

# Local Access Forum Annual Report 2023

## Introduction

### 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 below and at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf).

### Contact Details

Details of the Forum are available at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/laf](http://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](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/lafmeetings) and are available on audio webcast.

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## LAF Membership 2023

<b>Member</b>	<b>Background and Interests</b>
Louise Hawson (Chair)	Climbing, running
Charlotte Gilbert (co-vice-chair)	Land manager, horse rider
Martin Bennett (co-vice Chair)	Walking and cycling
Craig Best	Land manager (National Trust)
Joe Dalton	Farmer, landowner
Nick Doran	Equestrian, outdoor activities
Richard Entwistle	Motor vehicle users
Clare Griffin	Trail-bike rider, fell runner, orienteer
Alastair Harvey	Landowner
Cllr Susan Hobson	Derbyshire County Council appointee
Jo Holliday	Outdoor centre Manager (resigned in March)
Cllr Ian Huddleston	PDNPA appointee
Jez Kenyon	Ramblers
Austin Knott	Hill walking, the BMC
Charlotte Leech	Land agent
Cllr Andrew McCloy	PDNPA appointee
Geoff Nickolds	Recreation and land management (left in March)
Paul Richardson	Mountain-biking
Dave Savage	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
Ben Seal	Access to Water
John Towe	Volunteer Ranger, Access for All

## Meetings of the Forum

The following meetings covered the following themes:

- 15 March 2023 – nature recovery and access
- 14 June 2023 – access for all
- 1 November 2023 – rights of way.

Other issues discussed:

- Sustainable Travel
- Environmental Land Management Schemes
- Access to Water
- Derbyshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan updates
- Green Lanes

## Consultations

- Long term direction at Silence Mine
- Changes to NPA car park charges and byelaws
- NPA Engagement Service restructure and Business Review

## Meetings and themes for 2024

21 February – visitor management

12 June - sustainable transport

16 October – health and wellbeing

### Financial Statement 2023

Administrative support		£83
Members' travel and expenses		£74
Meeting refreshments		£396.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£553.50</b>

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

