EAST SUSSEX & KENT

EQUESTRIAN ACCESS GROUP

Campaigning for improved equestrian access and connection of bridleways

ESKEAG

June 2026 Newsletter

Working together to improve off-road riding access across **East Sussex and Kent**

COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE – 1 JULY 2026

Infrastructure & Funding

- ✓ Our Mounting Block Project is now underway!
- ✓ The first mounting block has been generously donated by South East TREC.
- ✓ Installation will begin at **Bedgebury Forest** in partnership with Forestry England.

As a volunteer-led group, funding is one of our biggest challenges. We are actively exploring grant opportunities, including **National Lottery Funding**.

- ✓ We're excited to be using the **Easyfundraising App** to help raise vital funds for ESKEAG – at no extra cost to you!

  Every time you shop online, you can raise a donation for us. It's quick, easy and **free!**

Support us today – download the app or sign up here:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eskeag/

We are also building connections with farming groups and rural organisations on social media to strengthen our network and raise awareness.

Committee & Representation

- ✓ We're pleased that Stella has expressed strong interest in joining the committee.
- ✓ Stella will also look into the Rights of Way Panel (ROWP) to represent ESKEAG and ensure equestrian voices are heard.
- ✓ Hazel is working on our **2026–2029 Strategy** to provide key information and priorities to our stakeholders.
- ✓ Hazel is also drafting our Constitution to support our future growth and governance.

Rights of Way Update

- ✓ East Sussex Rights of Way (ESROW) continues important maintenance work, with recent improvements at Arlington Reservoir.
- ✓ A dangerous gate on the bridleway between Whatlington and Battle Golf Club has caused injury to a rider. We are pursuing action to improve safety.
- ✓ Gemma will share background information on the East Sussex County Council ROW Consultation with Stella.
- ✓ We are exploring links with local citizen groups and ESROW to help identify and report issues on local bridleways.

Access & Land Management

- ✓ Potential new riding areas identified: Brede High Woods and Glaziers Forge (Dallington Forest).
- ✓ Broughton Park uses a mobile app for riders to sign in – giving landowners visibility and peace of mind.
- ✓ We will clarify whether British Horse Society membership insurance covers parking at private sites.

How You Can Help

- Report issues on bridleways
- Introduce us to supportive landowners
- Share our posts and news
- Support our fundraising and grant applications

Together we can create safer, more connected off-road riding routes for everyone in East Sussex & Kent.

Thank you for your continued support!

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