

TRANS PENNINE TRAIL SUPPORTER NEWSLETTER



Trans Pennine Trail

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If there are any other areas or topics that you feel would be really good to see in the next newsletter, please get in touch

Letter from the Chair



Dear Supporters,

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2019 and what a year it has been. There has been a tremendous amount and support for this year's 30th Anniversary of the Trail Partnership – and from such a wide variety of sources. There have been organised events by our Local Authority partners, Volunteer clean-up days and cycle rides, horse ride across the whole of the Trail, Scout workdays, heritage walks, stands at local shows, TV interviews and filming, plus many more.

On behalf of the Trans Pennine Trail Partnership I would like to say a personal thank you to everyone for such a successful year of celebrations. These events have provided a wonderful opportunity to reinforce the branding of the Trans Pennine Trail and the support for our partnership.

Whilst complimenting everyone who has taken part in this year's celebrations it is also very important, particularly at this time, to say another huge thank you to everyone who has been working hard during November's terrible weather. This rain has had a major impact on the Trail with many sections under water. The TPT national office has been busy working with all our Local Authority partners to make sure we can get regular posts on social media to ensure that users are aware of these issues. To support these efforts our supporters have also been out on the Trail to continue reporting on affected areas. Tiring work from many of you for which we are all very grateful.

Finally, at the end of our 30th Anniversary year, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you for all the support you have given to the Trail and may I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Gillian Ivey
Chair of the Trans Pennine Trail Partnership

Volunteer Group Co-ordinators

Here's a list of the current Group Co-ordinators

If you're interested in any of the vacant posts, please get in touch

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If any of the group co-ordinators would like any of their details added or removed, please get in touch.

Volunteer Section

Liverpool: A busy summer on the Liverpool Loop Line. We have continued with our weekly Litter Picks and have had a number of Task Days and Grot Spot Days where we have tackled overgrown vegetation and litter. We have encountered all sorts of weather. The adjacent photo shows Ken knee deep in flood water during one of the torrential rain sessions.

By Elaine O'Callaghan, Volunteer Ranger

Our great team of volunteers on the Liverpool Loop Line gave their all on one of our "Blitz The Grot Spot" days on Tuesday 15th October when fourteen(!) of us turned out at Greenwich Road (in the famous Aintree district of the city) to collect over 30 bags of litter as well as clearing two bridges of weeds and brushing away broken glass and other debris to make this part of the TPT as safe and as enjoyable for walkers and cyclists as it can be. A thoroughly enjoyable day for all of us - as we say, "always a pleasure, never a chore" - and we were well rewarded by a visit from the "Liverpool Loop Line Red Elephant", an incredibly rare species that even David Attenborough has yet to find!!

By Steven Sneade, Volunteer Ranger

Warrington & Halton: The 17th October 2019 was the second anniversary of the Mersey gateway bridge being open. Strangely on that day we were informed that the Trans Pennine Trail section which has been closed for over four years to allow for the construction of the bridge was to be open again after many delays, users could now safely navigate between Penketh, Spike Island and beyond. As the group coordinator for the last four years, I have walked or cycled most of the route in my area, apart from that closed 300m section. Unfortunately the opening was slightly marred as the surface and hedging along that section had not been cut or scraped back as promised on an earlier site visit with the contractor, the TPT Office was bombarded with user complaints about this.

Post note: Confirmation received mid November that works are now complete and the Trail is now fully resurfaced as initially requested.

I received an email request from one of the local volunteers for further information about the TPT he is in the process of preparing a micro teach for a course he is doing.

The annual TPT Survey is being carried out along the section by John, Jenny and Alan.

The Safari walk the group were going to organise over the school holidays has now been put back to next year.

By Mike Stilgoe, Volunteer Ranger

Trafford & Manchester: Trafford 'Walking for Health' <https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/> is part of a nation-wide volunteer scheme to get more people active for physical and mental health benefit. It is supported by the Ramblers association, Sale Sports Club and Trafford Public Health as well as being promoted by local health surgeries.

The Urmston and Stretford groups regularly put the TPT to good use as they access the Mersey Valley for circular routes away from the streets. New walkers frequently exclaim, 'I never knew these paths existed and I've lived in the area all my life!' There is a great interest in finding out more about the Trail and using it for family trips or venturing further afield on the bike. I'm exploring ways of documenting some of our circular routes for publication by the TPT office such as this excellent 3 miler around Sale Water Park.

By Paul Riley, Volunteer Ranger



Ken deep in flood water
(Photo credit: Elaine O'Callaghan)



The rare red elephant
(Photo credit: Steven Sneade)



Trafford Walking for Health Group
(Photo credit: Paul Riley)

Volunteer Section

Stockport: It has been a very wet Autumn along the TPT in Stockport with the River Mersey on a flood alert or flood warning six times in the past two months. The most recent flooding deposited more silt and sand on the Trail which will need to be cleared again. It is quite worrying that such events have occurred so frequently this year (the TPT in Stockport was also flooded in March and July). Fortunately, it is only the local playing fields and golf courses that get badly affected, as they are used by the Environment Agency as flood alleviation basins.

We have done our annual ride around the TPT, checking for issues that we can go and sort out. There is plenty for us to do with our new leaf blower (bought from Council Ward Funds) and we will be out over the next few weeks clearing leaves from key sections of the Trail. New signage is also gradually being installed by Stockport Council – signage (or the lack of it) has been an ongoing issue in Stockport for many years, so we are hopeful that the situation will be significantly improved.

By Kathy England, Volunteer Ranger

Barnsley West: The Trans Pennine Trail Conservation Volunteers (TPTcv) turned 8 this year and celebrated with a workday and some cake - a big thank you to all the volunteers that have helped to maintain the area, such great work!

We first started work halfway between Bullhouse Bridge and Hazlehead in 2015, when the trees on either side of the route were in a very poor state. Having taken down all those which might cause a nuisance to the Trail, we were delighted to notice a huge increase in the number and variety of wild flowers with the extra sunlight.

Since then we've gone back each year and carefully removed the old vegetation, raking it up so that it doesn't enrich the soil and adding it to a thriving habitat pile. This year we were grateful for some extra pairs of hands from BT office-escapees Emma Farnsworth and colleagues.

By Kate Dobson, Volunteer Ranger

Kirkburton: Unfortunately Ken has been out of action due to illness but is hoping to be able to get back out on the Trail in the New Year!

Sheffield: We've had severe damage as a result of the extreme Climate Event, 8/9 November. The Five Weirs Walk took the brunt of it. The Council reports that the parts that are covered by the Amey contract will get fixed quite quickly - anything that is not covered will be more problematic. I'm not sure about the Thessco section - this could be the time when a permanent diversion needs to be put in place

Work should have started on the Chapelton Greenway by now but I'm not sure whether it has. The weather won't have made things easier and apparently there were some issues with moving wildlife off-site

By Simon Geller, Volunteer Ranger

Seven of us went to Beeley Woods for a Wildlife Champions workday. We started by putting up the new bird feeders, bird table and bird box we'd made at our previous session.



Leaf blower in action
(Photo credit: Kathy England)



A group ride!
(Photo credit: Kathy England)



8th Birthday Cake!
(Photo credit: TPTcv)



Hard work on the Trail!
(Photo credit: TPTcv)

Volunteer Section

I inspected the damage, reported by Tim Hess, that had been done by someone vandalising the display board. His replacement bolts were still in place and I carefully hammered the frame back into shape. We then moved north, sweeping leaves from the path where there was water running under them to allow it to flow more freely, cutting up and dragging away a fallen bough and then clearing back the vegetation that was starting to establish itself in the leaf mould on the river side of the path next to the sports ground. We probably did about 1/3 of the length of the sports ground.

