



Peak District Local Access Forum

On: Thursday 17 March 2022

At: Aldern House, Board room

Agenda

Start: 10.00 am

1	Welcome & Apologies	Mike Rhodes
2	A minute's silence in respect of John Thompson	Charlotte Gilbert
3	Minutes from the last meeting, 9th December 2021	Charlotte Gilbert
4	Introductions	ALL
5	Election of Chair/Vice-Chairs	Mike Rhodes
6	Sustainable Travel	Gill Maillward/Richard Lovell
7	Presentation on Pack Horse Trails	Charlotte Gilbert/Paul Richardson
8	Green Lanes Action Plans	Sue Smith
9	Derbyshire CC RoWIP Update	Gill Millward
10	Access Update and consultation on long-term direction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on long term direction at Silence Mine • Access sub-group notes of meeting - February 2022 • PDLAF letter Pennine Way Repairs - March 2022 	Sue Smith
11	Landscapes Review - discussion on Government response and response from LAF to consultation	Charlotte Gilbert/Louise Hawson
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Peak District Local Access Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9 December 2021 at Aldern House, Board Room.

Members Present:

Martin Bennett
Richard Entwistle
Louise Hawson
Geoff Nickolds

Charlotte Gilbert (Chair)

Ben Seal
John Thompson
Jez Kenyon
Paul Richardson

Others Present:

Mike Rhodes, (PDNPA) (Secretary)
Gill Millward, (DCC)

Rich Pett, (PDNPA)
Sue Smith, (PDNPA)

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Charlotte Gilbert (as acting Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting in particular Mark Williams from the Hollowford Centre who was attending the meeting as an observer.

Mike Rhodes reported that apologies had been received from Steve Martin, Cllr Susan Hobson, Cllr Huddleston, Alastair Harvey and Clare Griffin.

Ally Turner and Bob Berzins, both long serving members, had resigned from the Local Access Forum.

Tribute to John Thompson

Cllr Andrew McCloy, Chair of the Authority and former Chair of the LAF was invited to say a few words of thanks to John as he had stepped down from being Chair of the LAF and thanked him on behalf of everyone connected with National Parks on his leadership and vision in bringing people together to advise the National Park Authority on issues that had many different voices. He then invited John to say a few words to the Forum.

“It has been a great honour for me to Chair the Local Access Forum (the first to be established under the CROW Act, 2000 with Joint Sponsors in the Peak District NPA and Derbyshire CC), following on from Andrew Critchlow & Andrew McCloy as Chairs and Edwina Edwards in 2017. Delighted to join the Forum in 2009 when Andrew was Chair and to be Vice Chair to Edwina from 2010. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Chair.

I am most grateful to Vice Chairs - Bob and Charlotte for their support and value Charlotte kindly taking the Chair for today's meeting. The interest and support of members with different skills and experiences remains invaluable and greatly appreciated in our work and actions as statutory independent advisors. We work well together and usually achieve consensus in making our recommendations.

The advice and support of officers has been excellent and is very much appreciated in the work of the LAF - Mike Rhodes as Secretary of the Forum since the Forum began in 2000 is a driving force for the work of the Forum and he has great colleagues in Gill Millward, Sue Smith and Richard Pett providing excellent reporting to us and arranging site visits.

We have had good communication from Sarah Fowler and Sarah Wilks on National Park

issues. Minute taking is with the experts in Democratic Services who give us excellent support through Ruth Crowder, Karen Harrison (today) and Belinda Wybrow in organising meetings online and in current circumstances with Covid restrictions.

All staff involved with the LAF show great enthusiasm, knowledge, professionalism and dedication which I have greatly valued. I welcome the support of the Peak and Derbyshire for our advice on access and rights of way matters and scope for improvements.

Thank you again Andrew and Colleagues and I am happy to support a new Chair as I continue as a LAF member currently until December 2022”.

Mike Rhodes, Secretary to the LAF, reported that it had been a pleasure working with John and thanked him for his professionalism and dedication.

John was then presented with gifts of an engraved tankard and a framed photo along with a card kindly signed by colleagues.

2. MEMBERSHIP ISSUES INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Mike Rhodes tabled a report to invite expressions of interest from existing LAF Members for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair following the retirement of John Thompson and the current terms of the existing Vice Chairs (Bob and Charlotte) having expired. If any LAF Member was interested, then they were invited to email Mike, supported by the names of their promoter and seconder by the 28th February 2022. These appointments will be made at the next meeting of the LAF on the 17th March 2022 and will be for a two year term.

Mike also reported on a number of vacancies on the LAF at the moment and that an active recruitment for new members was underway, reaching out to a number of organisations, and it was hoped that these vacancies would also be filled by the March meeting.

Recommendation: That the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for the Forum be carried out in accordance with the proposal outlined in the report and that any expressions of interest be emailed to Mike Rhodes by the 28th February 2022.

3. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2021

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th September were approved as a correct record and Ruth Crowder was thanked for producing them.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ben Seal updated the LAF Members on a meeting he had attended recently regarding the Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) and the recent Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) announcement and feedback from the Government on the Designated Landscapes Review which should be out soon.

ELMS

ELMS has been around now for the last 2 years in design phase and replaces the basic payment to landowners and will now be to encourage the provision of public goods rather than a standard rate. At a local level, farmers should be paid if they want to, for improving and enhancing access. There was nothing in the recent Government announcement regarding access, but still pushing really hard at a national level to get it back on the agenda with DEFRA.

Designated Landscapes Review

No update on when the Government's response to the Glover Review will be available as yet or what the content will be.

The Treasury commissioned Lord Agnew to look into access to the countryside and how the Government could bring about a 'quantum shift' in thinking as a result of the uplift in interest brought about by COVID. This now appears to not be happening.

In 2022 it is expected that there will be two new pieces of legislation which may affect National Parks:-

- Levelling Up Bill – may have interesting things relating to access
- Nature Recovery Green Paper – which will include a review of the designation of Sites of Special Scientific Interest/Special Protection Areas and will also include a piece on Access to Nature

John Thompson thanked Ben for his good work in keeping Members informed and for his dedicated enthusiasm in pressing DEFRA officials on the Landscapes Review.

Sustainable Transport Initiatives

Martin Bennett asked if Tim Nicholson, the National Park Authority's Transport Planner could provide an update on the Hope Valley initiative and the potential for future area management scope in the National Park at the next LAF Meeting in March.

ACTION: Invite Tim to the March meeting to give a presentation (MJR).

5. FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES – FIPL (PRESENTATION)

Rebekah Newman, Farm Advisor introduced Rob Kenning to the Forum, who has been appointed for 6 months to deal with FiPL and access projects within the National Park. She reported that they were looking to recruit another half time post up to the end of March 2024 when the scheme ends and ELMS takes over some of the projects.

Rob then gave a presentation to LAF Members on FiPL, which was a snapshot of current and completed projects and . There were roughly 30 projects on the active pursuit list at the moment, with most of the suggestions coming via the Local Access Forum's Wish List or the Peak District National Park's officers, with only a small number coming from landowners,. he was always open to hear about other proposals and is actively looking for more projects that could be suitable for FiPL funding.

Rob informed LAF Members that after 2024 when the funding is withdrawn, there was no necessity on the landowners' part to keep the routes open. They will be branded as Peak Permissive Paths on the National Park website so visitors are aware. Rob and Rebekah are speaking to Sue Smith on how best to promote the routes.

Ben Seal asked how the list was chosen? There were good long standing relationships with the landowners on the 4 routes that had been completed and these were not contentious. Rebekah informed Members that all landowners/farmers were emailed to inform them of the funding available for them to provide access, but also welcomed suggestions from user groups.

The LAF thanked Rob for his presentation.

Action: Rob to supply the summary sheet to Mike Rhodes to distribute to LAF Members.

6. ACCESS UPDATE

Sue Smith updated the Members on the Peak District National Park Foundation which had met its gift target this year and thanked the Foundation for supporting the Access Fund and in particular the Miles without Stiles work.

Sue provided an update on Anniversary Gates which celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the Peak District National Park and the 20th anniversaries of open access and the Local Access Forum. Approximately 40 stiles have been replaced with gates, which includes bespoke wider gates constructed by the Countryside Volunteers, to enable people with mobility issues to have better access. Sue suggested a future site visit by LAF Members to look at what's being achieved.

Sue thanked Jess Coatesworth for her help with the Ease of Use Survey on rights of way throughout the National Park. The pass rate was 83.7%.

The report was noted.

