

Festive Christmas ride to name bridle path in tribute to Karla Selley.

Horses and riders dressed in festive finery took part in a Christmas ride out to celebrate the renaming of a popular bridle path in honour of a young Leyland girl who died while visiting the dentist.

The Ulnes Walton Bridleways Association also unveiled plaques at either end of the path on Ulnes Walton Lane, which has been named after Karla Selley, a pony-loving youngster who died under anaesthetic during a visit to the dentist in 1999.

Karla's younger sister Nicola was among the riders, led by mum Tracy Armstrong. About 40 horses and riders turned up for the occasion which Tracy described as brilliant.

She Said " The Bridleway Association have done a plaque for both ends of the bridleway and they are naming the path after Karla which is lovely. Karla was a keen horse rider as is her younger sister Nicola who was riding on Sunday. There were about 40 there, it was a really good turnout "Nicola and her friend rode ponies and my friend Christine and I walked alongside. It was a brilliant day.

" I've always ridden horses and still do. It is lovely that the path has been named after Karla we are really pleased.

The money for the plaque came from a fundraising night held at Park Hall, Charnock Richard, in Karla's memory, and in tribute to her grandmother, Sandra Gibson, who died in July.

Sandra said: "As a result of the generous donations, we were able to give £1,000 to St Catherine's Hospice, where Karla's grandmother spent her last few weeks.

"The rest went to the Ulnes Walton Bridleways Association for the plaque. I want to thank everyone who gave money and all those who participated, including the Green Monkeys, Lana Williams and Marvin Williams for the fantastic entertainment."