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## **New barriers to disabled access**

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### **Background and brief description**

- One of the biggest barriers is people's perceptions.
- Education is required and man-made barriers removed.
- Shared use – Disabled ramblers are happy to share with everyone.
- What's the legal status of mobility scooters and footpaths and have you ever taken action with an authority? Never one done it as no money.
- Disabled ramblers don't want access to every footpath.
- Disabled ramblers 'suss' routes out. Sometimes landowners need to be spoken too, not local authorities.
- There has been no incidents of disabled ramblers being attacked by livestock.
- Web address is: <http://disabledramblers.co.uk/>

### **Q&A (Leeds)**

Q: Do you work with LAs and adopt a strategic approach so people know where they can go and what they can do? A: Yes, work with LAs to get the message – work with Yorkshire Dales NP who go out and look for routes and then we go out and try them. Contacts in National Trust and Forestry Commission etc.