The floods from November's heavy rain had filled what are normally dry ditches and turned some areas into semi-swamps: they'd also swept away the fallen leaves from some sections of the path but in general the route was unaffected.

By Polly Blacker, Volunteer Ranger

York South: We have the gold paint and the tele hoist lined up and weather permitting we will shortly paint the Sun at the start of the Solar System Greenway. At the moment it's as grey as the weather.

York Greenways have submitted a bid to LNER for funding to improve the Trust Hut hub next to Naburn Station– so hopefully we should be successful!

We have three interns from York St John University helping with the planning as well as helping with research for the Railway to Greenway history website (<http://railwaytogreenway.org/>)

By Peter Huxford, Volunteer Ranger

Rotherham: There's been a stall in the eternal restoration work on the Trail near Old Moor this last couple months due to holiday commitments and inclement weather. However before our next lull from the New year until February there are several "work days" planned. Following that it will be full steam ahead before the birds nesting season in April.

Following a recent site meeting with representatives from Rotherham MBC and RSPB Old Moor we have established a suitable working arrangement. We will be working towards and maintaining a full width Trail in the Rotherham section in the New Year.

By David Bright, Volunteer Ranger

Humber Bridge: One of the ladies who comes on the Breeze rides from Brantingham suggested a "70 at 70" ride for my Big Birthday. So ten of us (my husband, elder son, seven Brantingham Breezers and myself) set out from Brantingham, mainly following the TPT, for our coffee stop in Hull. We re-joined the TPT, going up the disused railway towards Hornsea, turned off it to go for lunch at Burton Constable Hall and then came back to Brantingham via tea in Beverley. That made 60 miles for those of us that had put in an extra loop in Holderness and 55 miles for the others. We were then joined by my daughter-in-law, grandson and younger son for a tour of Broomfleet, coming back on the TPT to Brantingham.

It's a shame the TPT from Hessle into Hull is so poor (single file riding, cars parked in the cycle lane and a dangerous roundabout). But we had a grand day out, especially the part riding along the disused railway line, and it was possibly the most enjoyable birthday I've ever had.

By Shirley Littlefair, Volunteer Ranger



**The aftermath of clearance
(Photo credit: Polly Blacker)**



**Riders at the '70 at 70' ride
(Photo credit: Shirley Littlefair)**



**A great birthday celebration!
(Photo credit: Shirley Littlefair)**

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**Please make sure whenever you contact your Local Authority TPT Officer,
please also notify the TPT Office**

Route Updates

Here are the latest updates from our project partners presented at our November partner meetings:

Sefton: Work to improve the coastal road is currently out to tender to allow works to start in the New Year along the section of Trail between Birkdale to Ainsdale. Sefton has secured funding which will include widening the surface with flexi pave. There will also be 800m of surface reconstructed where it has been subjected weed penetration. It is hoped that the project will be complete before Easter 2020, weather dependant.

The Port of Liverpool scheme has been subject to delays due to issues with consultants.

Knowsley: A ramp has been installed on the Redrow Estate to provide a link to the TPT. Work is still ongoing as handrails and a barrier are still yet to be installed. Both Sustrans and Knowlsey are also working to get a link to Thomas Lane.

Jaguar Land Rover have been in contact with Knowsley Council to look at improvements for walking and cycling.

Knowsley and the British Horse Society are working on a feasibility study to look a creating a multi-use link beside the A5300.

Merseyside Police have been out on the Trail recently between Liverpool and Knowsley conducting sting operations on illegal users.

Halton: Merseylink are now on a wind down operation and unfortunately have not completed all the agreed reinstatement works. TPT and Halton are looking into this.

Vegetation clearance from Parsonage Road to Ditton Bridge and Pickerings Pasture have now been completed.

Warrington: The upgrade on the A49 to Watford Road is currently going ahead and contractors are now on site doing vegetation clearance works. A TPT diversion is in place.

Signage at Sankey Valley is due to be replaced.

Following complaints regarding access at Chester Road Warrington are looking at what can be done.

The constant flooding at Camsley Lane is being investigated.

Fiddlers Ferry Power Station will be closing from 31st March 2020 as part of the decommissioning programme.

Trafford: The Dunham Massey Partnership project are looking at improved access to / from the TPT which will also include realigning the current on road section at Dairyhouse Lane to an off road route.

Stockport: There have been recurring instances of flooding in the Stockport which have impacted the TPT (see photo).

The public consultation on Stockport's Mayoral Challenge Fund (MCF, Tranche 1 to 5) proposals ran until November 8th. There are three schemes (Welkin Road, Heaton's Cycle Link and Heaton



Redrow Estate TPT link
(Photo credit: Joanne Frear)



Aftermath of flooding
(Photo credit: Kathy England)

Route Updates

Norris Park bridge) which will have significant relevance to the TPT. The results from the consultation have been collated, and will inform Committee reports and, ultimately, Business Cases to be submitted to TfGM. Stockport is still waiting to hear the outcome of its Mayoral Challenge Fund Tranche 6 bids: which of them have gained programme entry.

Stockport now hosts a Walking and Cycling Forum (into which the former Cycle User Group has been subsumed).

There are still many parties to confirm their preferred options for temporary or permanent TPT alignments through Stockport Town Centre – there will be an impact arising from construction of the new Interchange.

Manchester: Highways England are currently in the decision making process on the Jacksons Boar Bridge project. Further details will be circulated when available.

As part of the Mayoral Challenge Fund, there is a proposal to extend Hardy's Lane to create a link with the TPT in a bid to improve connectivity.

Tameside: The road section of the A560 will be de-designated by Sustrans due to safety issues and no longer considered part of the NCN, however it will still remain TPT.

Peak Park: A successful staff volunteering day involved clearing water stops on the path from Gypsy lane to the TPT, digging ditches to remove running and standing water off the Trail, further vegetation clearance work and removal of tree guards. Tree guards were also removed from the shelterbelt behind the Kennels at Torside crossing.

Barnsley: Penistone Parkrun now has over 300 participants every Saturday.

The Little Don Link funding bid has been submitted. This is a link from Langsett to Sheffield.

As part of the EPIP funding, works at Folly Lane have been completed.

Sheffield: Construction of the Loicher Lane to Butterthwaite Lane section of the Blackburn Valley Bridleway has been delayed due to the weather making working conditions unsafe. Construction on this scheme will start as soon as conditions improve.

Derbyshire/ Chesterfield: TPT at Lowgates will be resurfaced but programme date not yet determined.

There will be a sculpture installed on the Trail near Bluebank Lock which is currently being commissioned. Keep your eyes peeled for the sculpture from February 2020.

Doncaster: The Trail has been affected badly by the recent floods with the following sections hit; Mill Lane, Harlington, Don Gorge and between Topham and Sykehouse. Unfortunately this has resulted in emergency closures in many areas.

Recent vegetation clearance has revealed further surface issues at Owston Wood which are now being investigated.

Rotherham: Works are currently taking place near Old Moor Wetland Centre to deal with flooding issues, rectifying an underpass that habitually floods after wet weather, new drainage channels and surfacing will be installed in the near future.

