

# **REDSPEARLANDS FOOTPATH GROUP**

*Monitoring Rights of Way in the Parish of Dalston*

## **Redspearlands Footpath Group Newsletter Number 2**

**Bridleway Route** Messrs Wales of Thackwood Farm have agreed that the route of Bridleway 114036 running across their fields from Roewath Bridge to (almost) Nook House may be brought into line with the route that can actually be followed on the ground. No doubt the Definitive Map will be amended in due course. In the meantime, many thanks to the land managers for their cooperation and to Bill Hogg for facilitating matters.

**Redspear Trail** As part of the Parish of Raughton Head's 'Your Heritage' application for improvements to All Saints' Church, a proposal is being included for a four-mile waymarked ramble using public FPs and BWs. Details of the proposed route will appear on local notice boards in due course, so that parishioners who want to try it out can have a go.

**March Talk** Mark Hudson, a Countryside Officer with Carlisle City Council, who was to have given the March talk will be doing so at a later date. His slides and notes were washed away in the recent Carlisle floods. We are in discussion with Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team for a talk, film and demo(!) by them during March but as yet no firm date has been arranged.

**Working Party** During the course of this year East Cumbria Countryside Project will be carrying out essential (and overdue) maintenance to the public footpath from Stockdalewath Bridge to Thrangholm Bridge. The Group has offered to form a working party to help with this project, which has been gratefully accepted. Watch this space for further information.

**Best Wishes** for a speedy recovery to Juliet Rowcroft following her hip operation at the beginning of February. We look forward to seeing her out and about (sans crutches) very soon, and to having her company on some gentle rehab walks before too long.

**Grant Aid** Cummersdale and Dalston Neighbourhood Forum has awarded the Group a grant of £250 to assist with the setting up costs of our first year of operation. Some nice things were said about us and our aims, which is good to know. If only Spring would hurry up and arrive we

could get out there and start earning the money.