7. DERBYSHIRE CC ROWIP UPDATE & GREEN LANES

Gill Millward from Derbyshire County Council presented her report on progress towards the delivery of the Derbyshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Major rights of way schemes highlighted at the last LAF Meeting have been programmed for delivery and more than 170 other paths across the county will also benefit from improvements by the end of March 2022. Details of locations where DCC is planning to install roadside signposts can now be viewed on the Derbyshire Mapping Portal. If anyone sees a byway/bridleway or footpath that does not have a signpost in place where it leaves the road, then please report it so it can be logged.

Gill reported that work continues to investigate and process the Definitive Map Modification Order applications (approx. 300) which have been received. Members of the joint LAF Sub Group are looking at unrecorded ways and how best to prioritise them. This will be discussed at a future LAF Meeting.

The annual condition surveys on the Pennine Bridleway National Trail have now been completed and the results will inform work planning and budgeting for 2022/23.

The feasibility studies for the White Peak Loop continue to be progressed and the County Council awaits the outcome of the recent funding bid under Tranche 3 of the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund.

The new Cycle Derbyshire Leaflet has proved very popular, so much so a reprint of 30,000 is underway.

Green Lanes

Sue Smith updated Members on the proposed repairs to green lanes and other routes in the National Park and gave a presentation showing routes that were due for repair which included routes not necessarily on green lanes but some on routes that were multi-user. These had been inspected by the Sub-Group on recent site visits which were well attended by LAF Members.

The report was noted and progress on delivering Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan and the update on the repairs to Green Lanes was welcomed.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC ACCESS

This item to be discussed at the next meeting of the LAF in March 2022.

9. MEMBERS' REPORTS

National Park Management Plan (NPMP) – Charlotte attended an online meeting on the 6th December to review the visions and aims of the NPMP. Lots that the LAF can contribute to.

Local Plan – Martin reported that there was nothing more to add at this time.

Business Case Review – John Thompson reported on the opportunity that was offered to contribute to review part of the Business Change Project. John had produced some notes that had been sent to LAF Members. Janice Southway, Business Change Manager has completed the review which will be taken forward. Report to follow in March.

Stanage Bridleway – The LAF has been involved with the bridleway which runs through Stanage Plantation over the years. There are 2 bridleways, 1 runs through the plantation and the other around the edge which ends in a bog and is not ideal to be promoted. The route through the plantation has been maintained as a bridleway and is a massively important route for mountain bikers as well. Work is to be undertaken in the plantation to remove the diseased larches then repairs to the bridleway can be carried out to protect the route.

Mike Rhodes thanked Charlotte, John and Martin for flying the flag for access.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE

John Thompson reported to LAF Members that proposals by MEMRAP for the re-opening of the Monsal Trail as a railway through the Government's Restoring Your Railway Fund had not been successful. In line with the LAF's view, Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park Authority had agreed that the Monsal Trail should be preserved as a key recreational route.

Ben Seal reported that he had received an invite from Severn Trent Water to discuss allowing canoeists onto Ladybower Reservoir. There were also plans to create a parking area on the old road which would have a gated entrance.

11. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2022

The dates for the LAF meetings for 2022 were agreed as follows:

17th March

16th June

15th September

1st December

Meeting ended – 12:45

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MEMBERS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Updated: March 2022

Charlotte Gilbert (Acting chair)

Appointed until: December 2023

Charlotte lives in Alport near Bakewell and has a great interest in access to the countryside from many different perspectives; as a farmer and land manager, as a walker and horse rider and as a conservationist. She is Chair of Peak Horsepower bridleway group whose aim is to extend the bridleway network in the Peak District.

Martin Bennett

Appointed until March 2023

Martin is a passionate walker and cyclist. He is also an active tennis player and climber with a keen interest in the environment and in protecting Rights of Way.

As Footpath Secretary for the Ramblers Derbyshire Dales Group he monitors and reports on the nearly 1700 kilometres of Rights of Ways in the District. Prior to this, he was chair of the Ramblers West Riding Area footpath committee for several years. He views this country's Rights of Way network as a national asset and treasure.

Martin was employed in primary school education and as both classroom teacher and Head Teacher he promoted outdoor activities and an appreciation of the environment to both the children and staff he worked with.

Martin sees climate change and species extinction as the most important issue facing us. He believes that enabling more people to experience and understand the countryside, will lead to better knowledge and respect for the environment and encourage greater involvement in taking action to protect it.

Craig Best

Appointed until: March 2025

Craig has worked in the outdoors managing places for over 20 years. He started working with communities in Newcastle transforming urban parks before moving on to West Durham in the North Pennines. Craig has spent the last 7 years working for the National Trust in West Yorkshire developing and overseeing the delivery of large scale moorland restoration and natural flood management projects. Having a strong knowledge of landscape conservation Craig has recently been appointed to the role of General Manager for the NT in the Peak District. Encouraging access to the outdoors is something Craig feels passionate about and its the connection people have with the landscape that helps drive investment in the places we all love. A large part of Craigs role in the Peak District is working with partners including tenants to ensure we all play our part in dealing with the nature and climate emergency.

Joe Dalton

Appointed until: December 2023

A farmer, farming land in the White Peak and Dark Peak area of the Peak District National Park.

Richard Entwistle

Appointed until: December 2025

Richard has lived near the Peak District for over 50 years and is a frequent visitor to the National Park as a sightseeing visitor, a keen walker and occasional driver on the historic unsurfaced roads.

He is very keen that all user groups have fair access to the countryside, and initial involvement was with the Stanage Forum steering group representing the Green Lane Association (GLASS).

Over recent years he has been a member of the Local Access Forum and the Green Lanes Sub-group of the LAF.

Clare Griffin

Appointed until: October 2023

Clare enjoys a wide range of outdoors recreation, including fell running, orienteering and trail bike riding. She is a member of the British Orienteering Federation, Fell Runners Association, Macclesfield Harriers running club, Trail Riders Fellowship and Vintage Motorcycle Club and has recently joined Peak Park Conservation Volunteers working parties. She works at Manchester Royal Infirmary and lives in Bollington.

Alastair Harvey

Appointed until: December 2024

Alastair has worked for Yorkshire Water for approximately 14 years in the recreation team and regularly deals with access, recreation and rights of way issues across the whole of the Yorkshire Water land holding, including land within the Peak District National Park Authority area. His previous role was as a Footpaths Officer with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, where he dealt with the management and the maintenance of the Public Rights of Way Network which fell under the responsibility of Wakefield MDC as Local Highway Authority.

He has been closely involved with the Miles Without Stiles project with Yorkshire Water sponsoring this and has also been involved in a number of access projects over the years.

Louise Hawson

Appointed until: September 2024

Louise is Peak Area Local Access Rep for the British Mountaineering Council, and in that capacity, was part of the Dark Peak NIA Steering Group and have been part of the Sheffield Moors Partnership Steering Group. Since 2017, she has been Secretary of the Stanage Forum. She also chairs the BMC's Sustainability Working Group.

Since 2013 she has been a volunteer Ranger for the Peak District National Park Authority, based at Brunts Barn. She leads guided walks, including one on the History of Climbing on the Eastern Edges, which she helped to develop.

In her spare time she is a climber (enthusiastic rather than skilled!), hillwalker, fell runner, and novice orienteer. She lives in Sheffield and was previously a member of Totley AC and has good connections with local fell running clubs as well as climbing clubs. For the last two years she has volunteered with EMP's Ring Ouzel Monitoring Project, focused on Bamford Edge.

She runs a small consultancy business which specialises in advising companies on sustainable sourcing and ethical procurement. She's also an experienced facilitator & trainer.

Jo Holliday

Appointed until: March 2025

Jo lives in Sheffield and works in the Peak District as the Centre Manager of [Lockerbrook Farm Outdoor Centre](#) owned and run by a youth-led charity Woodcraft Folk. She is keen to bring a youth perspective to the LAF through the work she is doing at Lockerbrook. She is a member of the Association of Heads of Outdoor Centres and as an active member of the Peak District group hopes to foster better communication between local outdoor centres and the LAF. Finally she is also a member of the Kinder and High Peak Advisory Group.

As an [Ambassador Centre](#) for the Peak District National Park, Lockerbrook is committed to working together with the PDNP to deliver a commitment for children and young people to learn more about the UK's original National Park, how to care for it and how to inspire others about the area's special qualities. Lockerbrook has also committed to decarbonise its site and to create new ways for our younger visitors to connect with nature through our John Muir inspired activities.

Outside of work Jo is a keen off road runner and wild swimmer and enjoys exploring the Peaks with her family and friends.