Leeds: Sustrans are to resurface part of the Trail between the Royal Armouries and Woodlesford



Section of Trail closed in Doncaster due to silt and mud (Photo credit: Andy Carnall, DMBC)

Route Updates

Lock. Details will be posted on the TPT website when available.

No flooding issues were reported on the Trail in Leeds after the recent very wet weather. Hopefully the moveable River Weirs have been doing their job as part of the Leeds Flood Alleviation scheme.

Leeds Group are supporting Leeds Cycle Campaign in an effort to get action for Leeds City Council to secure step-free access along the TPT at the north side of Skelton Bridge. Anyone wanting to help with this campaign should contact Les Webb (les.webb227@gmail.com)

York: The Environment Agency has submitted a new application for works on Terry Avenue indicating a 2.5m path will remain open for the TPT / NCN. The works are estimated to take approximately 1 year once approved.

Signing on Scarborough Bridge has now been completed.

Small wall works on Lendal Bridge have been completed but there are still a few issues that are still outstanding which will result in a closure for a week.

A suggested design has been submitted for the Trail in Knavesmire to allow the route be more accessible. The proposed route will provide an off-road route at the former Terry site further discussions with the racecourse will be needed and funding secured.

Selby: There have been complaints received about horse riders have been using sections of Trail in Burn that are only walking / cycling status. Signage will be reinstalled to notify users that this section is not a bridleway.

The Gliding Club are also concerned with people walking over area despite prior notice it is a live runway.

North Yorkshire: In the New Year partners will be meeting with Sport England to look at Burn Airfield to help determine what allocation of funding we have been successful for with the help of the Friends of the TPT.

The fencing issues at Crow Croft Lane have been fixed.

Hull: The walking route on the foreshore has been cut back with the help of TCV (the conservation volunteers). Hull are also working with an entomologist to help maintain the area and also help educate volunteers about the diverse species that survive in the habitat.

Flood protection work at Victoria Dock is ongoing but a completion date has not been given as yet. Hull will be meeting with the design engineers to finalise the route from Ferry Tavern to the city centre.

The Princess Quay Bridge is now in place—the accessible ramps to be installed.



Princess Quay Bridge
(Photo credit: Highways England)

East Riding: Network Rail have closed the Humber Foreshore whilst works are ongoing however there is a fully signed diversion on the ground and on the TPT website:

<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/trail-info/route-updates/>

Sustrans are to produce a feasibility study to improve the Trail at North Ferriby.

News from the



Welcome from the Chair of the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail

It is well recognised that as a Friend of the Trans Pennine Trail we all give our time and effort freely to support the Trail but it is also important to acknowledge that financial support helps and is very much needed in these times of austerity. It is important to reassure everyone that by joining the Friends all your money goes directly into supporting the Trail. The Friends is a registered charity which also enables us to claim gift aid wherever possible.

The cost of our membership is low and remember we have members who pay their annual subscriptions plus donating funds to support our worthy cause.

With Christmas approaching I'd like to urge you all to consider donating to the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail as your Christmas charity. This is very simple to do, with step by step instructions on our website <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/donate/>



As we look to 2020 our challenge will also be to make the Trail more resilient against the extreme weather conditions we are now facing. Not an easy task but it is important to acknowledge how the recent downpours have affected many areas of the route.

On behalf of the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail I'd like to sign off by wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Simon Geller, Chair of the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail
Remember – This Path Needs Friends!

Protection of the Trail's future

As Deputy Chair of the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail, I'd like to reinforce Simon's comments on how important your funds are to the TPT. It doesn't matter how big or how small your donation is, every penny is important to help protect the Trail for our future generations to enjoy.

The national Trans Pennine Trail office is also under increasing pressure to ensure they continue to receive funding. Many of you will not know that the national office has only two full time members of staff – this year they've been lucky to also have a Modern Apprentice who's been a great support to them. In a nutshell the team do everything from sending out leaflets, updating Facebook and Twitter, updating website, responding to all emails, consultation responses, planning application responses, briefing papers, meetings with partners / Friends / Volunteers / Developers, presentations as well as provide support to us, the Friends of the TPT.

With the TPT national office our Trustees are working hard to protect the longevity of the brand of the Trans Pennine Trail and also the existence of the national office, something that we all need to support.

Pam Ashton, Deputy Chair of the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail

News from the



What a difference a Legacy can make

We fully understand how asking people to leave a legacy can be a difficult conversation to have, but it can also be really beneficial to enable people to realise what a difference this gift can make. If this is something you'd like to discuss with one of the Friends Trustees, please get in touch and we can explain how simple this process can be. Your legacy can also go towards any specific projects that are important to you.



For example, some of you will remember a few years ago the Friends were very kindly left a legacy to help improve accessibility along the Longdendale section of the TPT in the Peak District National Park. Initial meetings with partners highlighted just how much difference small changes can make; having a bench without arms at each end so you can leave your wheelchair to sit next to your companion and enjoy views, installing a wheeling ramp into a stream so you can enjoy the feel of free running water on your feet, tactile marker posts so you can stretch yourself a little further to the next post on each visit or sound boxes to hear about the history of the area.

The local partnership of the TPT has also been wonderful in bringing in further funding, matched by the legacy, to really make long term improvements. Thanks also go to our Trustees and the TPT national office for really bringing this project together.

Kathy England, Treasurer

This Path Needs Friends

Our latest campaign is to encourage Trail users to become Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail. As well as registering on the website, you can also text "**Friend**" to **07494338536** and one of our Trustees will call back to arrange the best and most convenient way for you to make a donation and join us.

If you've got a real passion for the Trail, we also have some opportunities to become a Trustee and become a member of the Board of the Friends of TPT. This is a fantastic way to really get to know what goes on behind the scenes and find out how we can help.

Les Webb, Membership Secretary

New Trustee

As 2019 draws to a close, we are excited to announce Jane Martin as our new Eastern representative, look out for an update on what she's been up to come the Spring newsletter!

Vacancies Available on the Board

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee we currently we have one position available.

For more details please email friends@transpenninetrail.org.uk or call 01226 772574 and ask for Simon Geller.

Friends of the
Trans Pennine Trail

This path needs Friends

The Trans Pennine Trail is a 370 mile network of accessible multi-user paths across the North of England. The paths are maintained by the 27 Local Authorities they pass through but they need tending to and improving.

Why not become a Friend of the Trans Pennine Trail?

Friends pay a small annual fee to finance tools for volunteers, leaflets, publicity to spread the word and grants for new projects. Having Friends helps attract bigger grants and secure its future.

Becoming a Friend is easy!

Text Friend to 07494338536 and we will give you a call back!
Or visit www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/friends

If you like walking, cycling or horse riding become a member of the Friends and receive news about the Trail.



The Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail is a voluntary body of people who support the project in many ways:

- Providing tools for maintenance volunteers
- Printing leaflets and funding publicity events to spread the word
- Helping to fund small projects
- Lobbying and campaigning on behalf of the Trail
- Conducting route and user surveys
- Providing practical help with maintenance

Why not become a Friend and help play an active role on the route in your area?

If you would like to sign up online please visit <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/friends/> to process your membership or text "Friend" to 07494 338 536.

Alternatively please complete and return the following form: Membership Secretary, Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail, PO BOX 597, Barnsley S70 9EW.

