

NORTH YORKSHIRE; TROs.

Several members have told me that there are still no proper statutory TRO signs displayed at both ends of some green lanes in North Yorkshire closed by Traffic Regulation Orders.

Officially Cam Road was closed on 7th August 2007 for repairs but I am told it has yet to display a proper TRO sign from the Hawes/Ingleton road.

Are they legally closed TRF members ask me ? Can I still use ?

I have checked this out. The legal requirement under the various Road Traffic Acts is that the highway authority MUST erect the proper TRO signs at both ends.

If they are not present then it is not unlawful to use despite a written notice being displayed and nailed to the gate post.

The same applies to all other road signs ie if there is no 30mph speed limit sign it follows that you cannot be stopped for speeding.

Or if there is no One Way Street sign displayed and so on. It makes sense. How on earth can you possibly know if no traffic signs are displayed ?

In short no TRO signs;no offence.

Getting a TRO lifted as on Pockstones Moor for example is a continuous sore issue with many TRF members. Every week someone asks me what am I doing about it ?

Trying to get a Permanent TRO lifted is quite frankly a lost cause. Nothing to stop you writing to NYCC and asking for the TRO to be lifted ! No I do not think the TRF will back a High Court case to try and get it opened up.The TRF has better use of £20k I think than fighting lost causes.

The ACU are still the only motor cycle club with statutory consultee powers as the governing body of green lanes(sic) ,so why not ask the Yorkshire Centre ACU to help open up Pockstones Moors UCRs ? Ask them to go to the High Court ! The repairs have been completed years ago.

Much better to spend TRF time and money surveying all existing green lanes and making sure they are all open.

With 10% of all Byways known to be blocked you can bet that at least 10% of all UCRs are blocked.

I have been informed of several blocked UCRs in N Yorkshire and am still awaiting proper survey reports,photos etc before the TRF can start legal proceedings to re open.

TRF Groups should set aside a whole year to survey every green lane in their area. There are 500 miles of UCRs in North Yorkshire , about half of them in the two national parks..

The Vale of York for example has green lanes UCR status that I suspect have never seen a motor bike in 50 years.

East Yorkshires Yorkshire Wold green lanes are very quiet and hassle free. But are they all open ? Only you can find out.

Start in Great Driffield one Sunday and explore the ORPAS shown on OS maps also known as UCRs, and let me know if you find any problems. No Byways exist.

I researched and made 30 Byway claims in 1978 and all papers and evidence were passed to the East Yorkshire Group in 1989 for action, but not one claim was followed up, and they are now lost forever. Not the TRFs finest hour.

.In the Wetwang, and Garton on the Wold area you will find 25 miles of good trails. Miles and miles of superb green lanes up to 100ft wide.

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