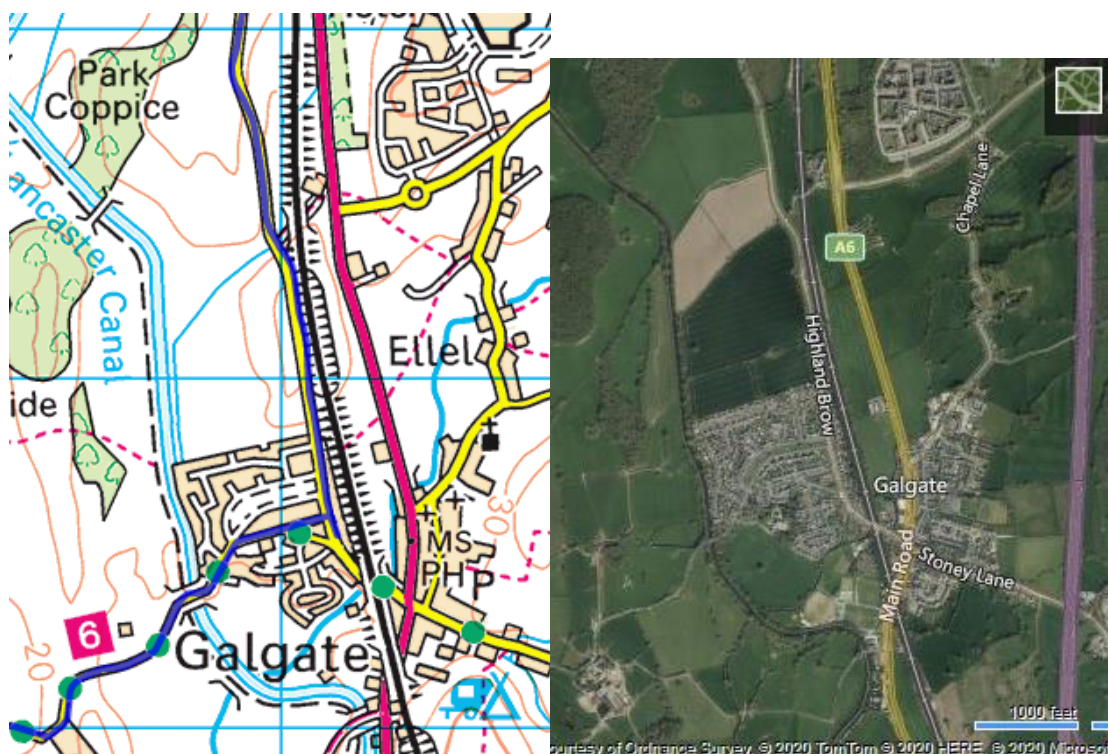


Railway line	Midland Main line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / electric / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Permissive bridlepath.
Approx of width of path	
Length next to railway	Looks to be approx. 500m
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	no
Evidence of use. Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Area has a very high horse population and these paths are used extensively on a daily basis, including by the local riding school, with no problems
Evidence of accidents / conflict	No problems. Permissive path put in alongside railway
History	The farmer has given a permissive bridlepath (at grade and on the top of the cutting) from Mud Lane, a public byway, going alongside the railway to Ayres End Lane, and thence continues to join Heartwood Forest. From there a permissive bridleway joins a recorded bridleway from the A1081 to Sandridgebury, crossing the railway at Cheapside over a narrow accommodation bridge
Other	Pictures to be provided
Equestrian Contact	rhodaharrison@btinternet.com provided the information. 07889 219161/ 01582 766480. Member of the BHS Herts county Committee and the BHS Herts access group. Keeps horse at West End Farm, John Featherstone BHS County Access officer Herts

LANCs Galgate, nr Lancaster

Key point: a promoted route for horses

Horse route shown by blue line



Railway line / single or double line / main line?	West Coast Main line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	The route uses a road which runs parallel to the main line
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Published on the British Horse Society's MapMyHack website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/MapMyHack.php
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Graeme Bruce

LANCS: Edenfield, Rossendale,

Key points:

- i. Steam railway alongside
- ii. Part of NCN 6
- iii. Used as regular group ride

The red line denotes the path and the route of organized horse rides.