I/ We would like to join the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail

Ordinary Membership

Concession Membership (unwaged/ retired)

Family or Joint Membership

Group or Club Membership

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

£8 per annum

£5 per annum

£12 per annum

£12 per annum

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail

Full name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Tel: _____ E-mail: _____

If you would like to know more about paying by standing order please email friends@transpenninetrail.org.uk to request a form.

I would like to Gift Aid the enclosed donation and all future donations until I notify you otherwise.

Please sign here

To qualify for Gift Aid, the amount you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount the charity will claim in the tax year.

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Welcome to our Board of Trustees 2019/2020

Chair - Simon Geller

Deputy Chair - Pam Ashton

Secretary - Chris Lumb

Membership Secretary - Les Webb

Treasurer - Kathy England

Trustees - Peter Brocklehurst, David Bright, Jane Martin

Other News & Views

Old Stationhouse Café

We are still open for business! We are just off the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) in Snaith (Pontefract Road DN14 0DE).

When riding through Pollington and over the motorway at the junction with the A645, instead of turning left following TPT signs if you turn right instead the cafe is on the right just passed the sign showing no through road. We are open 7 days a week between 8am and 2pm.

You can check on the Old Stationhouse Cafe Facebook site! Visitors to the area wouldn't know that there is a café.



The Old Stationhouse Café!
(Credit: The Old Stationhouse Café)

Santa Special Cruises

Chesterfield Canal Trust are running their 'Santa Special Cruises' which includes a present for every child and a mince pie and drink for every adult. Tickets are £7 per person.

There are the following cruises available:

Chesterfield - The John Varley boat, will be doing Santa Special trips from Tapton Lock every Saturday and Sunday from 23rd November to 22nd December and on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Monday 23rd December.

To book please ring 01629 533 020 between 9am and 4pm

Retford - Seth Ellis boat, will be running Santa Special trips from Hop Pole on the A620 every Saturday and Sunday from 23rd November to 22nd December and on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th December.

To book please ring 07925 851 569 or email sethellis@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk.

Hollingwood Hub - Boat, Madeline, will be running Santa Special trips from Hollingwood Hub on every Saturday and Sunday from 7th to 22nd December and on Monday 23rd December.

To book please ring 01629 533 020 between 9am and 4pm

Shireoaks - Hugh Henshall boat, will be running Santa Special trips from Shireoaks every Saturday and Sunday from 7th to 22nd December and on Monday 23rd December at 10:30, 11:45, 13:00 and 14:15.

To book please email hughhenshall@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk outlining your requirements including name, gender and age of all children or ring 0114 360 0460 and leave a message.



Special Santa Cruise
(Photo credit: Chesterfield Canal Trust)

Training on the Trans Pennine Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail - what a marvellous place to run, walk, cycle and wildlife watch! Fresh air in abundance, traffic free so great air quality.

I completed my first marathon at Barnsley in 1976 in a time of 3hrs 11mins. Subsequently ran many marathons and other races in the UK and Europe. Placing fifth in the Chatellerault Marathon in France and seventh in the European police marathon at Rotterdam in 1977. Team winner whilst running for Sunderland harriers at the polytechnic marathon in 1979, the original London marathon. Also team winner for Sunderland harriers in the North East Harrier league cross country championship. I still compete at age 73 in races from 5k to marathon having completed six marathons since turning 70 years of age, winning my age group in both the Hull and Yorkshire marathons.

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The Trans Pennine Trail in East Yorkshire normally sees me train there 2/3 times a week. Such a great place for runners like me to train. Over the years I have got to know runners, walkers, dog walkers, nature lovers and cyclists who frequent the Trail.

A great bunch of like minded people who find the Trans Pennine Trail a great place to be. You never know what you will see next. All kinds of bird life, hawks, owls, finches etc. I had three muncjacks cross right in front of me a few weeks ago and unfortunately I wasn't quite quick enough to take a photograph. From the suburbs of Hull to Hornsea is a stretch I know well and will continue to train and enjoy the Trail in Holderness.

Feel free to join the people who enjoy this wonderful place.

By Geoff Thornes, User of the Trail



**Geoff with Jessica Ennis
(Photo credit: Geoff Thornes)**



**Autumn Art
(Photo credit: James Brunt)**

Autumn Art

James Brunt is an artist who lives and works in Yorkshire, creating art often with the very nature around us. His recent autumn work has astounded viewers with the bright colours and patterns, a sight truly to behold!

Some of his work can be found in local parks such as Rother Valley Country Park and Cannon Hall. If you're lucky enough, you might spot one someday!

James has also been working with local primary schools to inspire them to get creative and start their own art pieces - the results have been fantastic! Why not give it a go yourself and see what you can create?

To view more of James' work, you can visit his website at:

<http://www.jamesbruntartist.co.uk/>

Tree of the Year 2019

The Woodland Trust Tree of the Year has been announced!! The contest celebrates special trees across the UK and the stories behind them.

This years winner is the Allerton Oak tree in Liverpool!

This giant oak is believed to be dated back to 1066 and even has a mention in the Domesday Book! The Allerton Oak is based in Calderstones Park, Liverpool which the TPT runs beside, so why not use the Trail and pay the tree of the year a visit!

Stairfoot Station Heritage Park

The Stairfoot Station Heritage Park Group, have been developing an area of land formally the old railway sidings, along the Trans Pennine Trail at Stairfoot, which also leads into the clay pits of the historic brick works.

Volunteers have been working on this site for over 2 years and have: cleared overgrown vegetation, improved accessibility and gateways, provided heritage interpretation boards and created a Central Feature at the main entrance to represent the historical importance of the area.

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The group have also developed a website that documents the historical background of industries and associated transport links (canals and railways) of Stairfoot Station as well as documenting local oral histories of the area <http://stairfootstation.co.uk/>

The group looks to empower local people to improve and maintain their green spaces and sustain local heritage for future generations, and visitors to the area. We meet at 17:15 on the first Wednesday of every month in Tesco community Room at Stairfoot where our future actions are planned.

If you would like to get involved or just want to know more please contact Doreen Gwilliam on 01226 775707.



Opening of the Railway Feature with the Barnsley Mayor (Photo credit: Doreen Gwilliam)

Now and Then- Ordnance Survey

This photograph was taken in 1954 by the Ordnance Survey as part of a post-war mapping project. They are a record of survey points known as Revision Points (shown as 'rp' on the finished map). These points were used as control points for the maps (to make sure they were accurate) and were usually on things that weren't likely to move, like the corners of buildings/ walls/ fence posts etc. The photographs helped the next surveyor to find the same point.

The backgrounds of the photographs give us a fascinating glimpse into everyday life in Hoyland and the surrounding area at the time. The Ordnance Survey donated them to Barnsley Archives a few years ago, and they've recently been digitised, which has made them more readily accessible.

They were taken 65 years ago this year (2019), starting in May 1954, so to mark the anniversary, Barnsley Museums have been working with local people as part of the Elsecar Heritage Action Zone to restage some of the photos each month and show how things have changed in that time.

Obviously one of those changes is the creation of the TPT!
By Tegwen Roberts, Heritage Action Zone Officer



Original Photograph—June 1954 (Source: Barnsley Archives and Museums)



Restaged Photograph—June 2019 (Source: Barnsley Museums—Elsecar Heritage Action Group)

30th Anniversary TPT Walk

My interest in the Trans Pennine Trail first came about in early 2013 when I, along with an old University friend, Hugh, took in a couple of stretches close to my Sheffield home as practice walks for a funding raising event starting in Didsbury that Summer.

When I heard that this year was the 30th Anniversary of the iconic long-distance path I decided to enlist Hugh and another University friend Mark for a walk from its western terminus at the sea front at Southport to Old Roan Railway Station, a distance of approximately 15 miles. As a born and bred Blackpool lad it seemed quite fitting that I was undertaking this walk from my homeland of the West Coast of Lancashire.

On a cloudy Saturday morning in early October we left the "sanctuary" of our nearby hotel and headed for the sea front. We mustered at the tall installation which marks the westernmost point of the Trail with eyes pointed towards a very distant Hornsea. A lone cyclist was the only other person there; rain threatened, the grey sky appearing to deter other would be ventures. Snapshots were taken and the three set off for the roundabout, crossed the main road and started out on the shared pedestrian/cycle path.

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The first stretch was quite lengthy and the road straight; busy traffic punctuated the sound of footsteps. Small groups of cyclists were the only souls encountered on this stage of the path. After a brief walk through residential streets, the pavement tailed off into a path and then into a track. Open countryside at last! In the distance, the hills of the Pennines beckoned, hinting at more challenging stretches of the Trail – but that was for another time! The three walkers contented themselves with the level pathway for now as it wound around a wood and then into the wood itself. Save for some riders out on a hack no-one was encountered.

The woodland path branched out at a “crossroads” but the signposting was very good and it was clear to see that the left hand path was the correct one to take. So we took that path and it was identified as the Cheshire Lines on a sign post. This was a disused railway track and its start heralded the beginning of the next stretch of the Trail.

The going was good along the Cheshire Lines track bed until they eventually opened out into a residential area at Maghull. The residential stage was brief and signs redirected us back through hedgerows onto a field. We crossed the River Alt and headed for a major road in the distance.

On hitting the road, signs directed us to the other side and so we crossed; then, up a short path until we reached a housing estate. Road names such as “Apollo Road”, “Armstrong Way” and “Aldrin Gardens” hinted at the date when the houses had been built.

On reaching the canal we accosted a lady and asked, hopefully, if we had arrived at Aintree, today’s destination. “Oh no” the lady replied but helpfully directed us along the canal to a bridge where we would gain access to Old Roan Station, and the end of our day’s walk. All in all a good walk, undertaken in around six hours, and not too challenging due to the flat terrain.

By Christopher Blackburn, User of the Trail



Western Terminus
(Photo Credit: Chris Blackburn)

The Commuting Holy Grail - Using the Trans Pennine Trail

Linking many of my worksites I tend to transcend the South Yorkshire TPT sections as a commuting highway – my M1. Albeit no traffic problems, a good dose of exercise and some glorious sun rises (and some very wet commutes on occasion too).

We probably all know, or should know, regular exercise can reduce the risk of chronic illnesses such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and stroke. Cycling is one such exercise that has had enormous publicity with such events as the Tour De Yorkshire and a push by Local Authorities to encouraging more active travel. The TPT to me provides a safe and diverse route to cycle.



Night Commuting
(Photo Credit: Andy Picken)

The health sector is where I work specifically looking at preventative health strategies and activities around changing peoples behaviour to become a little more active. The UK Chief Medical officer says 150 minutes 5 times a week, so 30 minutes a day to be exact. Around 34% men and 42% of women are inactive for good health (Source Public Health England). The TPT helps me achieve these guidelines.

I work in Sheffield where I contribute to getting workforces more active in line with Move More Sheffield – a plan to get Sheffield the most active City in the UK – Through the Olympic Legacy Project the National Centre for sports and Exercise Medicine.

I cycle to work because I enjoy it and I am lucky enough to have the TPT on my doorstep. I also walk it and run it so it is quite a feature in my downtime. As a commuting method I regularly take route 62

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over to North Sheffield (19 miles) where I work for B.Braun Medical Ltd a few days a week which the Trail passes. Our work also uses the Trail for lunchtime walks and a desk to 5K run group.

So in 19 miles commuting I get taken all the way to work from quite literally my doorstep through some lovely surroundings through woods, at the side of rivers and canals, through some lovely South Yorkshire villages to work. The Doncaster, Sprotbrough section is a particularly nice section of the TPT through woods, side of the river and castle views overlooking Conisbrough.

Challenges – of course this means some early starts and some dark commutes. However always outweighed by the mental health benefits, less tension, stress and **mental** fatigue, a natural energy booster and Improved sleep – according to the Mental Health Foundation. I arrive to work fresh.

The Trail itself is a mix of terrain (smooth tarmac, loose gravel and some slightly more muddy sections) of which I use a mountain bike predominately for, and also a cyclocross dependant on the load I am carrying. For dark commutes I use 3 spare batteries which charge at work too (been caught out once with 2 failed batteries).



Harlington
(Photo Credit: Andy Picken)

With 28000 – 36000 deaths attributed to long term exposure to air pollution (Public Health England) the TPT has a part to play in being used as an 'active journey' alternative for the car especially seen as though 55% of journeys under 5 miles are made by car or van (cycling embassy).

So if you're thinking of commuting I would certainly recommend the TPT if it connects near your home and work. As a leisure option it takes you to many places you wouldn't know about locally and has some amazing wildlife on it section – I have seen wild deer as well as the more usual rabbits, foxes etc.

By Andrew Picken, Active commuter using the TPT

Coast to Coast for Charity

Each year I like to do a physical activity –to raise money for charity. This year doing the TPT seemed a good idea although I had never done anything like this before. I chose the TPT as it is relatively flat except the Pennines in the middle! So I split the distance up 50-30-30-50-50 to fit in with the terrain. I rode the TPT the last week of September. I started in Southport and went across to Hornsea, mainly because I live in Chester, so it was easy to get to the beginning and also we quite often have westerly winds so hoped the wind would be behind me!

Day 1 - 2 friends and I got the train to Southport, where we began. My friends left me in East Liverpool to get the train back to Chester. A friend met us by the station to give us a welcome cup of tea. I carried onto Altrincham where a friend picked me up and put me up for the night. The weather started off lovely and sunny but later in the afternoon it did rain. Signage was good but I did manage to do a loop on myself in the Stockton Heath area. Also the path came to an abrupt halt in the area of the new Runcorn Bridge; thankfully there was a diversion to take although this wasn't signposted at all, but a pedestrian kindly told me about it. There was also a small section of steps. Also in this area was the Ferry pub which is very useful for the conveniences and food/ drink as well. Would need to check out opening hours if relying on it to be open though.



Beautiful Views of the Trail
(Photo credit: Rowena Siddorn)

Day 2 - Altrincham to Charlesworth. Started off with light rain and continued most of the day, torrential at one point! Quite a lot of uphill but mostly doable. Loose gravel/ hard-core is the worst as you can't get a grip with your wheels. Otherwise terrain was good. Signage was good until after the Reddish visitor centre (have a little tea shop there - very welcome) when it was misleading.

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Once off the Trail it can be very difficult to get back on as unless you find the signs you are lost! Spent night with a friend, whose house is actually on the route.

Day 3 - Charlesworth to part way up Woodhead pass. This day was an extra/ spare day, so I did a short ride and then got the train back to Chester via Manchester from Hadfield. It was a lovely sunny day and most of the route was up an old railway alongside the Woodhead pass reservoirs. Very good terrain. I had no problem with the bike on the trains, but it was middle of the day so not too busy.

