

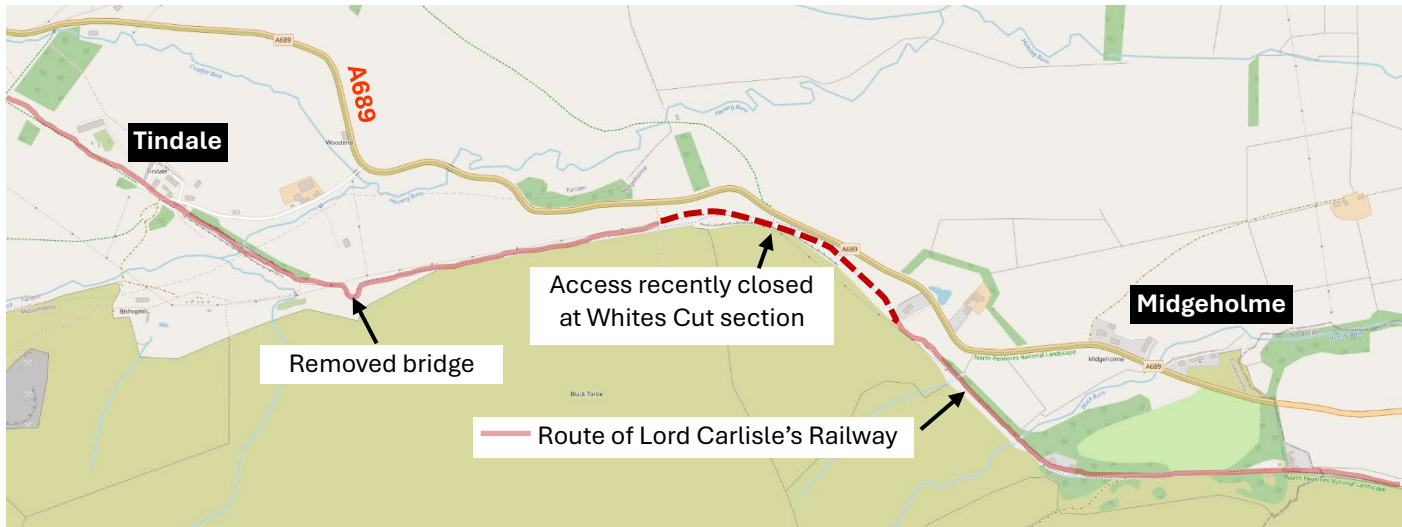
Questionnaire to seek views about the Lord Carlisle Heritage Trail

Many residents in the surrounding area have long relied on the trail that follows Lord Carlisle’s historic railway for both recreation and safe travel. The route provides an essential off-road connection between villages, avoiding the hazards of the A689, and offers secure access to public transport. It has delivered significant health and wellbeing benefits for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and runners alike.

THIS VALUED ACCESS IS NOW AT RISK OF BEING PERMANENTLY LOST.

In November 2025, two sections of Lord Carlisle’s Railway—originally developed by Sustrans (now Walk Wheels Cycle Trust) as a footpath and cycleway in the early 2000s—were sold. The new owner of the Whites Cut section near Midgeholme has undertaken extensive groundworks without the required planning permissions, causing damage to the site’s ecology and heritage. Access along the track, as well as a public footpath (No. 120007), has been blocked. The new owner, Michael Newberry, has indicated that his intention is to develop the land and build over the former railway line, but he has also offered the land for community purchase.

In addition, the wooden bridge east of Tindale was removed in November 2024 by Knarsdale Estates after a partial collapse. Efforts to have the bridge reinstated have so far been unsuccessful.



A group of concerned residents is now seeking to secure the continued use of the historic passage and protect its future usage by pursuing its designation as an **Asset of Community Value*** and a **Public Right of Way**.

A long-term proposal also being considered is for the trail to stretch from Lambley to Brampton Station.

*Assets of Community Value (ACV) are buildings or land that further the social wellbeing or interests of the local community.

This is an important community issue and YOUR VIEWS MATTER! Please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions then return your form to the Hub in Hallbankgate, or email a clear photograph of your completed form to: contact@lchtrail.org by Sunday 3rd May.

1. Which hamlet/village/town do you live in?	
2. How close is your property to the route of Lord Carlisle’s Railway?	
Adjacent <input type="checkbox"/>	Within 500m <input type="checkbox"/>
Within 1km <input type="checkbox"/>	More than 1km away <input type="checkbox"/>
Unsure <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Have you ever used any part of the route? If so, which part, in what way and for how long?	
4. Which emotions best describe your reaction to the proposals? (Designation as an Asset of Community Value, Public Right of Way, land purchase) <i>(please tick any that apply)</i>	
Excited <input type="checkbox"/>	Hopeful <input type="checkbox"/>
Concerned <input type="checkbox"/>	Anxious <input type="checkbox"/>
Indifferent <input type="checkbox"/>	Angry <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	

5. Should there be more consultation with the community?

Yes No Unsure

6. Please indicate whether you would like to see access to the route from Halton Lea Gate to Hallbankgate protected.

Strongly agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree

7. How do you feel about the possibility of a community purchase of the land adjacent to Whites Cut?

Very Positive Positive Neutral Negative Very Negative

8. How do you feel about the prospect of the bridge restoration (East of Tindale)?

Very Positive Positive Neutral Negative Very Negative

9. If a trail from Halton Lea Gate/Midgeholme is established, which initial destination would you prefer?

Tindale Coalfell Hallbankgate

Further comments:

10. Would you like to see a route established along the old railway from Lambley to Brampton?

Strongly agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree

11. What benefits do you think the trail could provide? (please tick any that apply)

Safer walking between villages Safer cycling between villages Safer horse riding between villages

Health & wellbeing benefits Access to nature & wildlife Access to historical features

Other:

12. Please state any concerns you may have about these proposals with your reasons:

13. How likely would you be to use the trail in future?

Very likely Likely Unsure Unlikely Very unlikely

14. Please share any suggestions:

15. How would you prefer to receive communications about developments? (please tick any that apply)

Facebook Newsletters Website Meetings

16. Are you willing to join or support the campaign in any way?

Yes No If yes, in what way?

17. If you would like to be contacted, please give your details here:

Name:

Email:

Tel no: