

SEGGIMIRE LANE U2334/9

Seggimire lane near the villages of Ugglebarnby & Littlebeck is a mediaeval stone trod which following deep rutting by scramble bikes and damage by 4x4s was repaired with public funds at a cost of £26,784 to create a gravel path



2013 4x4 & SCRAMBLE BIKE DAMAGE



2016 REPAIRED PATH

In 2016 the North Yorkshire County Council had intended to implement a permanent ban on recreational 4x4s and scramble bikes but due to pressure from an off-roading group they have decided to run an experiment until 25th May 2017 allowing motor bikes to use the lane in a downhill direction and to give people an opportunity to make their views known on motor bike use before it is considered for permanent implementation.

The potential dangers caused by motor bikes using this lane in any direction is of great concern to both the local residents and other users as it is a very steep, narrow and winding, with no passing places, poor sight lines and a 2m shear drop into the beck at the bottom. The experiment is a particular worry for horse riders who are being dissuaded from using it for fear of a serious accident.

In 2014 a North York Moors National Park report stated:-

'safety implications of shared use throughout especially on the very steep narrow enclosed section (1.3m width) where there are no passing places' - 'the effect will either cause people to avoid the route' - 'the alternatives are on steep narrow tarmac lanes'

'Potential safety issues resulting from shared use of the narrow route by motorised and non-motorised users, especially horse riders' - 'there is a potential for danger to non-motorised users as a result of collision with a motorbike'

'The potential implications of shared use may be made worse by concentrating all motorbike use of the route into a downhill direction'

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS, WALKERS AND HORSE RIDERS BY OBJECTING TO THIS EXPERIMENT AND STOP IT BECOMING PERMANENT. HORSE RIDERS PARTICULARLY SHOULD MAKE THE COUNTY COUNCIL AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF PUTTING MOTORBIKES AND HORSES ON SUCH AN INAPPROPRIATE ROUTE.

Email: area3.whitby@northyorks.gov.uk with your reasons for objecting and your name and address

Or return the attached form to NYCC, Area 3 – Whitby Office, Discovery Way, Whitby, YO22 4PZ