Day 4 - Part way up Woodhead pass to Wombwell. I started with a car journey with my husband to part way up Woodhead pass where I had finished the day before. This route was quite hilly and rough in parts until I reached the highest point of the Trail. Pushing the bike was a necessity. This was the point of actually going over the Pennine moors. From highest point there was a lovely long road section downhill to where I picked up another old railway. We had lunch at a good cafe adjacent to the Trail in Penistone. It was a lovely sunny day. There was also a cafe very close to the Trail at Worsbrough. Terrain is quite rough in parts so very glad I was going downhill. Good though from Worsbrough to Wombwell where we stayed the night in an Airbnb, about a mile from the route. Signage good.

Day 5 - Wombwell to Howden. A relatively flat terrain day, but quite a long day 61 miles in total. Signage not so good in Bentley. Terrain was mixed from good to loose chippings/ tarmac and slippery concrete. We had a picnic lunch at Brathwaite. Weather was sunny in the morning and wet in the afternoon. I passed a caravan site with a coffee sign out where I had a very welcome cup of hot chocolate and warmed up a little. Stayed at an Airbnb which was about 3 miles from Howden - must admit I put the bike on the back of the car for that bit.

Day 6 - Howden to Hornsea. Drizzly rain at first then lovely and sunny. We had lunch in Hessle a nice small town. Managed to get through Hull all ok except one part where it was a bit vague. The last section was the Hornsea Trail, another old railway- but mixed terrain. Could be nice tarmac but quite bumpy because of tree roots, or very coarse hard-core. It was great to get to Hornsea in lovely sunshine and have an ice cream and a paddle in the sea.

Overall it was a great experience. I did get lost a few times, but thankfully every time I managed to find someone who could get me back on track. I was glad I had done it from West to East from the hills point of view. I used a road bike but with straight handle bars. I put a pannier on the back for my luggage - which I was very minimalistic with. A hybrid bike may have coped better with the terrain, but would have been slower on the road/good terrain parts. A lot of the route is off road, and very quiet. You can't rely on passing places on the Trail for getting drinks and food, so when you get to one it is a nice surprise. Thankfully no punctures! But I had put good tyres on the bike. I would like to encourage people to get out and do this route, it is doable! And I am a lady pensioner!

By Rowena Siddorn



Rowena in Hornsea
(Photo credit: Rowena Siddorn)

21st Annual Hornsea Hike

The Rotary Club of Hornsea and East Riding present the 21st Annual Hornsea Hike on Sunday 5th January 2020. The route start from; Densholme Farm, Great Hatfield and take a circular Walk of roughly 6 miles.



The walk will start at 10:30am at Densholme Farm, Great Hatfield, HU11 4UX and it will finish at approximately 2pm. The cost is £10 per head with donations accepted for any child walkers. Dogs and all behaved livestock are welcome. Any proceeds raised will be donated to the Rotary Charities.

There will be a lunch stop of bacon rolls/ soup/ scones/ drinks.

Please confirm attendance to Paul Train via the contact details below:

Daytime: 01482 504114 **Evening:** 01482 217499 **Mobile:** 07831 695059 **Email:** pault@hnt.co.uk

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European Ramblers Association 50th Anniversary

Arthur and I attended the European Ramblers Association 50th Anniversary meeting near Stuttgart in South West Germany. Arthur was an honoured guest as Honorary Vice-President, and received applause when he said how sad he was that the links between Britain and Europe are in danger of becoming weaker.

Henk Dikker Hupkes was also there, who used to attend TPT walks in Penistone. He left Dutch Ramblers to become a church minister, and is now retiring.

By Peter Ayling, President of the East Yorkshire & Derwent Area Ramblers



ERA 50th Anniversary
(Photo credit: Peter Ayling)

England Coast Path - Improving public access to the coast - Natural England

The England Coast Path will meet up with the Trans Pennine Trail on the east coast near the Humber Estuary, and the west coast near the Mersey Estuary. Here is a brief progress report to show where we are in Autumn 2019, in what is inevitably a slow-moving process.

Starting in the East;

- East from the Humber Bridge, the proposals will form part of the Humber Bridge to Easington stretch.
- We are aiming to get the proposals published in February or March 2020.
- In general the proposed line of the English Coast Path between the Ferry Terminal and the Humber Bridge coincides with the pedestrian route of the Trans Pennine Trail.
- Working with Hull City Council the England Coast Path proposal will include an upgrade of the public footpath that runs alongside Clive Sullivan Way.

And in the West;

- The proposals for this part of the coast are included in the stretch from Cleveleys to Pier Head, Liverpool.
- We are working to a similar timetable to above, aiming to get the proposals published in February or March 2020.
- We have now completed our planning work for the Trail and the coastal margin and we are working on our final communication with landowners / occupiers in some areas before we finalise the route for the report.
- The proposed route is largely off-road to the west of the Trans Pennine Trail between Southport and Liverpool, so could be used in walking circular routes in this area.

Our sensitive features assessment work (Habitats Regulations Assessments and Nature Conservation Assessment) for this stretch is ongoing.



Crosby Coastal Park
(Photo Credit: Natural England)



Liverpool
(Photo Credit: Natural England)

We Ride, with a little help from our friends!

In 1987, when I was born a band called Wet Wet Wet covered a Lennon and McCartney song and it came to mind this morning as I set out on another Birdy's social ride. It was truly Wet, Wet, Wet on the Trail to reddish vale but along the way I reflected on what makes it all possible. Hosting Social rides, fixing bikes, encouraging more people to get on their bike and helping create even more great routes across Tameside for cyclists to enjoy is only possible (and here's where Lennon and McCartney & Wet Wet Wet fit in) "With a Little Help From My Friend".

So let me talk you through today's route myself and friends of Birdys tried out ...

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Birdy's Bike Shed Social Rides Along the Trans Pennine Trail to Stockport via the Trail to Reddish Vale Country Park aided by the Tame Valley Mountain Biking Association.

We all met and started from Hyde Leisure on Walker Lane, as the link to the TPT is just around the corner (very lucky). Once we're on we head SW along the Trail to our first scenic point Haughton Dale Nature Reserve. I recommend taking a pause on the bridge to admire the weir, always good to see in its full flow. Cross the River Tame riding to Hulmes Wood Nature Reserve to connect with the next link to the TPT off Stockport Road. When on Stockport Road head up the hill taking your first left passed the houses, carry on down the road and follow the signs for the TPT.

You will go down and up passed more housing and then through the gunnel. Turn left follow the road around to the end of the street turn left again and you'll see a green gate. Lovely riding through green belt follows and all down hill too (one of my favourite bits) At the end you'll see the car park to the Vale.

I really recommend going into the visitors centre and get yourself a brew and a biscuit (caramel bars for me) The ladies there are lovely, chatty and very welcoming! Look out for the picnic area at the back. It has bike parking to the side and I also suggest you explore the little lakes they have and plenty of other walking trails and nature walks for families so lots of reasons to return again.

Now in reddish we continue along the TPT with a short challenging climb out of Reddish Vale and head to the large town of Stockport but again due to the countryside surroundings you wouldn't think it.. Just before we hit the town this is where we leave the TPT and have our second visit with the M62 this time instead of going over we hit a descent and go under to give us a taste of some urban riding as we pass through some tunnels covered in some cool graffiti art.

We now go on to join the Alan Newton way, named after Stockport's Olympic medal winning cyclist and a change of river from the Tame to the Goyt. And there you have it the end of our Fab TPT route part as we the head over to Bredbury and Chadkirk to loop back to the TPT from the Peak Canal to Hyde.