Jez Kenyon

Appointed until: April 2024

Jez has been involved with Ramblers locally and nationally for several years, currently serving on the South Yorkshire and North-East Derbyshire Ramblers Council. A keen walker, he is involved with path maintenance and improvements (both practically, and helping develop path issue reporting systems). He wants to ensure the wonderful Peak District footpath network is easy to use for casual walkers and is physically accessible to walkers of varying abilities, while preserving the historic nature of the network.

Charlotte Leech

Appointed until: March 2025

Charlotte has worked for Chatsworth Settlement Trustees for 11 years as Deputy Estates Manager. In her role Charlotte is involved primarily with the management of the property portfolio of the estate which includes land used for access and recreation. Charlotte also worked for United

Utilities for 5 years managing their Southern Catchment Estate in the north of the Peak District. Both roles have provided experience of managing land alongside public access with a variety of users and more recently exploring opportunities to improve existing, and offer additional public access.

Having grown up in Staffordshire Charlotte has visited the Peak District all her life. Now living in Glossop she continues to enjoy being outdoors as much as possible running, walking and cycling.

Geoff Nickolds

Appointed until: October 2023

Geoff Nickolds spent most of his career with Severn Trent Water where, as Conservation, Access and Recreation Manager he was responsible for recreation, access and biodiversity issues. This included over forty reservoir sites and countryside receiving over four million visitors each year, with facilities including visitor and education centres, restaurants, access trails, car parking, bird hides and water sports.

After leaving Severn Trent Water, Geoff served as Chairman of an Environment Agency Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation Advisory Committee (2005-2012), and as a Member of the Peak District National Park Authority (2007 - 2015) where he was elected Deputy Chairman of the Authority and had member lead roles on both biodiversity and recreation. His work as an independent Conservation, Access and Recreation consultant has included strategic advice on proposed reservoir and wetland developments for Thames Water, South East Water and the Environment Agency, and on implications of the Water Framework Directive for water based recreation for Defra.

Geoff is a member of the Forestry Commission Regional Advisory Committee and of the Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for the East Midlands. He has also been a member of the National Trust Midlands Regional Advisory Board and National Trust Council. Spare time interests include membership of (and visiting) the National Trust and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and walking and cycling.

Paul Richardson

Appointed until: March 2023

Paul has been visiting the Peak District National Park all of his life and has been a resident for 20 years. He owns and manages a business based in Hope, and his interests outside of the working environment have included rock climbing, walking and mountain biking. He has recently stepped down from Chair of the Peak District Mountain Bike group which was formed to help provide a voice for mountain bike riders that are resident in the national park, a group that is now some 3000 strong and growing. His work as a volunteer with the National Trust and his degree, have provided him with a good background in both theory and practice of the managed landscape.

Ben Seal

Appointed until: December 2025

Having grown up on the edge of the Peak, Ben has always had a keen passion for being outdoors, inspired through Scouting and early family adventures. After graduating from Sheffield University with A Business Studies Degree, Ben spent 7 years outdoor instructing, firstly as a trainee in North Yorkshire and later back home in Derbyshire. As a qualified Mountain Leader, climbing, canoeing and caving instructor, as well as an active DofE Assessor, Ben has always been passionate about giving young people the opportunity to get out in the countryside and have an adventure!

Ben's current role as Places to Paddle Manager at British Canoeing, sees him manage a team covering access, environment, facilities and paddling trails, plus manage a varied portfolio of British Canoeing owned land assets around the country. He leads a national campaign championing the case for opening access on rivers and protecting the environment.

Locally, Ben is a Trustee of Midland Canoe Club (Darley Abbey) and also a Trustee of the Derwent Valley Trust. With two very active young sons, outdoor adventures are very different these days, but Ben spends any opportunity he can get road cycling, climbing and paddling.

John Towe

Appointed until March 2025

After taking early retirement, John has been a volunteer Ranger for the PDNP, since he qualified in 2004, and has spent the last three months helping to provide micro navigation training for the latest intake of new trainee volunteer Rangers.

John has been actively involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme, for the last ten years, volunteering with a local school, as an expedition Supervisor and subsequently as an Accredited Assessor at bronze, silver and gold levels; taking part in expeditions on the Isle of Arran and the Brecon Beacons. Since the COVID epidemic these expeditions have been undertaken in the Peak District which has given John an insight into some of the difficulties experienced in our own area.

John's other passion is working with those with restricted abilities, this has in no small way been driven by his daughter, who lives independently in the Lakes but is a full time wheelchair user, as a result of acquired medical conditions but she still has a restricted but active outdoor life exploring the hills, sailing, ski-ing etc.. John does not limit his passion to wheelchair users, but any who have restricted abilities, for whatever reason, but who have a desire to explore the outdoors.

Appointees:

Councillor Susan Hobson

Appointed by Derbyshire County Council

Susan is from a Peak District farming family and has spent her working life in public service. She became a district councillor for Derbyshire Dales District Council in 2015 and is currently the deputy leader.

She likes to be physically active - cycling and walking. A particular bugbear of Susan's is litter and she can often be found with a bag in hand collecting all manner of rubbish.

The green agenda and climate change are matters that dealt with now will affect generations to come.

Support for local businesses is imperative - in her own small way Susan has tried to continue to use local businesses during lockdown. She is really looking forward to a successful, and safe, re-opening of the economy.

Councillor Ian Huddlestone

Appointed by Peak District National Park Authority

I have been on High Peak Borough Council for over twenty years. During this period I have been on the Planning Committee and also served as Executive Member for Regeneration (one year). Therefore, I understand some of how Peak Park works, but not all of its functions. I need to learn more about local, regional and national issues within and affecting the National Park as I get to know the Peak Park.

Peak District Local Access Forum

Date: 17th March 2022

Item: 5

Title: Election of Chair and Vice-chair for Local Access Forum

Author: Mike Rhodes

Purpose of Report

Election of the LAF Chair and Vice-chair (or Joint Vice-chairs)

Background

At the December 2021 meeting of the LAF, the process for the election of Chair and Vice-chairs was described, and expressions of interest were invited.

We have received the following nominations;

	Proposer	Seconder
Chair		
Louise Hawson	John Thompson	Charlotte Gilbert
Joint Vice-chair		
Charlotte Gilbert	Geoff Nickolds	Jez Kenyon
Martin Bennett	Charlotte Gilbert	Jez Kenyon

Proposal

All members present at the meeting will be invited to show support for the above nominations with a simple show of hands.

The positions will be filled with immediate effect, and be held for a two year period.

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Peak District Local Access Forum

Date: 17 March 2022

Item: 8

Title: Green Lanes Update

Author: Sue Smith

Purpose of the Report

The report:

- (i) provides an update on progress with looking after Green Lanes in the National Park; and
- (ii) identifies the involvement of the Forum in contributing to the delivery of the areas of work identified in the report.

Background

The Authority's Strategy for the management of recreational motorised vehicles on unsealed highways and off-road, identifies that proposals for its implementation will be set out at any one time in an up to date action plan. The action plans and progress report are produced, reported, and published annually.

Action Plans

The Green Lanes Annual Report provides an update on actions during 2021/22 and is attached in Appendix 1. Action plans for green lanes, illegal use and communications for 2022/23 are provided in Appendices 2-4. A list of Highway Authority repairs undertaken and identified for 2022/23 is provided in Appendix 5. Plans and reports are available at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles.

In line with the direction set out by the National Park's Management Plan and the Authority's Corporate Strategy, the engagement, protection and enhancement of Green Lanes will be undertaken by:

1. developing accessibility
2. supporting sensitive repairs on Green Lanes
3. action on illegal and anti-social use
4. protecting verges
5. telling the story of the trails.

Green Lanes Sub-group

The Forum's involvement is sought in relation to the following detailed areas of work:

- 1) Highway Authority repairs
- 2) Miles without Stiles
- 3) Keep on Track
- 4) Packhorse Trails

Defra Consultation

Defra's response to the landscape review was [published](#) in January 2022 with an [online survey](#) concluding 9 April 2022. Chapter 3 considers people and places and for the management of visitor pressures. Appendix 6 sets out the questions relating to recreational motorised vehicle use.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the report is noted.**
- 2. That a meeting of the Green Lanes Sub group be arranged.**
- 3. That the Forum consider whether they wish to make comments relating to enforcement powers within their response to the Landscape Review identified in agenda item 11.**

Green Lanes Annual Report 2021/22



March 2022

Green lanes are tracks across the National Park used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and motor vehicles.

This is our fifth annual report. It reports on the work done in partnership over this last year.

1) Involvement

Peak District Local Access Forum

In March 2021, the Forum received the green lanes action planning for wider engagement, protection and enhancement of these valued routes. It also heard from speakers raising issues on specific routes.

The Green Lanes Sub-group met in April, September and November 2021. Details of the work of the Forum can be seen at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf



Packhorse Trails

Features like this boundary and waymarker on the packhorse route between Hayfield and Edale are important to tell the story of the trails.



2) Improvements

Repairs by Highway Authorities

In 2021, Derbyshire County Council completed the resurfacing at Bamford Clough.

In October 2021, Staffordshire County Council carried out drainage improvements on the roads above Swan and Limer Rakes at Hollinsclough to help manage the run-off prior to drainage and surfacing works on these routes.

In December 2021, Derbyshire County Council carried out repairs at Chapel Gate, Edale.



In December 2021, Derbyshire County Council carried out works to deal with drainage and an area of substantial wash-out at Car Road, Holmesfield. Despite its name, this is a bridleway.



In January 2022, Derbyshire County Council carried out repairs at Jacob's Ladder, Stoney Middleton.



In January 2022, Derbyshire County Council removed imported surfacing materials unsuitable for Pindale, near Castleton.



In January 2022, Derbyshire County Council infilled the hollows and ruts along Chertpit and Leys Lanes at Great Longstone.

In February 2022, Derbyshire County Council carried out some surfacing to the bridleway running between Brushfield and Upperdale.



In March 2022, Derbyshire County Council cleared out the gullies below Stanage at Long Causeway.



Work by National Park Authority

In March 2021, funded by Barnsley MBC, we took out a high step on a section of the Trans Pennine Trail at Saltersbrook to make it more accessible. The packhorse bridge is at the junction of three counties and a former inn.



Work by Others

In February 2022, we funded fencing under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme to protect the fields at Moscar from vehicles.



In October 2021, an alternative route off Minninglow Lane was funded under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme.

 **Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs**

 **PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK**

Peak Permissive Paths



Great Crested Newt. Photo credit: Chris Monk

Welcome to Minninglow Sandpit.
*Previously a hive of industry,
now a haven for wildlife.*



Heather

Eastern Moors have been carrying out further physical works at Houndkirk, near Sheffield, to encourage vehicles to keep to the track.



3) Monitoring & Managing

Data Logging

We use electronic logging devices to monitor vehicle use and share data with the police to enable them to make evidence-led decisions on their operations. During 2021-22 we have monitored the TRO routes, as well as monitoring illegal use in the Longstone Edge area.

Signage

We support the use of signage where illegal and anti-social use is occurring.





Education

Sheffield Police supported Keep on Track to protect verges at an event at Houndkirk.



Enforcement

Derbyshire police have joined with us on a Memorandum of Understanding covering rural crime and anti-social behavior in the National park.

We are also pleased to see the different ways to report vehicles causing a problem. Please let the police know when and where and provide a description. Photos and videos are also helpful if it's safe to do so.

Ways to report

You can report incidents to South Yorkshire Police in a number of ways:



Call

Always call **999** in an emergency.
Call **101** if it is not urgent



Online

Report your incident online using our portal:
[smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/
report/nuisance-motorbikesvehicles/](https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/report/nuisance-motorbikesvehicles/)



Live Chat

Log in to the portal and live chat with the force

You can also contact the force wide Off Road Bike Team directly with info/photos or videos for advice:



By email:

sypoffroadteam@southyorks.pnn.police.uk



By Facebook messenger:

@SYPOffRoadBikes



By Twitter

@SYPOperations



The police are involved regarding anti-social behavior at Moscar Cross and which is impacting on the condition of the route.



Illegal use



4) Restraint and Restrictions

Voluntary Restraint

The Peak District National Park Authority is keen to see user groups taking voluntary action to address issues. In recent years, we have also been working with the Peak and Derbyshire Vehicle User Group (PDVUG) and its associated member groups.



Keeping on track to protect verges at Minninglow



Traffic Regulation Orders

Temporary closure at Moscar Cross.



Closures in Hollinsclough at Swan and Limer Rakes and Rake Head.



TRO Exemptions

At Derby Lane an exemption to the traffic regulation order allows for caving access on application. During 2021/22, there have been 7 applications for exemptions.

An exemption has been issued on the Washgate route for the Bemrose motorcycle trial to be held in March 2022.



5) Reporting

Action plans

Action plans on green lanes, illegal use and communications for 2021/22 to protect the special qualities of the National Park were presented to the LAF in March 2021 and to the Authority's committee meeting in May 2021. Action plans and annual reports can be viewed at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles.

Appendix 2

Peak District National Park Green Lanes Action Plan 2022/23

Protection

Use

Some Green Lanes may have vehicle rights, others not. The clarification of legal status is carried out by the Highway Authorities. The Highway Authorities are also responsible for the signing of public rights of way, supported by the Authority.

Aim: to clarify Green Lanes which do not have motorised vehicle rights.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Respond to Highway Authority consultations with any relevant information held.
- 2) Keep on Track signage on routes as and where appropriate.
- 3) Identify and report or replace missing signage.

Monitoring

Vehicle logging is carried out where there is intensification or excessive or inappropriate use or for considering the suitability of routes for accessibility needs. Surveying and auditing is also undertaken to assess changes in condition and suitability.

Aim: to target and prioritise Green Lane actions for protection or enhancement.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Vehicle logging prioritised on Green Lanes in accordance with the Illegal Use Action Plan, Keep on Track, and for contributing to Miles without Stiles.
- 2) Green Lane surveys and audits as required, including Keep on Track, and for contributing to Miles without Stiles.

Respect

The National Park's Green Lanes Code promotes responsibility by all users. Peak District Proud encourages responsible use.

Aim: for respect for others and the environment and a recognition of impacts.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Keep on Track to protect verges.
- 2) Adoption of Peak District Proud approach for Green Lanes.

Restraint

Voluntary restraint on routes helps to manage impacts.

Aim: for respect for others and the environment and the management of impacts.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Encourage compliance with Keep on Track.
- 2) Support and monitor proposals for voluntary restraint on Green Lanes.

Restriction

Where respect and restraint are not proving sufficient to manage impacts, the Authority has similar powers to the Highway Authorities to make Traffic Regulation Orders. The Authority has made seven Traffic Regulation Orders.

Aim: to protect the area in accordance with National Park purposes.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Consider applications for TRO exemptions, and for compliance with the terms on which they may be granted.**
- 2) Keep under review any Green Lanes where a TRO may be a possible course of action.**
- 3) Respond to any consultations on TROs by the Highway Authorities.**
- 4) Facilitate consultation responses by the Peak District Local Access Forum, as required.**

Enhancement

Repairs

Highway Authorities have a duty to maintain Green Lanes. The Authority supports this with the use of volunteers for small-scale works, including routine maintenance.

Aim: for ease of use and to protect the environment of the National Park.

Actions 2022/23:

- 1) Identification of works relating to impact on National Park or to meet accessibility requirements.**
- 2) Provision of advice on schemes of repairs and to monitor during and following the works.**
- 3) PPCV involvement in routine maintenance.**

Verge protection

By working with users and other partner organisations, the Keep on Track campaign will help to limit damage to lane verges and help to reinstate any areas of damage.

Aim: to foster respect and recognition of impacts and to mitigate those impacts.

Actions 2022/23

- 1) Promote and encourage support for Keep on Track.**
- 2) Identification of routes and locations for signage in conjunction with Local Access Forum.**

Accessibility

Green lanes can be particularly suitable for accessible routes. Some Green lanes may be suitable for promotion as Miles without Stiles easy access routes. Highway Authority repairs can improve accessibility. The Peak District National Park's Foundation and Access Fund supports the funding of access improvements and Miles without Stiles.

Aim: to reduce barriers to access and promote opportunities for access for all.

Actions 2022/23

- 1) Surveys and audits of Green Lanes to assess suitability and barriers to access.**
- 2) Identification of suitability in Highway Authority schemes for repairs.**
- 3) Funding and undertaking of works to improve access.**
- 4) Promotion of Green Lanes as Miles without Stiles routes, where suitable.**

Engagement

Discovering

Green Lanes are trackways across the National Park - a story of people and industry and links to wildlife and habitats, communities, beautiful views, tranquillity, and inspiration for the benefit of all.

Aim: to embed Green Lanes in the access and rights of way network and the public's consciousness.