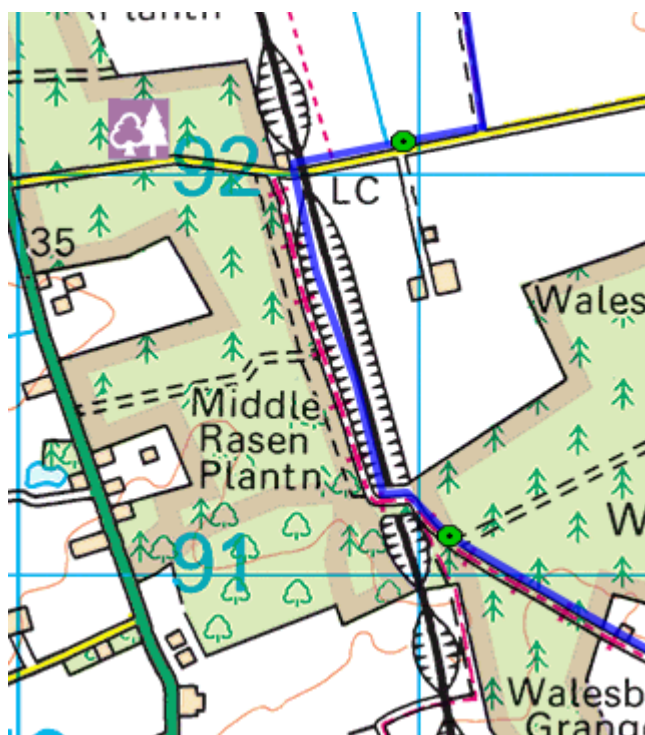
Railway line / single or double line / main line?	East Lancs Railwa, between Rawtenstall and Bury.
Frequency of trains	Approx hourly in each direction on Fridays Saturdays and Sundays On weekdays run as a commuter link into Bury.
Steam / diesel / speed	Steam & diesel. Leisure & commuting line Maximum speed ~ 25mph but the drivers "like to give it welly" and make as much noise as possible!
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	Runs alongside railway and over a level crossing The track at its closest is about 40 ft and where it runs out about 150 ft..
Status of path alongside where	NCN 6.

horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	On a disused railway line Recognised as multi user by Lancs County Council rights of way dept
Length next to railway	~ 1.2 miles
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	NCN 6 Part surfaced with rubber surfacing material.
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Part of a promoted route. Used as part of a regular organised ride by FORBA with up to 15 participants. Kay Bruce: I've ridden the route many times with various folks in small or large groups without problems
Evidence of accidents / conflict	See above
History	It was earmarked as a multi user route by a project between FORBA and Rossendale Borough Council 20 years ago before Sustrans got involved.
Other	Trains run when path alongside is at its busiest. Path used by walkers, cyclists & horse riders.
Equestrian Contacts	Chris Peat: (FORBA / BHS Regional Access & Bridleways Officer); Graeme Bruce; Kay Bruce

LINCS: Market Rasen

Key point: part of a promoted route for horse riders

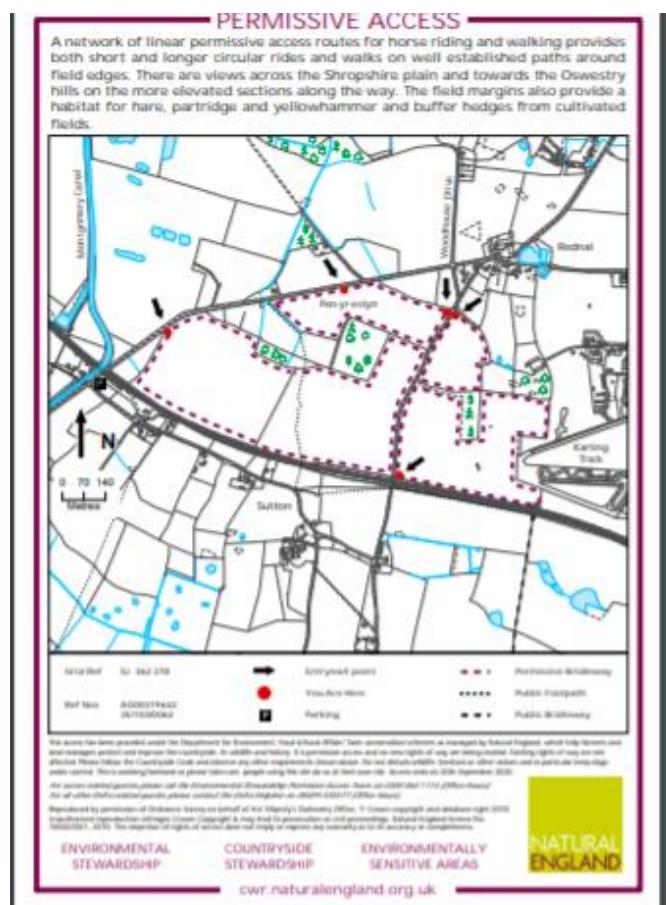
Railway line / single or double line / main line?	East Midlands main line to Market Rasen and onward
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway Promoted on the BHS site https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/Ridingmap.php?file=Ridemaphome
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	Several crossings of the line are level crossings
Equestrian Contact	See above link