So yes today was WET, WET, WET but It's not raining all the time though. A couple of weeks ago we did the same route and had 11 year old Ryley Allen son of the joint chair of Tame Valley Mountain Bike Association too and he absolutely loved it. Which makes this ride along the TPT great for family days out. The pictures within this article tell that story much better than my words!!

We don't just do this ride either so if you would like to know more why not head over to our social page and Birdy's Bike Shed repair and servicing. If you're interested in riding in and around Tameside head over to the Tame Valley Mountain Biking page for local Trail information too.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Trans Pennine Trail Team it's such a great and challenging route especially if you're taking on the full 215 miles coast to coast route, but it's just as much fun if you're jumping on and off to create your own bespoke route or using it on your daily commute.

Birdy's social ride looks forward to seeing you soon, and remember 'No Road Is Too Long When You Have Good Company'

By Phil Bird, Birdy's Bike Shed



Ready to ride



The rain never stopped them



A cold wet day
(Photos credit: Phil Bird)

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Countryside Jobs Service celebrates 25 years

During 2019 CJS has been celebrating their silver anniversary, they have been providing jobs in and information about the countryside sector for 25 years.

In celebration they are running a photo competition until June 2020 and December's prize for the best photo is a subscription to OS Maps. Get unlimited OS Explorer and Landranger maps on any device making it easy for you to explore the great outdoors. Find out more about CJS celebrations and the photo competition on <https://c-js.co.uk/CJS25years>



Update from Sustrans

For those of you that haven't heard as yet I am taking secondment to an exciting new role as flexible Senior Project Officer, Collaborative Design. Best take up the yoga again. *Boomtish*



Initially I'll be co-ordinating the schools streets and filtered neighbourhood projects in the famous Levenshulme. This is a fantastic opportunity for me and for Sustrans to help deliver on our aim to create Liveable Towns and Cities for Everyone.

I am very pleased that Ali Dore will be working part time as Volunteer Co-ordinator and we will be recruiting for a part time volunteer co-ordinator role to work alongside Ali. To ensure that we have support in place for volunteers during the recruitment process our Greener Greenways Officer Sarah Bradbury will be working with Ali to support volunteers with assistance from Karen and Gael.

If you have queries regarding volunteering on Greener Greenways routes (with the exception of Chester) or in West or South Yorkshire please contact Sarah Bradbury and for other areas (including Chester) Ali Dore will be your key point of contact.

There will be less capacity for volunteer management over the next month or so, so please bear with us.

All the best for the year ahead.

Abigail Pound, Sarah Donnelly, Ali Dore and Sarah Bradbury.

British Cycling - Become a Ride Leader

We're looking for hundreds of people across the UK to join our team of Ride Leaders and inspire more people to get fit, have fun and ride bikes with HSBC UK Guided Rides.

You don't need to be a cycling expert or competitive racer, just be confident riding in a group and have a good level of cycling fitness. We welcome all kinds of cyclists as long as you have heaps of enthusiasm and you're happy to support beginner bike riders and families.

The assessed one-day course qualifies you to deliver guided bike rides for groups of beginner and intermediate level adults and accompanied children on roads and cycle paths. We'll also provide you with branded kit, British Cycling Ride membership and ongoing support to help you on your way.

Courses start from February 2020 and are in cities such as Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield, Warrington and more! To find our more information, please visit their website:

<https://www.letsride.co.uk/volunteers>



Winter Warmers: Recipes

Chorizo and Red Lentil Winter Soup

Ingredients:

50 – 100g chorizo finely chopped
 1 large leek washed and finely chopped
 150g red lentils
 1 x 400g chopped tinned tomatoes in tomato juice
 75ml stock beef or veg the choice is yours
 1 tspn smoked paprika
 1 tbspn olive oil
 1 tbspn butter

Directions:

1. Melt the butter and add the chorizo fry until it gives off its oil and is crisping a bit.
2. Remove half the chorizo and keep to one side as garnish.
3. Add leeks to remaining chorizo and oil and cook until softening.
4. Add remaining ingredients and bring to the boil.
5. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.
6. Blend or liquidize.
7. Pour into bowls and garnish with reserves chorizo.
8. Serve with crusty bread.



Chorizo and Red Lentil Soup
 (Photo credit: Taste.com.au)

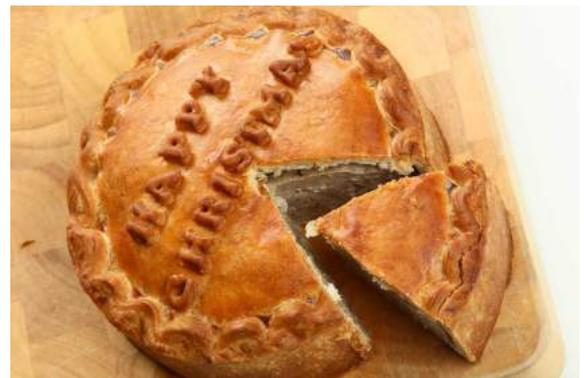
Christmas Pie

This pie will keep in the refrigerator for up to 2 days or freeze if cooked then defrost overnight in the fridge. Cuts into 10 – 12 slices:

Prep time 30 minutes: cooking time 1 hr 15 minutes

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon olive oil
 Knob of butter
 2 medium onions finely chopped
 350g good quality sausage meat
 Grated zest of ½ a lemon
 50g/2oz fresh white breadcrumbs
 42g/1 ½ oz ready to eat dried apricots chopped small
 25g/ 1oz cooked chestnuts chopped (optional)
 ½ tspn dried thyme
 50g/ 2oz fresh or frozen cranberries
 1 lb meat (chicken breast will suffice but pheasant breast and/or partridge or a mixture is good)
 500g ready made shortcrust pastry
 Beaten Egg To glaze
 Base line a 7 inch spring form tin



Christmas Pie
 (Photo credit: British Fine Foods)

Winter Warmers: Recipes

Directions:

1. Heat the oven to 190C/170C Fan/ Gas 5. Heat half the oil and the butter in a frying pan and add the onion and fry for 5 minutes until softened. Cool slightly.

In another bowl mix together the sausage meat, lemon zest, breadcrumbs, apricots, chestnuts, thyme and cranberries, add the cooled onions with plenty of pepper and salt mix together with your hands.

2. Cut each breast in 3 lengthwise and season all over with salt and pepper. Heat the remaining oil in the frying pan and fry them quickly until browned, about 6 – 8 minutes

3. Roll out two thirds of the pastry and line the tin. Press in half the sausage mix and spread to level. Then add the meat in one good layer and cover with the rest of the sausage mixture.

Press down lightly.

4. Roll out the remaining pastry, brush the edges with beaten egg and cover with the pastry lid. Pinch the edges to seal then trim. Cut holly leaves and berries from remaining pastry and decorate. Brush lid with beaten egg,

5. Set the tin on a baking sheet and bake for one hour fifteen minutes then test internal temperature. Leave to cool in the tin.

Serve cold with crunchy winter salad and pickles

Rich Currant Loaf

Yields 2 x 1lb loaves.