Action 2022/23:

- 1) Green Lanes branding as multi-user routes.**
- 2) Develop website content on Green Lanes.**
- 3) Green Lanes Communication Plan messages.**
- 4) An area-based approach at Bradwell Moor.**

Understanding

Green Lanes can be important for their heritage, conservation, communities and/or recreation. Some routes are key for supporting health and well-being, linking to wider access and for exploration and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park.

Aim: to identify what is special about Green Lanes and encourage that understanding.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Sharing the History on the Peak's Packhorse Trails.**
- 2) An area-based approach at Bradwell Moor.**
- 3) Considering future inputs based on Green Lanes contributory value.**

Involving

The Peak District Local Access Forum advises on access and recreation, adopts a consensus-based approach, and reflects and disseminates information.

Aim: to identify, appreciate, and manage issues relating to use of Green Lanes.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Action planning and progress reports to the Local Access Forum.**
- 2) Green Lanes Sub group for detailed involvement relating to engagement, protection and enhancement of Green Lanes.**

Supporting

Working in partnership recognises that everyone can make a difference. Volunteering and funding opportunities supports the work on Green Lanes.

Aim: to encourage involvement and for its recognition.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Peak Park Conservation Volunteers involvement.**
- 2) Local Access Forum and partnerships for Sharing the History.**
- 3) Funding and donations for access improvements to include Bradwell Moor, Miles without Stiles, Keep on Track, and Sharing the History.**

Appendix 3

Peak District National Park Illegal Use Action Plan 2022/23

Recording Use

Vehicle logging

Vehicle use is monitored using electrical vehicle loggers on Traffic Regulation Order routes, where the legal status has recently been resolved, as prioritised on an area basis, or in response to reports received over sustained illegal use.

Aim: to target and prioritise action.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Vehicle logging on TRO routes and other illegal use routes.
- 2) Vehicle logging as part of an area-based focus at Bradwell Moor.

Reporting illegal use

The police take action in response to the reports they receive from the Authority, landowners and the public.

Aim: to target and prioritise action.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Field-based staff to report incidents of illegal use to the police.
- 2) Website updates to improve the reporting of illegal use, in liaison with the police.

Enforcement

Erecting & maintaining signage

Signage is required to clarify the legal status of routes, to support the making of Traffic Regulation Orders, and to prevent harm.

Aim: to prevent illegal use and harm.

Action 2022/23

- 1) To erect and maintain signage on TRO routes made by the Authority.
- 2) To identify routes where there is a need for replacement signage.
- 3) To identify locations where additional signage is required.

Police action

Areas of focus for police operations include TRO routes, routes and areas where there are repeated or increasing illegal or anti-social use, or where there are designations and harm is resulting from motorised vehicle use.

Aim: to prevent illegal and anti-social use and harm.

Action 2022/23

- 1) To continue to identify areas of focus for police activity on an evidential basis.
- 2) To support police operations, as required, through information, signage or presence.

Managing Use

Preventing use & remediation

Detailed schemes of action may be identified and undertaken in conjunction with landowners, the Highway Authorities, Natural England, or Historic England, if driving or riding is taking place on or off-road and results in harm to acknowledged interests. The Keep on Track work will also protect verges for their conservation interest.

Aim: to prevent harm and restore the environment and amenities of the locality.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Adopt a partnership approach for inputs into schemes for prevention and reinstatement.**
- 2) Support and contribute to work undertaken for the management of motorised vehicles.**
- 3) Provide advice on impacts on acknowledged interests or accessibility.**
- 4) Facilitate the involvement of the Peak District Local Access Forum and volunteers.**

Accessibility Improvements

Where barriers to accessibility are removed, there is the potential for this to open up an area to use by motorised vehicles.

Aim: to balance accessibility with potential for harm occurring.

Action 2022/23

- 1) Vehicle logging to monitor and assess any resulting illegal use.**
- 2) Consideration of alternative measures, as required.**

Appendix 4

Peak District National Park Green Lanes Communications Action Plan 2022/23

Key Messages

- Green lanes are a valuable part of the access network for a range of different uses and abilities.
- Green lanes provide a sense of place in the landscape, for health and well-being, and for the understanding and enjoyment of nature.
- All users can reduce impact on other users and the environment by using the lanes in a legal, responsible and sustainable manner.
- Partnership working on green lanes will help to contribute to an integrated, maintained, accessible and safe rights of way network.
- Where there is conflict with the conservation of the special qualities of the National Park, action will be taken including the use of TROs as appropriate.
- Illegal and damaging use is unacceptable.

NPA's Role & Actions

- Work to conserve and enhance the special qualities of green lanes and the National Park.
- Promote opportunities for everyone to understand, enjoy and celebrate these special qualities in a responsible way.
- Work with Highway Authorities, Peak District Local Access Forum, communities and user groups to identify interests and to minimise impacts of use.
- Support the police in their enforcement of illegal and anti-social use.

Highway Authorities' Role & Actions

- Carry out their duties in relation to management of use, maintenance, enforcement, signage and determining legal status.
- Support the PDNP purposes and priorities, work together on delivering improvements and have regard to statutory requirements.

Police Role & Actions

- Carry out their duties in relation to enforcement.

Peak District Local Access Forum

- Provide advice and guidance and support public involvement in green lane matters.

Users' Role & Actions

- Use green lanes responsibly and minimise negative impacts on the special qualities of the National Park.
- Promote and implement voluntary actions.
- Implement and promote the Green Lanes Code as part of the wider #peakdistrictproud – Respect Protect Enjoy campaign.

Appendix 5

Repairs by Highway Authorities on Green Lanes 2021-2023

NB the term Green Lanes is no indication that vehicle rights exist or are available.

Repairs Undertaken 2021-22

Route	Highway Authority	Details
Bamford Clough	Derbyshire	Completion of surfacing and drainage.
Brushfield, Little Longstone	Derbyshire	Site visit by PDLAF September 2021 to agree scope. Resurfaced; some wash-out occurring.
Car Road, Holmesfield	Derbyshire	Resurfaced and drainage improvements. Subsequent wash-out, waste importation, and damage from illegal use.
Chapelgate, Edale	Derbyshire	Site visit by PDLAF September 2021 to agree scope. Drainage channels cleared, ruts filled, and loose stones picked from surface. Investigations re drainage.
Chertpit & Leys Lane, Little Longstone	Derbyshire	Site visit by PDLAF September 2021. Hollow and ruts infilled.
Hurstclough Lane	Derbyshire	Works to clear drains and gullies.
Jacobs Ladder, Stoney Middleton	Derbyshire	Site visit by PDLAF September 2021 to agree scope. Four water bars installed, ruts filled, and large stones and other objects picked from surface.
Long Causeway	Derbyshire	Clearance of drainage channels.
Pindale	Derbyshire	Removal of unsuitable materials introduced on site.
Swan & Limer Rakes	Staffordshire	Comprehensive drainage works on road sections above.

Repairs Proposed 2022-23

Route	Highway Authority	Details
Brough Lane	Derbyshire	Drainage and surfacing.
Baslow Road, Bakewell	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Beeley	Derbyshire	Site visit by PDLAF November 2021 to agree scope Surfacing and drainage.
Black Harry Lane, Stoney Middleton	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Blakedon Hollow, Great Longstone	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Blakelow & Blakemere Lanes. Bonsall	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Bramley Lane, Great Longstone	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Car Road, Holmesfield	Derbyshire	Surfacing, barrier and signage.
Clough Lane, Birchover	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Derby Lane, Monyash	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Dirtlow Rake, Castleton	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Edensor	Derbyshire	Surfacing and verge reinstatement.
Eldon, Peak Forest	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
High Rake, Great Longstone	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Green Lane, Middleton	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Long Causeway, Outseats	Derbyshire	Surfacing and barrier.
Macclesfield Old Road, Buxton	Derbyshire	Surfacing, vehicle damage to verges and cables.
Minninglow Lane, Ballidon	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Moorlands Lane, Bonsall	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Moscar	Sheffield	Reinstatement. Currently closed.
Nether Bretton, Foolow	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Pennine Way, Crowden	Derbyshire	Surfacing and crossing point.

Route	Highway Authority	Details
Pindale, Castleton	Derbyshire	Surfacing and boulders.
Rake Head Lane, Hollinslough	Staffordshire	Drainage and surfacing. Currently closed.
Riley Lane, Eyam	Derbyshire	Reinstatement; illegal vehicular use.
School lane, Great Hucklow	Derbyshire	Surfacing, drainage and kerbs.
Sir William Hill, Eyam	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Sough Lane, Taddington	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Stannery, Hollinsclough	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Sough Lane, Taddington	Derbyshire	Surfacing.
Swan & Limer Rakes	Staffordshire	Drainage and surfacing. Currently closed.

