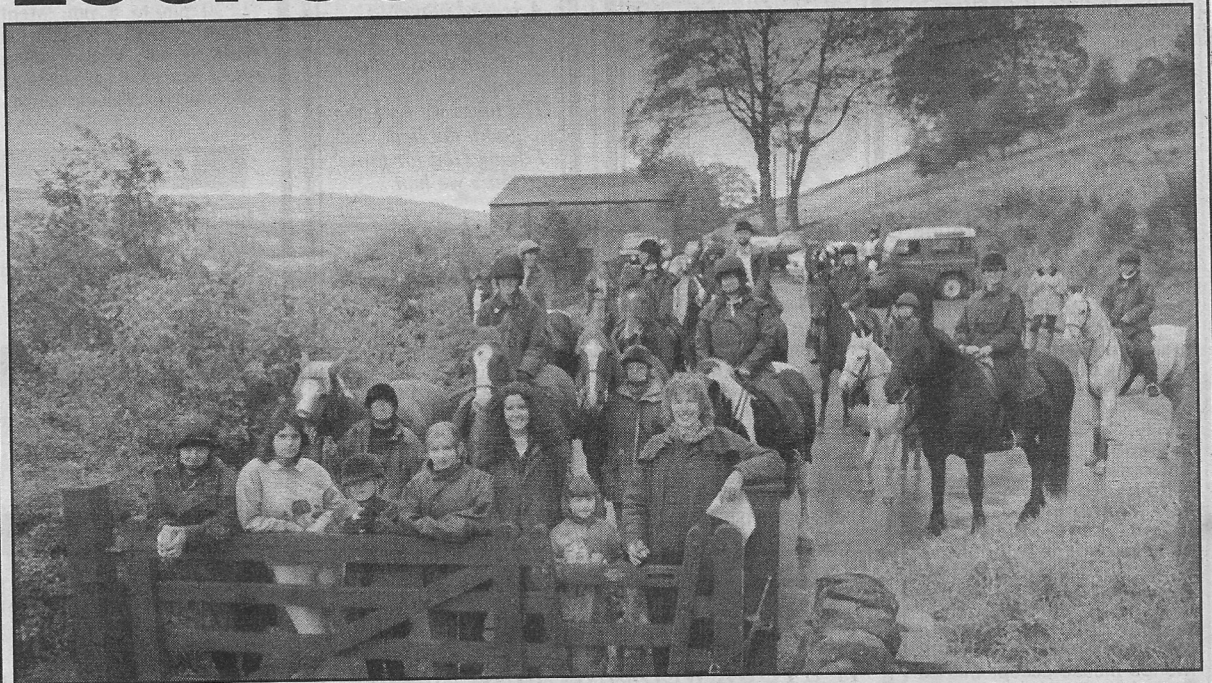


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HORSERIDERS MOUNT LOCKOUT CAMPAIGN



Bridleways officer for the Moorlands Riding Group, Ms Sue Taylor (front, right), with protesters at Jerusalem Farm, Booth. Picture: CHARLES ROUND

HORSERIDERS have vowed to continue their protest against being locked out of a local beauty spot.

They claim a locked gate at the entrance to Jerusalem Farm, Booth, is unauthorised and constitutes an illegal obstruction on a public highway.

Members of the Moorlands Riding Group, Hebden Bridge Bridleways Association and the Calderdale Saddle Club rode to the gate, which is across Booth Wood Road and leads to Wade Bridge, and picnicked in the car park

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yesterday. The bridleways officer for the Moorlands group, Ms Sue Taylor, said about 20 people on horseback and about 15 on foot had taken part in the protest.

"It was brilliant," she said. "People came from Greetland, Norland, Mount Tabor, Pecket Well, Luddenden Foot and Ripponden to support the protest."

The group is worried that horse riders are

being banned from Jerusalem Farm and believes there are plans to turn the area into a wildlife sanctuary.

Calderdale Council officials have said the council was looking towards changing the road status from a footpath to a bridleway but would have to go through the normal legal procedures.

But Ms Taylor said fencing the farm off was never in the minds of those who gave the farm to the people.