

Ramblers' Association Lancaster Group

Lost Ways Exercises on MARIO

EXERCISE 2

Explore the range of treats on MARIO

First look at the Maps tab.

The Map Layers/Settings tells you what information you have loaded on to your map.

The Learning Leisure and Culture tab
has short and long health walks layers These walks have few difficult sections.

The Countryside, Environment and Waste tab
has lots of interesting layers.

Access Points are easy ways on to Access land. It is not kept up to date so it is not always accurate.

We have already played with the Public Rights of Way layer but try the 'i' button where you can report a problem with the path.

Access Land is shown and here you can walk freely.

Highways Act Section 31 is obscure information where landowners have dedicated PROW but in return state that there are no others on their land.

Nature Reserves and Woodland Trust sites are often open to the public.

Moor and Marshland is just a farming designation.

On the Highways and Transportation tab.

We have already seen the Road Status information.

Cycle Routes can be walked on.

On the Crime and Public Safety tab

There are lots of crime statistics.

The Alley gating Orders are closures of footways for safety reasons. We do not have many.

The Local Government Information tab

has Parish Boundaries

The Historic Information tab

has Listed Buildings and Scheduled monuments.

The Thematic Designation Maps tab

has general regeneration district boundaries.

The Find tab is fairly obvious. Try some out.

The Tools tab has useful features.

The Map Grid is for ease of use.

Grid references can be used to zoom to a point if you know its grid reference. Six, eight or twelve figure numbers can be used.

Also the grid reference of a point on the map can be found by the Capture Grid Reference facility. Click Capture Grid Reference and then click at the point of the map. To get the more familiar 6 figure number discard some digits at each end.

The Public Rights of Way Fault reporting is useful. Click on the Locate Fault and then the place on the map. You can fill in the details. Normally your Group Footpath Secretary prefers to submit reports so that a record can be kept.

The Print/Save Map tool can be accessed here or from direct link at top right hand corner above the map.

Make sure that the map in the box is what you want to save and enter a title for your reference. Then click either Print or Save. The map is converted into a digital form and there is a sound when it is done. Use the commands on your normal web browser tool bar to either Print or Save. But be careful to first look at the image in Print Preview and turn to Landscape format. If that is OK then Print or Save As as normal. You have an option of the format as either .bmp or png. The former is possibly better.

The Draw tab can be used for various functions and is self explanatory. I find that the printout of your drawings does not reproduce dashed or dotted lines.

Results are not very interesting.

Help can be useful.

One more thing.

On the top row of tabs where you zoom in etc there is a direct link to Street View, which is Google Maps where you can see the view from the map point.

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