SHROPSHIRE: West Felton

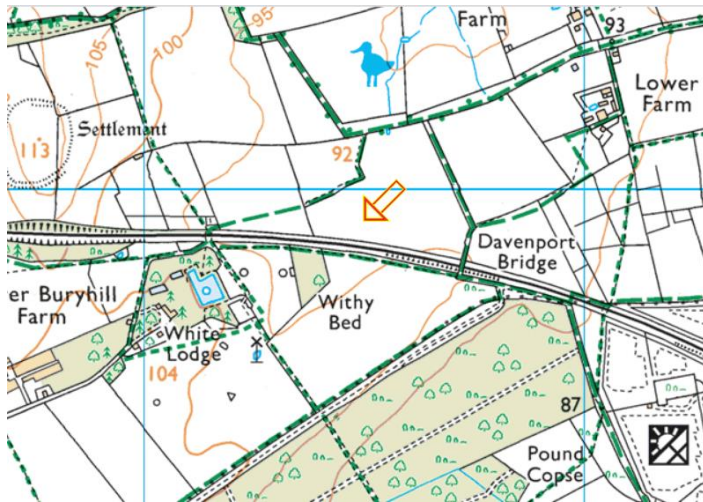
Key point: DEFRA/NE paid the landowner for 20 years for a bridleway route right alongside a main railway line

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Main line
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	with the long stretch alongside the main railway line
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Permissive bridleway
Approx length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	DEFRA,/NE permissive bridleway CPH Reference No 35/150/0062 Rednal Farm, West Felton, Shropshire. Expired on 30th September 2020. http://cwr.naturalengland.org.uk/default.aspx?Site=3990
Evidence of accidents	
History	
Other	OS Landranger 126 Grid Ref SJ362278
Equestrian Contact	Zia Robins. Facebook: Horse Access Campaign