Appendix 6

Landscapes Review

Defra Response, January 2022

Consultation questions on Managing Visitor Pressures

13. Do you support any of the following options to grant National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority greater enforcement powers to manage visitor pressures? Tick all that apply.

- Issue Fixed Penalty Notices for byelaw infringements
- Make Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)
- Issue Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to control the amount and type of traffic on roads

14. Should we give National Park Authorities and the Broads Authority and local highway authorities additional powers to restrict recreational motor vehicle use on unsealed routes? YES/NO/UNSURE

15. For which reasons should National Park Authorities, the Broads Authority and local authorities exercise this power?

- Environmental protection
- Prevention of damage
- Nuisance
- Amenity
- Other [PLEASE STATE]

16. Should we legislate to restrict the use of motor vehicles on unsealed unclassified roads for recreational use, subject to appropriate exemptions? Yes – everywhere/ Yes – in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty only/Yes – in National Parks only/No/Unsure

17. What exemptions do you think would be required to protect the rights and enjoyment of other users e.g., residents, businesses etc? OPEN

Peak District Local Access Forum

Date: 17 March 2022

Item: 10

Title: Consultation on Direction on Access Land

Author: Sue Smith

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the report is to notify the Local Access Forum on the consultation for extending the long-term direction for an open access land exclusion at Silence and Old Grove Mines. The report asks the Forum to consider any response they may wish to make.

Background

In accordance with the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000, the National Park Authority is consulting on a proposal for a long-term direction to restrict access rights.

The National Park Authority, as the Relevant Authority, is required to consider whether a restriction is necessary and whether the extent and nature is appropriate and is seeking feedback from the Local Access Forum and other consultees as part of this process.

Silence and Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow

In February 2018, the Authority made a direction on public safety grounds restricting access to open access land at Silence and Old Grove Mines save for the path leading to the building remains, whilst further investigations and works are carried out.

In June 2018, this was extended following consultation, until 30 April 2019 or such earlier time when the issues have been satisfactorily resolved. The Local Access Forum response is set out in the consultation outcome report attached at Appendix 1.

In August 2018, following evidence of further instability, the Authority made a direction to remove public access to the building remains to protect the public pending a further public consultation.

In November 2018, evidence of further subsidence resulted in an extension and variation of the direction to continue to restrict all public access to the site and to include areas of access land to the north and east of the site. This was reported to the LAF's meeting in December, at which the LAF confirmed their support to restrict public access to the access land and public rights of way in that area.

In April 2019 and April 2020, this was extended by further 12 month periods to allow for an independent geotechnical assessment to assess the future stability of the site and the remediation as a result of that.

In April 2021, this was extended by a further 12 month period to allow for consideration of the advice received in the report and for remediation of the land.

The National Park Authority, as Mineral Planning Authority, is considering appropriate remediation of the land. It is proposed to extend the duration of the direction to 30 April 2023, or such earlier time when this has been satisfactorily resolved. The consultation is attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation

- 1. That the LAF consider their response to the consultation at Silence and Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow.**

Appendix 1

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SUMMARY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY (CROW) Act 2000 PROPOSAL FOR A LONG-TERM DIRECTION RESTRICTING ACCESS MARCH 2022

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Access Authority: Peak District National Park Authority
Relevant Authority: Peak District National Park Authority
Local Access Forum: Peak District Local Access Forum

Land Parcel Name:	Direction Ref.
Silence & Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow	2018088745

The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) as Relevant Authority is proposing to extend the duration of the above direction until 30 April 2023 or until the completion of remediation in connection with geotechnical investigations, to the satisfaction of the PDNPA as the Mineral Planning Authority, whichever is the sooner.

As the restriction of public access on this land is proposed to last for longer than six months continuously, public consultation is required to inform the proposal.

2. SUMMARY OF EXISTING & PROPOSED DIRECTION

Land Parcel Name:	Dates of Restriction	Reason for Exclusion
Silence & Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow	Existing Direction – 30 April 2022 Proposed Direction – 30 April 2023	Public Safety

The National Park Authority made a direction under section 25(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 in February 2018 and extended most recently in April 2021, to restrict public access at Silence and Old Grove Mines on the grounds of public safety relating to the instability of the land. The direction expires on or before 30 April 2022.

The land comprises the former lead mine workings known as Silence and Old Grove Mines; an area used as a paddock, and the hillside to the east of the former lead mine workings and south of the Bretton Edge road. The land is remote, steeply sloping and undulating, with areas of rough grassland, woodland and scrub. A short surfaced path leads from the road entrance to the building remains and interpretation panels at the former lead mining site. Otherwise, access is relatively informal with some areas showing more use than others and the land being used to connect with nearby closed public rights of way and the road.

The PDNPA, as Mineral Planning Authority, have commissioned geotechnical investigations into the instability at this site and are considering the conclusions and recommendations of the report received. This includes the approval and implementation of reinstatement works. Pending this, it is necessary to protect the safety of the public by extending the temporary closure of the land.

Having regard to the continuing evidence of instability, potential contributory factors, and the nature and character of the land, PDNPA is satisfied that a restriction of CRoW access to the extent identified is necessary on public safety grounds. It is considered that a further extension of up to one year would be an appropriate period of time for identification and rectification of instability.

This direction shall cease to have effect on 30 April 2023 or, if earlier, the date on which PDNPA as Mineral Planning Authority approves completion of the necessary remediation having regard to the outcome of the geotechnical investigations undertaken by the PDNPA as the Mineral Planning Authority. In the event of the instability being more extensive or requiring more extensive remediation, the direction shall be further reviewed.

3. SUBMITTING COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED DIRECTION

Reference:	Comments to:
Silence & Old Grove Mines – 2018088745	sue.smith@peakdistrict.gov.uk

If you wish to comment on this direction then please do so before **14 April 2022**. A map accompanies this notice and is attached and can be seen on the [Consultation Pages](#).

Using and sharing your consultation responses

We may wish to pass any comments you make or information to others in connection with our duties and powers under the open access legislation. This may mean for example passing information, including your name and contact details, to the Secretary of State or their appointees, the Planning Inspectorate or to Natural England.

We do not plan to publish individual comments in full, but we may publish extracts from them when we report on our consultation(s).

There may also be circumstances in which we will be required to disclose your response to third parties, either as part of the statutory process for consideration of representations and objections about our decision, or in order to comply with our wider obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please explain clearly why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. However, we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

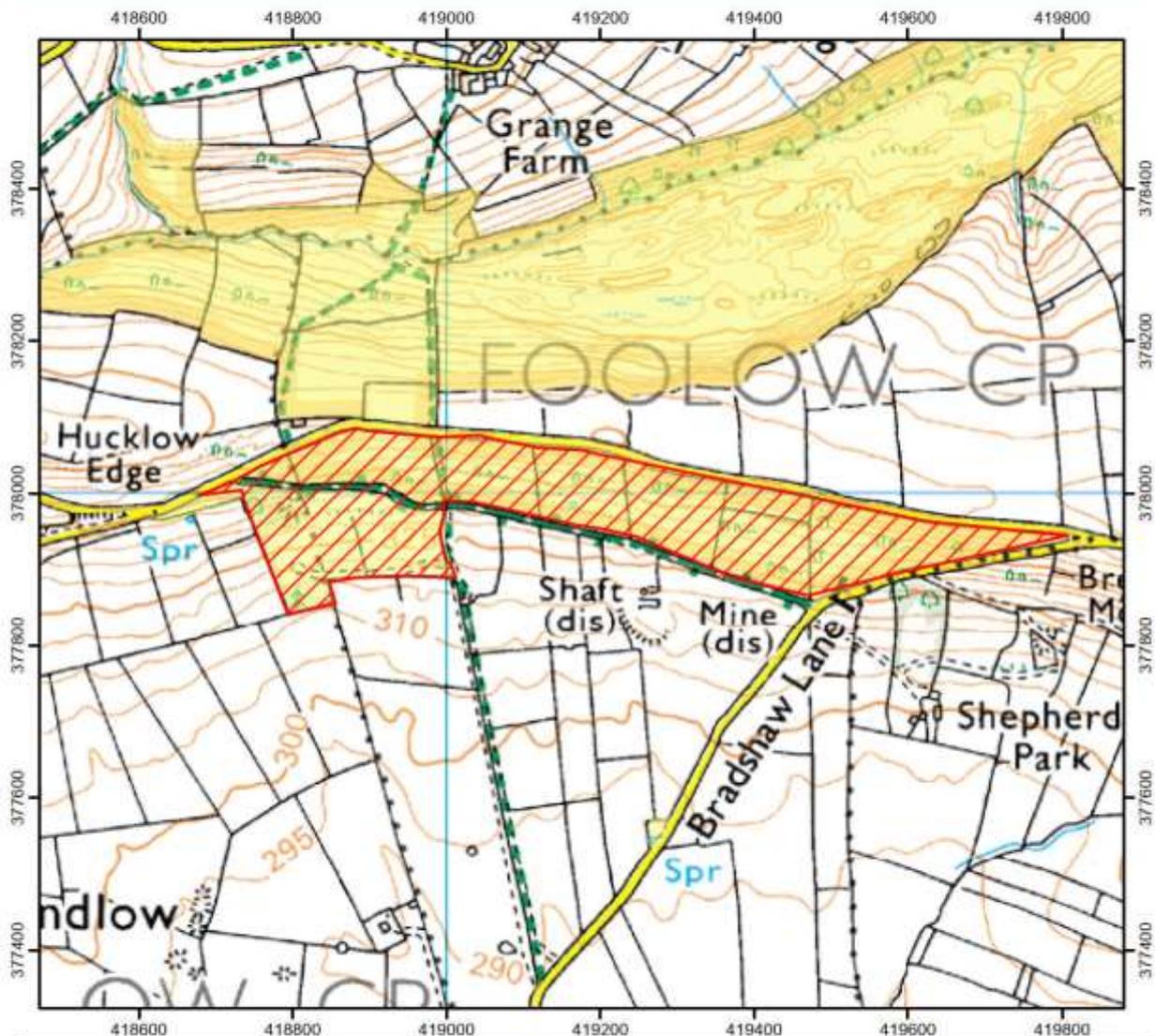
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Date: Until 30 April 2022