Ingredients:

2oz Butter or Margarine
 8oz Light Soft Brown Sugar
 1lb Currants
 1 tspn ground cinnamon
 1 tspn mixed spice
 8oz Wholemeal Self Raising
 4oz Plain Flour
 2 tspns Baking Powder
 2 x 1lb loaf tins greased or lined



Rich Currant Loaf
 (Photo credit: Odlums)

Directions:

1. Put the butter, sugar, currants and spices in a heavy pan and add 430ml ($\frac{3}{4}$ pint) water. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes. Leave to cool

2. Heat the oven to Gas 4/350F/180C/160C Fan

3. Combine the flour and baking powder really well and beat into the fruit mixture making sure all the fruit is coated.

4. Divide between the 2 tins

5. Bake for 1 – 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours or until a skewer comes out clean

A big thank you to Hazel who has kindly provided these recipes.

Local Authority Profile for Winter 2019

Name: Richard Pett

Authority: Rotherham Borough Council

Who are you and what's your day job?

I am part time rights of way team leader at the Borough Council, but then for the second half of the week I change hats entirely and become the Peak Park rights of way officer.

How long have you been a Local Authority?

Since 1987, with a break in 1998-2000.



Before you worked for the Local Authority, what did you do?

I travelled for a year and a half.

What section of Trail are you responsible for?

The main TPT along the River Dearne as well as the southern link to Derbyshire.

What's your favourite part of the route and why?

The whole main TPT locally is interesting, we're on our second major flood in my time here and keeping the Trail open has proved challenging.

What's the best and worst part of your job?

The best part is meeting and working with the public, we meet some brilliant passionate people. Worst part - the office is 45 miles from home.

What's the strangest thing you've ever seen on the TPT?

A floating equestrian bridge!

If you had an unrestricted budget what would you like to see happen in your area?

An officer to come in and sort all the signage, ensure we have a single Trail from the south and legally ensure it is recorded as public right of way in perpetuity.

Since you became an LA officer what changes have you seen?

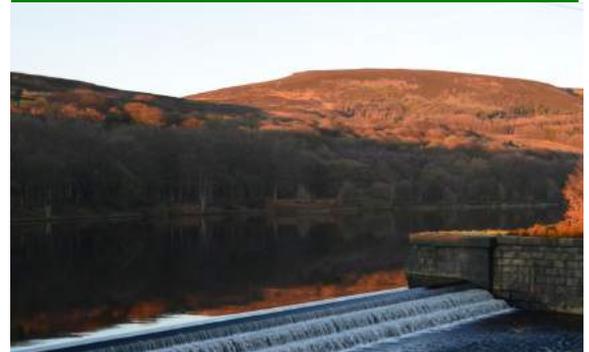
Major cutbacks in funding.

What does the Trans Pennine Trail mean to you?

A great way for local people to enjoy safe countryside recreation.



Rotherham
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Peak District National Park
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Volunteer Profile for Winter 2019

Name: Elaine O'Callaghan

Role: Group Co-ordinator Liverpool

Who are you and what's your day job?

My name is Elaine and I retired from the NHS in April, this year.

How long have you been a Group Coordinator?

Time passes so quickly, so 2 or 3 years.

Before this were you a volunteer?

Yes, I started volunteering in 2015.

What section of Trail are you responsible for?

The Liverpool Loop Line which runs from Aintree to Halewood.

What's your favourite part of the route and why?

Around the disused West Derby station because it feels like stepping back in time.

What's the best and worst part of your job?

The best part is the lovely group of people I have got to know. It is also lovely to look back at an area we have cleared. Fly tipping makes me very angry, absolutely no need for it and very difficult to move.

What's the strangest thing you've ever seen on the TPT?

Wow, do we see some sights. One of our volunteers found what he thought could be an unexploded bomb. It was taken very seriously, but thankfully it was a false alarm.

If you had an unrestricted budget what would you like to see happen in your area?

It would have to be a complete makeover of Broadway Bridge. In fact it is two bridges very close together. I would love to see them painted and resurfaced. One of the access paths is very troublesome, so I would like that to be sealed off.

Since you became a supporter what changes have you seen?

I became a co-ordinator when the workforce was reorganised. We find it more beneficial to meet weekly instead of fortnightly. So that has been a big change. The Loop Line remains the same, although there has been a new access path constructed for a new housing development in Broadgreen.

What does the volunteer network mean to you?

The network is SO important to the TPT, as I said above I have met a lovely group of people and have also enjoyed meeting volunteers from other areas.



Liverpool Loop Line
(Photo credit: TPT Stock Images)

If you're interested in being the next volunteer profile, please get in touch!

TPT HQ Update

TPT Staffing: We are happy to announce that Hannah Beaumont our TPT Development Officer is expecting Baby No. 2 and will be leaving for maternity leave at the end of February. Discussions are currently being held internally regarding an interim replacement.

Annual Report: At our members meeting last year it was decided to hold our AGM once every 3 years. Our Executive felt that a two year gap was too long between communication so the we have been busy pulling together an annual report to showcase what we have been working on over the past year. This is currently out to draft with our Executive Board but will be circulated to all our members before Christmas so keep an eye out!

Group Meetings: After our trial of reducing our meetings to just 3 per year our Executive Board have decided to return to the original 4 meetings per year. The reason behind this move is we have felt that the gaps between the meetings were too great and if an officer or group coordinator were unable to attend one meeting it was 8 months before physically seeing them again. This also means that we will be issuing our Supporter Newsletter 4 times per year in line with the season changes.

Circular Routes: This is a task that we have spoke about for a few months now and is a project our Modern Apprentice Rebecca has taken on recently. You may have seen some emails and social media posts requesting circular routes that incorporate the Trail. This is because Rebecca is working at putting this into a user friendly template that clearly identifies if the route is available for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and families. Work is ongoing behind the scenes to launch the circular routes section of the website. Again this should be launched early February 2020.

Website Updates: Over the past few months we have been working on the TPT mapping pages on our website to help improve the information available. If you have been on recently you have hopefully seen our new additions such as; disabled parking, defibrillator locations, changing places location, memorial forests as well as access controls.

More updates will be coming in the New Year so be sure to keep logging on to see what's new and improved!! <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/>

Visitor Survey: This year has seen the return of our bi-annual visitor survey. As with our 2017 survey we have designed both physical and on-line surveys to enable a wider reach of users. The physical survey was undertaken at the locations to ensure a like for like comparison. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Supporters for volunteering to help survey users out on the Trail especially as the weather we have experienced lately hasn't been the best! The survey closed on the 15th November so we are working hard to get the report drafted before Christmas to allow for the final survey to be issued early in the New Year.

Trans Pennine Trail
A Stroll Through Snaithe (East)

Discover a short walk through the Village of Snaithe using the Trans Pennine Trail.

Distance: 4 Miles

Facilities:
Public Transportation: Bus stops in Snaithe and Snaithe Railway Station
Car Parking: Snaithe Station, DN14 9HZ (Paid)
Toilets: Gooles, Eastcourt Street
Changing Places Toilet: 8 miles away, Gooles Leisure Centre, DN14 5QX

Suitable For:
Walkers Cyclists Horse riders Children Wheelchair Users

Points of Interest: Carlton Towers

Starting Point:
Start at Station Car Park, George Street, Snaithe, DN14 9HZ

Directions:
1. Follow the main road towards Selby to reach the bank of the River Aire. You should be able to see Carlton Towers in the trees to the North.
2. Continue to follow the riverside path for approximately 1 mile and then take the path along the raised bank.
3. You can then choose to use the road or the field headland which runs east to return your journey to Snaithe.

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