WILTSHIRE: east of Minety

Key point: Part of a bridleway network used by horse riders

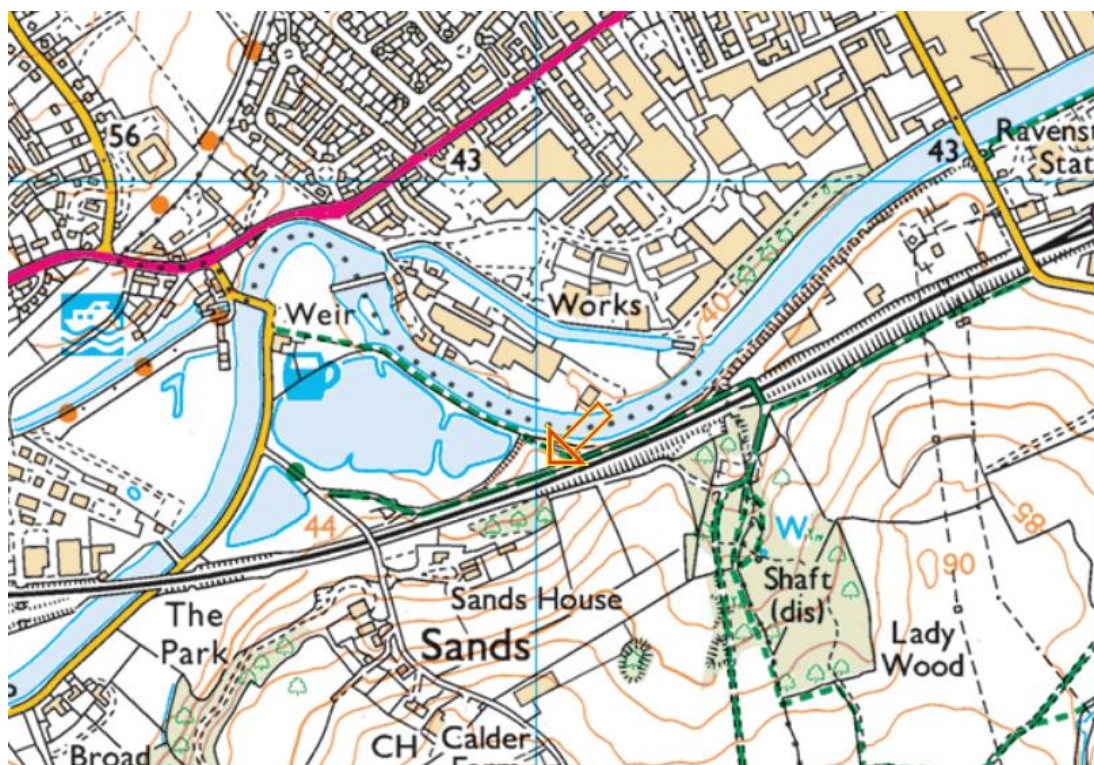


Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Swindon- Stroud - Gloucester
Frequency of trains	Hourly
Steam / diesel / speed	
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Approx length next to railway	1km
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	No
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Ridden frequently
Evidence of accidents	none
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Niki King via Janice Bridger or Wessex Trec

YORKSHIRE (west): Mirfield / Ravensthorpe / Calder River

Key point: part of a promoted ride

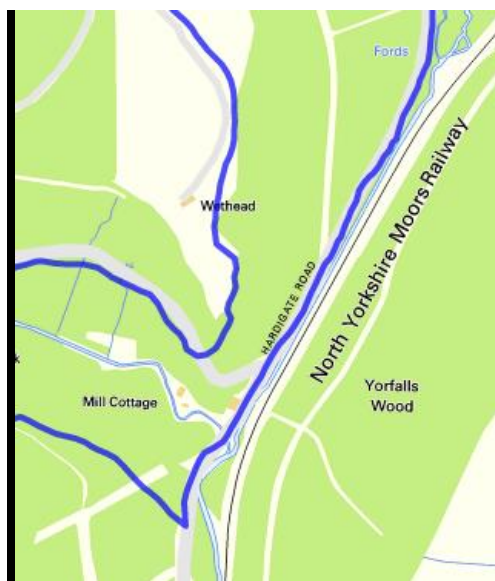
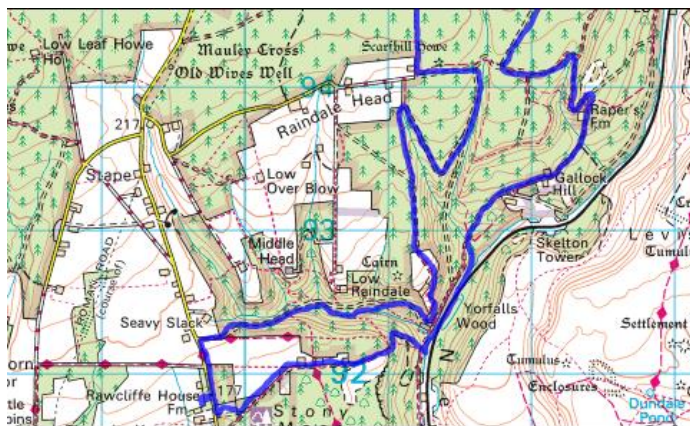
Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Main line
Frequency of trains	Frequent
Steam / diesel / speed	Diesel
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	no
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Published on the British Horse Society's MapMyHack website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/MapMyHack.php
Evidence of accidents / conflict	Rider reports no problem riding horse alongside railway
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Graeme Bruce Submitted by Foaley Moley 12/12/2019