Case Number: 2018088745



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Peak District Local Access Forum

Access Sub-group Notes

10 February 2022

Attendees:

Charlotte Gilbert (Chair), Martin Bennett, Louise Hawson, Paul Richardson, Mike Rhodes, Sue Smith, Gill Millward (part).

Apologies:

Ben Seal, Geoff Nickolds, Alastair Harvey, Jez Kenyon, Rob Kenning.

1. DCC site visit to Pennine Way

Site visit to advise on the repairs being considered by Derbyshire County Council on the Upper Booth/Jacobs Ladder section. Forum members provided views on surfacing, drainage, and signage and noted the special qualities of the area. It was considered that repairs should be carried out in conjunction with other works to help reduce further erosion.

ACTION: LAF to provide a letter to DCC for grant funding application and for reporting to the next Forum meeting.

ACTION: DCC to provide the LAF with a scheme of works, including the top section not inspected by the Forum.

2. LAF's FiPL schemes wish list

As follow up to the presentation to the December Forum meeting, LAF members provided details of a number projects which might be suitable for taking forward and funding under the Farming in Protected Landscapes Scheme. These are noted in brief below with each member who promoted the project being responsible for pursuing with the FiPL officer and reporting back to future meetings of the Forum:

- 1) Bradfield Ancient Ways – continuation of project work under the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership to upgrade access – Jez Kenyon.
- 2) Langsett Accessibility – new path sections to improve gradients and surfacing for disabled users – Alastair Harvey.
- 3) Intake Lane – new section of bridleway to improve road crossing and enhance connectivity with the Monsal Trail – Charlotte Gilbert.
- 4) Bradwell Moor – upgrading of footpath to provide a new bridleway link – Paul Richardson.

3. DoNM

To be arranged.

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1 March 2022

Steve Hollinworth
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Dear Steve

Pennine Way Repairs

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed repairs on the Pennine Way in Edale.

The Peak District Local Access Forum is a statutory body of volunteer members, appointed jointly by the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) under the provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. It covers the National Park area and the countryside of north-west Derbyshire around Buxton, New Mills, Hayfield and Glossop. Our role is to advise both the authorities on the improvement of public access and opportunities for the purpose of open-air recreation and enjoyment of the area.

The Access Sub-group visited on 10 February 2022 to consider the condition of the footpath and bridleway and the extent and nature of the proposed works. We were accompanied by Mike Rhodes and Martyn Sharp, and who manage the Peak District section of the Pennine Way.

This section of the Pennine Way is at the beginning of the long-distance national trail and provides access into the surrounding uplands. In addition, its proximity to a rail route, and with car parking, and visitor facilities, makes it an extremely attractive and popular destination for all users to experience the sense of wildness and remoteness.

We consider that sensitive repairs to the route will improve access for the majority of users, help to reduce erosion, and on the lower section increase accessibility for those with mobility limitations.

Comments are as follows:

- Pennine Way long-distance route and also key route for horse riders and mountain bikers
- Route divides on the slope after the bridge into a footpath section and bridleway
- Designations include SSSI, SAC and SPA on the sections above the bridge
- Repairs and signage to be sympathetic to the surroundings
- Repairs required in 5 main areas with priority to be given to the upper sections

- Addressing the drainage issues and undertaking work at the appropriate time will help to reduce wash-out
- A combination of cross-drains, providing for a cross-fall, and attention to path edges will be required on the lower section
- In some locations, (particularly the bridleway 'loop') stone picking in place of importation of materials will suffice
- Naturally excavated gritstone to be used; 20mm to dust on the lower track section
- Clearer, simpler, and relocated signage is required at the bridge and stone cairn
- Stone pitching required on the bridleway loop, above the cairn and a short section at the top of the existing pitching on the footpath
- Deflector bunds and fencing/walling also required to accompany the path re-surfacing to allow eroded areas to recover

Please keep us informed on progress with the repairs. We would be pleased to receive a detailed scheme of working on which to provide further comments.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Gilbert
Vice Chair

Local Access Forum Annual Report 2021

Introduction

In December, the Forum met up face to face for the first time since March 2020 and gave thanks to John Thompson with an award for his dedication to public access as the National Park's Access Champion. Poignantly, this was to be John's last Forum meeting.

John's words (reproduced below) sum up the wealth of experience, commitment and passion that the country's first Local Access Forum brings to its work, and no more so than John who exemplified this.

Over the last year, the Forum has continued to have a major input into the National Park Management Plan, advising on visitor management for events, behaviour and recreation hubs, as well as having input to climate change and sustainable transport. Likewise, through a partnership approach, we will help to develop the outcomes of the Landscapes Review, where we supported positive proposals but emphasised the need for adequate resources for delivery. The presentations we have received on the review of access priorities will help in taking this forward.

With thanks to John, we had positive outcomes on the Monsal Trail for its importance as a recreational route. We also supported the efforts being made to increase accessibility, particularly with the ongoing work of the Miles without Stiles project and the Anniversary Gates project, as well as Derbyshire County Council's scheme of repairs for public rights of way, which is also supporting actions on Green Lanes.

We look forward to welcoming you to join us at future LAF meetings. In the meantime, I hope you will find this year's annual report of interest.

Charlotte Gilbert, Vice-Chair, Peak District Local Access Forum

Comments made by John Thompson, as he stood down as Chair at the December meeting

It has been a great honour for me to Chair the Local Access Forum, the first to be established under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act, 2000, with joint sponsors in the Peak District National Park Authority and Derbyshire County Council, and following on from Andrew Critchlow and Andrew McCloy as Chairs and Edwina Edwards in 2017. I was delighted to join the Forum in 2009 and to be Vice Chair to Edwina from 2010. I have thoroughly enjoyed being Chair.

I am most grateful to Vice Chairs - Bob and Charlotte for their support and value. The interest and support of members with different skills and experiences remains invaluable and greatly appreciated in our work and actions as statutory independent advisors. We work well together and usually achieve consensus in making our recommendations.

The advice and support of Officers has been excellent and is very much appreciated in the work of the LAF. Mike Rhodes as Secretary of the Peak District LAF since it began in 2000 is a driving force for the work of the Forum and he has great colleagues in Gill Millward, Sue Smith and Richard Pett providing excellent reporting to us and arranging site visits. We have had good communication from Sarah Fowler and Sarah Wilks on National Park issues. Minute taking is with the experts in Democratic Services who give us excellent support

through Ruth Crowder, Karen Harrison and Belinda Wybrow and in organising meetings. All staff involved with the LAF show great enthusiasm, knowledge, professionalism and dedication which I have greatly valued.

