

**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	<b>SECTION 33 ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988 CONSENT – LAKES TWO DAY TRIAL, OCTOBER 2025</b>	
Relevant section of Scheme of Delegation	<p><b>PART 4 - DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO OFFICERS</b>  <b>ANNEX 4</b> - Functions delegated to Head of Ranger &amp; 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><b>Rights of Way and Access Matters</b>                  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 Lakes Two Day Trial is an off-road motorbike trial held in the Duddon and Bootle areas over a weekend every October. It has been running for many years. A number of public paths are crossed or used, and consent under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act is required to authorise the event to utilise these 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 generally well run, and popular. The landowners are happy to host the event, the public paths will be marshalled, and public access will be maintained.	
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	Will Hinchliffe, Rights of Way Officer	
Background Papers	Case File 1480.019	
Date of Report	16 September 2025	
Authorising officer(s)	Steve Tatlock, Southern Ranger Team Leader	
Date	17 September 2025	



Lake District  
National Park

Nigel Birkett

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17 September 2025

Dear Nigel

**Our Reference: 1480.019**

**Lakes Two Day Trial – 4 - 5 October 2025: Section 33 Consent, Road Traffic Act 1988**

Thank you for providing the details of this year’s Lakes Two Day Trial, and your request for section 33 consent to run this motorcycle event on or across public rights of way.

For the event planned for 4 and 5 October 2025 we grant consent under Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 for the sections of rights of way listed to be crossed or used by riders on motorcycles at slow speeds taking part in the trial subject to the conditions set out overleaf. The main condition is, as ever, the need to get permissions from all the affected landowners – which I understand you have already done.

**Saturday 4 October 2025**

<b>A</b>	BW 430016	Little Fell	Crossed by event
<b>B</b>	BW 430016	Butcher’s Breast	Event runs along for around 600m
<b>C</b>	FP 402015	Copycow	Event runs along for 675 metres
<b>D</b>	BOAT 402016	Copycow	Crossed by event

**Sunday 5 October 2025**

FP 520052	Bridge End	Crossed by event
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You have confirmed that marshals will be present wherever the route crosses or uses a public right of way. Signage to make the public and participants aware on approach to where the event route crosses or uses a public right of way should also be in place.

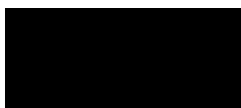
If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with Will Hinchliffe, Rights of Way Officer ([will.hinchliffe@lakedistrict.gov.uk](mailto:will.hinchliffe@lakedistrict.gov.uk)).

### **Conditions of Authorisation.**

You (the event organisers) shall:

1. Repair any damage to the surface of the rights of way, 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. Ensure that chicanes are in place to slow riders down on all footpaths and bridleways crossed or used by the trial. Riders are to stop if any users of rights of way are approaching crossing points.
4. Arrange for marshals to be posted on every footpath or bridleway affected by the event (at locations specified on the event route maps) to warn people of the presence of motor cycles and to ensure that point 3 is complied with.
5. Arrange for warning signs to be posted at all points where rights of way are affected (these should say something like: 'Motorcycle Event Ahead' – and be dated; they must not say 'warning, exercise caution' or other such wording likely to deter users), and ensure that all such signs are removed from the site at the close of the event.
6. Not exceed 180 competitors.
7. Ensure that all motorcycles are silenced according to the British Standards for road use.
8. Liaise with Ray Millard, Ranger (07554 227489), to enable him to check the site before and after the event to ensure that the above conditions have been complied with.
9. Remove litter deposited on any affected footpath or bridleway during the event.
10. Ensure that all gates are closed at the end of the event.
11. Take photographs before and after the event and pass to the LDNPA so that any damage to the ground can be monitored.
12. Obtain any other permits or authorisation necessary for the event to comply with legislation relating to motor events both on and off the public highway.

Yours sincerely



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