YORKSHIRE (north): Raindale

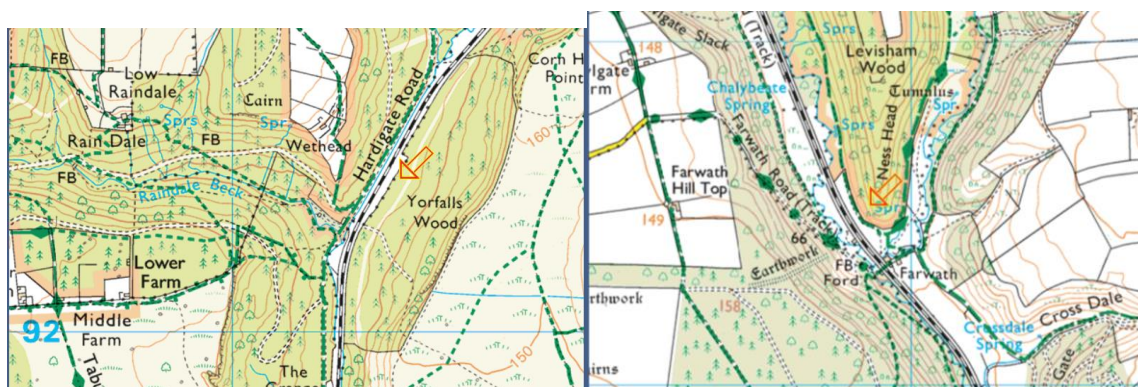
Key point: part of a promoted ride for horse riders

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	North York Moors railway
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	Steam
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	no
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Published on the British Horse Society's MapMyHack website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/MapMyHack.php
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	See above link



YORKSHIRE (north), nr Newton-on-Rawcliffe / Levisham

Railway line / single or double line / main line?	North York Moors railway
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	Steam
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	Bridleway. Also crosses the line, at grade, at Levisham station
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	no
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	
Evidence of accidents / conflict / comment from riders	We have regularly ridden this route around the Moors for the Saltersgate Farmers' Hunt "Four Forfeits" pleasure ride and even as a very new rider I rode that pleasure ride. When we crossed the line on one occasion there was actually a steam train in the station with all the noise and smoke etc of taking on passengers and setting off again. On another occasion we took with us a very young inexperienced horse who, when faced with a train going by on the line, took the lead from the experienced horses he was with and paid little or no attention to the diversion/noise etc.
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	Fran Mason



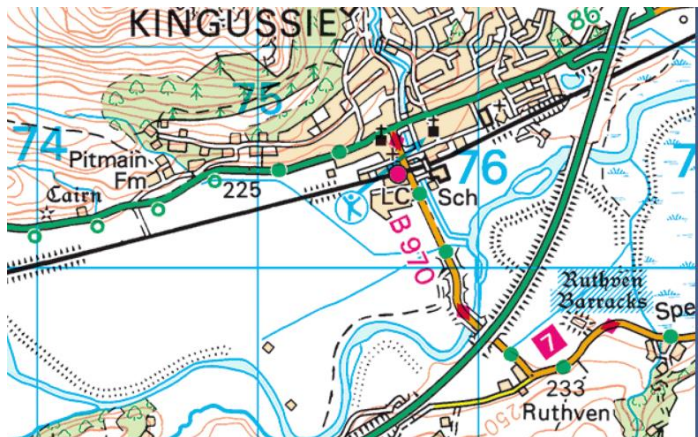
SCOTLAND

Kingussie, Highlands.

Video of horses being ridden as train passes. Not sure which path this relates to on the map but good video.

<https://www.facebook.com/shela.a.ryan/videos/10158909845957082/>

(Child Protection issues? Awaiting reply about whether OK to use video)



Crossing the nearby level crossing.