*John Thompson
Chair, Peak District Local Access Forum 2017 to 2021.*



Charlotte Gilbert and Mike Rhodes presenting John Thompson with a certificate celebrating his work on the Peak District LAF.

Purpose of the Forum

The Peak District Local Access Forum (PDLAF) is a statutory body, appointed jointly by the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and Derbyshire County Council (DCC). It covers the National Park and the countryside of north-west Derbyshire around Buxton, New Mills and Glossop.

The Forum advises on the improvement of public access for the purpose of open-air recreation and enjoyment and in so doing takes into account the needs of land management and conserving the natural beauty of the area.

Membership of the Forum

Membership of the Forum is reviewed regularly to ensure a reasonable balance between the number of members from land-owning, recreation and local interests. Details of the current membership are included at the end of this report and at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf.

In 2021, the following members resigned from the Forum:

Edwina Edwards, Roly Smith, Andrew Murley, Jon Stewart, Ally Turner and Bob Berzins

Contact Details

Details of the Forum are available at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf.

All Forum meetings are open to the public and, by prior arrangement, members of the public may ask to speak at the meetings. Meetings are at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/lafmeetings and are available on audio webcast.

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Meetings of the Forum in 2021

Formal meetings of the Local Access Forum took place on the following dates:

Thursday 11 March, online

Thursday 10 June, online

Thursday 9 September, online

Thursday 9 December, Aldern House

Issues discussed at the formal meetings included:

Right to Roam Campaign

In 2021 the Forum continued to discuss the Right to Roam campaign, with three key areas of work identified as Paddle Sports, Wild Swimming and Mountain Biking. The LAF congratulated the successful partnership working that has taken place between Severn Trent Water and mountain bike riders. The LAF also recognised the issues faced for Paddle Sports and Wild Swimming access and suggested a pragmatic approach to finding a middle ground.

Generation Green

The Forum was informed about the successful bid from the Green Recovery fund: Generation Green – Connecting Young People with Nature. This is a partnership project between 10 National Parks, the Youth Hostels Association, Scouts/Guides/Outwards Bound/Field Studies Council, that aims to engage more young people with nature and green careers. The project will run until June 2022 and will create 12 new posts across the various National Parks.

Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)

The Forum was updated about the FiPL scheme, particularly the 'access' element, which includes interpretation and what works can and have been undertaken as part of this. The strategy for larger, planned access schemes was outlined, as well as current work and how the project works for landowners.

Access Update

During 2021, the Forum was updated on progress with the Anniversary Gates project improving access on Access Land. It also received reports on Accessible Peak District and

the Access Fund. Members further supported this work through donations from their organisations and for fellow members - Edwina and John - in recognition of their contributions to improving access for the inspiration and enjoyment of all.

Green Lanes

In March, Members of the Forum received the Authority's annual action plans on Green Lanes. The focus on engagement, protection and enhancement, and the issues still apparent on some routes was noted. The Green Lanes sub-group met in April, September and November to consider actions and advise Derbyshire County Council on its proposed schemes of repair on routes, including Chapel Gate, Pindale, Brushfield, Leys Lane, Stoney Middleton and Beeley.

Derbyshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan

During the year there have been updates on the delivery of major rights of way surfacing/drainage schemes being carried out with funding from the County Council's Highways Capital Programme, along with general improvements across the network, including roadside signposting and vegetation clearance. Information has also been provided on progress with legal orders, as well as the work of the Unrecorded Ways sub-group which met virtually in January, May and August. This is held jointly with the Derby and Derbyshire LAF to help provide support to those volunteers involved in submitting claims for historic, unrecorded routes before the 2026 cut-off date. The updates have also included information about the County Council's refreshed Cycle Derbyshire leaflet and the availability of on-line mapping for Derbyshire's existing and proposed cycle networks. There have also been details of the funding which has been secured for route development and maintenance, including the Pennine Bridleway National Trail and White Peak Loop, as well as efforts to improve the monitoring of usage to help with future funding bids. There has been interest in the Buxton Walk and Ride Network which is being developed to encourage more sustainable and active travel around the town, as well as Walk Derbyshire, a countywide approach to increase walking opportunities and encourage healthy lifestyles. There was also an appreciation of the valuable contribution which volunteers make in carrying out much needed maintenance work and improvements to the network of paths, trails and countryside sites, as well as the welcoming back of popular events like the Derbyshire Woodland Festival following the lifting of covid restrictions.

Other key matters discussed:

- National Park Authority resource and structural changes
- National Park Authority property disposals
- Return of rail use to the Monsal Trail
- Hope Valley Climate Action Travelling Light Project

Formal Consultations

The Forum has responded to the following consultations:

- The Landscapes (Glover) Review
- Countryside Code Review
- National Park Management Plan
- National Park Authority Car Parks Review
- Changes to the Highway Code
- National Park Authority Business Case Review

Training and Liaison

The LAF has been represented by its members at:

- National Park Management Plan (NPMP) monitoring and review
- Local Plan Review Workshops

- Stanage Bridleway



LAF visit to Chapel Gate, Edale

The Year Ahead:

- Reflecting on the pandemic and engaging with visitors
- Considering access opportunities arising from the new right to roam campaign, landscapes review and environmental land management scheme
- Identifying access improvements and supporting efforts to secure contributions to the Access Fund
- Contributing towards further development of Miles without Stiles easy access routes and accessibility improvements to include Anniversary Gates with partners
- Inputting to asset disposal proposals from the National Park Authority to ensure safeguarding of access and recreation arrangements and potential
- Involvement in landscape and other partnerships and the protection and promotion of countryside assets
- Climate change – active and sustainable travel, including Derbyshire’s Walking and Riding networks
- Input to the D2N2 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Reviewing and supporting Derbyshire’s Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Strategic support for Pennine Way and Pennine Bridleway National Trails including pursuing completion of the Pennine Bridleway around Glossop
- Contributing to the Staying on Track campaign for green lanes
- Involvement in advising on delivery of outcomes for the National Park Management Plan
- Seeking further expansion and improvements to horse riding routes including Unrecorded Ways

- Working with neighbouring Local Access Forums, Access and Highway Authorities on shared interests
- Continuing to raise the profile of the Local Access Forum among a wider audience



LAF visit to Leys Lane, Little Longstone

Scheduled Meetings in 2022:

- Thursday 17 March, Aldern House, Bakewell
- Thursday 16 June, Aldern House, Bakewell
- Thursday 15 September, Aldern House, Bakewell
- Thursday 1 December, Aldern House, Bakewell

Financial Statement 2021

Administrative support		£528.71
Members' travel and expenses		£126.30
Meeting refreshments		£119
Annual report production		£255
TOTAL		£1,029.01

The Peak District National Park Authority administers and provides secretariat for the Forum with officer input and financial support from Derbyshire County Council

Member Details and Attendance 2021

Member	Background and Interests	Appointment Expiry Date	11/03/21	10/06/21	09/09/21	09/12/21
John Thompson (Chair)	Partnerships in recreation and education	Sept 2022	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bob Berzins (co-vice-chair)	Fell running, conservation	Dec 2021	✓	✓	✓	
Charlotte Gilbert (co-vice-chair)	Land manager, horse rider	Dec 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Jason Atkin	Derbyshire County Council appointee	N/A	✓	X		
Martin Bennett	Ramblers	March 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joe Dalton	Farmer, landowner	Dec 2023	✓	✓	✓	
Edwina Edwards	Girl Guiding UK, walking, cycling, fell running	Sept 2021	✓	✓		
Richard Entwistle	Motor vehicle users	Dec 2022	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clare Griffin	Trail-bike rider, fell runner	Oct 2023	✓	✓	✓	X
Alastair Harvey	Landowner	Dec 2021	✓	✓	✓	X
Louise Hawson	Climbing, running	Sept 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Susan Hobson	Derbyshire County Council appointee	N/A			✓	X
Cllr Ian Huddleston	PDNPA appointee	N/A	✓	X	✓	X
Jez Kenyon	Ramblers	April 2024	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steve Martin	Environmental Education	Sept 2022	✓	X	✓	X
Andrew Murley	Access for those with disability	March 2021	✓			
Geoff Nickolds	Recreation and land management	Dec 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paul Richardson	Mountain-biking	March 2023	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ben Seal	Access to Water	Dec 2022	✓	✓	✓	✓
Roly Smith	Outdoor writer	April 2021	✓			
Jon Stewart	Recreation and conservation, National Trust	Oct 2023	X	X	X	
Ally Turner	Horse riding, walkers, young people	Oct 2023	✓	✓	✓	

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