

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 require that officers keep a written record of decisions which are made, either:

- a) under a specific express authorisation or
- b) under general delegated authority, where the effect of the decision is to
 - i) grant permission or licence;
 - ii) affect the rights of an individual; or
 - iii) award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects the Authority's financial position (£50,000 or over).

Lead Director	Steve Ratcliffe, Director of Sustainable Development
Subject of Decision	SECTION 33 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT CONSENT – MALCOLM WILSON RALLY 7 MARCH 2026
Relevant section of Scheme of Delegation	<p>PART 4 - DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS</p> <p>ANNEX 4 - Functions delegated to Head of Ranger & Strategy Service (and exercisable by the Head of Ranger Service as that post has ceased to exist), and sub-delegated to Ranger Team Leaders.</p> <p>Rights of Way and Access Matters</p> <p>All functions of the Authority under the Highway Acts (whether acting pursuant to its own functions or in pursuance of functions delegated to it by the Highway Authorities) except for the making and confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Orders (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) and the decision to refer to the Planning Inspectorate of the confirmation of any orders under the Highway Acts where formal substantive representations have been made. "Substantive representations" are those which explain adequately the nature of the concerns and meet the legal considerations defined by the Highways Acts and the Planning Acts.</p>
Background	The Malcolm Wilson Rally is an annual motor sports event which uses routes over Forestry England land in Grizedale Forest (west of the Hawkshead to Satterthwaite road), Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods. On some occasions routes at Broughton Moor have also been used but the organisers do not intend to use these in 2026. A number of public rights of way are crossed or used by the event, and therefore Section 33 consent (Road Traffic Act, 1988) is required to authorise a motor vehicle trial to be held on public rights of way.
Details of Decision	Consent is granted subject to the usual conditions.
Details of alternative options considered and rejected.	Not granting consent. This would be unreasonable – the event is well run, and no incidents have arisen during past events. The landowner (Forestry England) is happy to host the event, and the public paths will be marshalled. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) over affected rights of way and open access restrictions (issued by Forestry England) will also be in effect during the event. A query has been raised by one of our consultees (Open Spaces Society) in relation to our policy on such activities and their impact on public amenity – this has been passed to the Ranger Team Leaders for consideration as to whether further discussion on our approach is warranted and to decide who would make a strategic decision regarding this.

Where a decision is made under an express authorisation, names of any Member(s) who have declared a conflict of interest	None
Author and contact details of report	William Hinchliffe, Rights of Way Officer
Background Papers	File Reference 1480.007
Date of Report (letter)	4 September 2025
Authorising officer(s)	Ranger Team Leaders' Meeting
Date	4 September 2025



Lake District
National Park

Ronnie Sandham
Secretary to the Malcolm Wilson Rally

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9 September 2025

Our Reference: WH/1480.007

Dear Ronnie

Section 33 Consent for Malcolm Wilson Rally 2026

Thank you for supplying details of the proposed route of the next Malcolm Wilson Rally.

The following sections of public footpaths and bridleways will be used by vehicles, as listed in schedules 1 and 2 and shown on maps 1-3 below:

Saturday 8 March 2025 – all routes in Grizedale West, Whinlatter Forest and Wythop Woods

We grant consent under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for these footpaths and bridleways to be used by vehicles taking part in the 2026 Malcom Wilson Rally subject to the conditions listed overleaf.

If you have any queries about this matter, please contact Will Hinchliffe, Rights of Way Officer (will.hinchliffe@lakedistrict.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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You (the event organisers) shall:

1. Repair any significant damage to the surface of the footpaths and bridleways or to any walls, fences, stiles, bridges, gates or other wayside fixtures caused by the event. If this is not done within a reasonable time after notice has been given, we (the National Park Authority) shall have the right to carry out the work and charge the cost to you.
2. Indemnify us against any legal liability in respect of any claim arising out of this authorisation and any expense to which we may be put in defending any claims.
3. Arrange for marshals, over 18 years of age, to be posted at the agreed locations. Marshals must be aware of radio locations for communication.
4. Arrange for notice of any Traffic Regulation Order to be displayed in a prominent position at each end of the length of road to which the order relates and at the points at which it will be necessary for traffic to diverge from the right of way, stating the effect of the order and, where applicable, the alternative route or routes available for traffic (locations shown on signing maps provided). Each notice shall be displayed throughout the period during which the order is in force and you shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the notices remain in a legible condition and continue to be so displayed for so long as the order remains in force or are promptly replaced as often as occasion requires during that period.
5. Remove the signs after the event has finished.
6. Remove litter deposited on any affected footpath or bridleway during the event.
7. Report any accidents or near miss incidents involving spectators or public rights of way users to us within 48 hours of any event.
8. Take all reasonable safety precautions to protect members of the public using or intending to use any footpaths or bridleways irrespective of the formal closure of these routes to the public.

SCHEDULE 1 – Grizedale West

Parish	Right of Way		From (SD)	To (SD)
Colton	BW	511084	309 925	315 928
Colton	BW	511055	306 924	310 937
Colton	BW	511085	314 923	312 925
Coniston	FP	512002	318 970	324 971
Coniston	BW	512003	317 953	320 947
Coniston	FP	512004	312 949	317 951
Coniston	BW	512005	323 951	318 950
Coniston	BW	512006	318 944	323 951
Coniston	FP	512047	324 956	329 971
Coniston	FP	512061	329 976	327 984
Coniston	BW	512066	318 970	325 955
Hawkshead	BW	529005	338 963	342 964
Hawkshead	FP	529006	342 975	339 966
Hawkshead	FP	529007	336 965	337 968
Hawkshead	FP	529019	339 973	339 986
Hawkshead	BW	529039	341 965	344 978
Hawkshead	FP	529041	329 971	330 976
Satterthwaite	FP	566001	307 946	312 949
Satterthwaite	BW	566002	310 937	318 944
Satterthwaite	FP	566003	319 933	318 943
Satterthwaite	BW	566004	323 951	337 963
Satterthwaite	FP	566005	335 963	336 965
Satterthwaite	BW	566006	337 924	330 927
Satterthwaite	BW	566007	328 923	333 942
Satterthwaite	FP	566026	322 909	334 920
Satterthwaite	FP	566027	326 906	328 923
Satterthwaite	BW	566030	325 955	330 942
Satterthwaite	BW	566031	335 943	315 928
Satterthwaite	BW	566032	314 923	336 919
Satterthwaite	BW	566033	323 923	317 930
Satterthwaite	FP	566038	334 963	336 955

SCHEDULE 2 –Whinlatter Forest (Darling How and Thornthwaite) & Wythop Woods

	Right of Way		From (NY)	To (NY)
Above Derwent	FP	201004	211 280	217 276
Above Derwent	BW	201065	213 284	215 282
Above Derwent	BW	201006	212 047	217 250
Lorton	FP	242017	181 256	189 262
Lorton	FP	242023	181 255	181 256
Lorton	FP	242024	181 254	181 256
Wythop	FP	264002	204 305	204 305
Wythop	BW	264003	207 290	213 284
Wythop	FP	264005	199 306	202 305
Wythop	FP	264009	207 281	212 280
Wythop	FP	264012	204 305	202 306