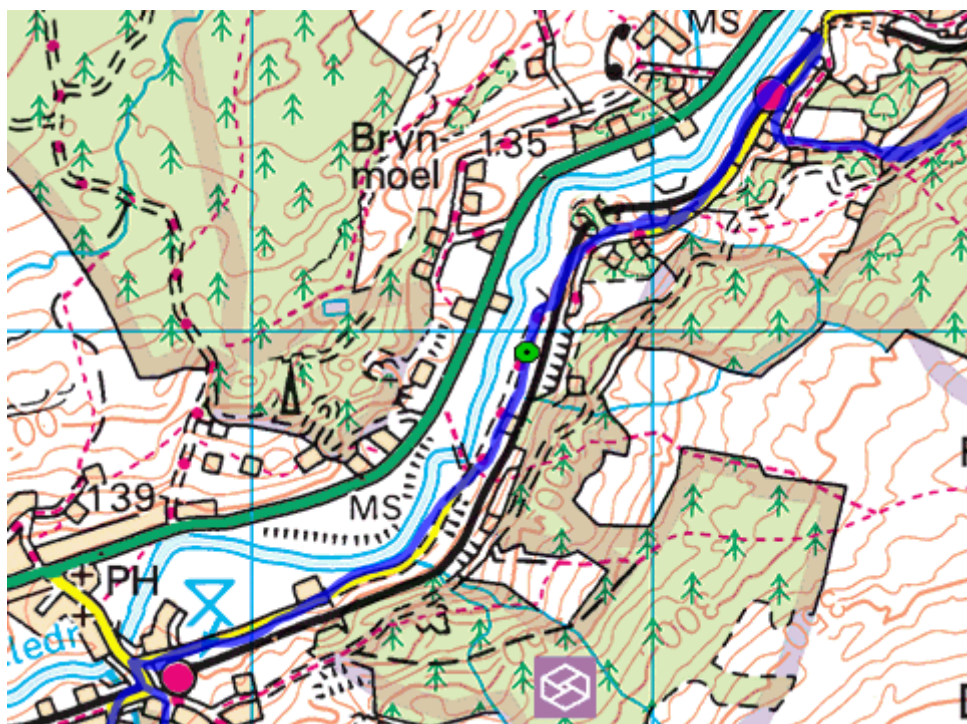


From Liz Davidson, via Facebook Horse Access Campaign

WALES, Conway, Pentre Bont

Key point: part of a promoted route for horse riders

.Railway line / single or double line / main line?	Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways
Frequency of trains	
Steam / diesel / speed	Steam
Approx distance from railway fence / railway track	
Status of path alongside where horses are ridden (driven is mentioned if so)	
Approx of width of path / length next to railway	
Part of a Sustrans NCN route?	
Part of a promoted route or used as organized ride	Published on the British Horse Society's MapMyHack website as a horse riding route. https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/MapMyHack.php
Evidence of accidents / conflict	
History	
Other	
Equestrian Contact	See above link



OTHER SITUATIONS:

Equestrian facilities next to railway lines

Horses are kept in fields next to many railway lines. In some instances, equestrian arenas where horses and riders are trained are close to railway lines. For example:

KENT: Church Farm, West Malling

<https://goo.gl/maps/YiRW5KmA8gSLKmSo8>

[JULIA BUCKLE - BHS STAGE 3 COACH IN COMPLETE HORSEMANSHIP, STAGE 4 CARE AND MANAGEMENT, STAGE 4 TEACH, DR](#)

Has a yard in Offham/Ryarsh next to the main line from Ashford to Victoria with her school within 20metres of the track, maybe less? You can see the school's proximity [here](#). She runs pole clinics etc from there.

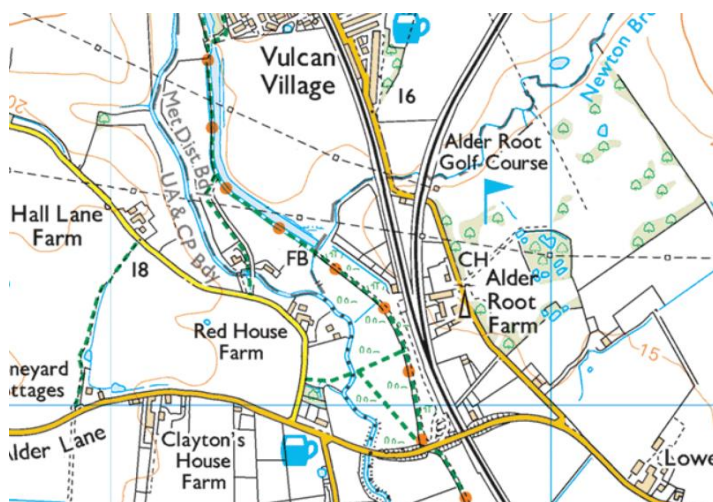
New arena built with entrance near to railway line.

She says she has “no problem whatsoever” with the normal trains with her own or visiting horses. An occasional horse will react to the diesel freight train morning and evening but only the first time (I'm sure they won't run diesel freight trains on HS2!)

Sarah Rayfield

CHESHIRE: Winwick, nr Warrington

Grazing fields, exercise arenas and multi user track along side



Shazza Brim, Facebook, Horse Access Campaign