

15. OUTSIDE BODY AND CONFERENCE FEEDBACK REPORT

Name of Body	Peak District NP Foundation
Date of Meeting	23rd April 2026
Member in attendance	Janet Dugdale & Ruth Swetnam
Supporting Officer	N/A
Issues raised at the meeting of significance to the Authority	
1.	Five new independent trustees appointed: Danielle Brown (Derbyshire WT), Deborah Graham (Groundwork), David Holdcroft (Creating Valuable Ltd), Amisha Shelat (Partner, Norman Broadbent PLC), Robin Sibson (Mount Cook Adventure Centre). This now brings the board back to full strength. A new chair will be needed in July as our current incumbent Jen Lowthrop will be stepping down as a trustee.
2.	NP Visitor Centres – 3-year funding from philanthropist coming to an end. Donor intends to continue support but at a lower level. The Foundation are in active discussions as to the nature of this support, but the NP Visitor Centres must now continue on a sustainable footing without the previous support.
3.	Overall income has risen above £1 million and is on an upward trajectory but note that this large increase has largely been due to an unexpected windfall so may drop back from this high. Another philanthropic donor has stepped forward to fund a litter / footpath project which is very welcome news.
4.	The foundation ran a successful Earthraise campaign which raised > £23,000 towards a Native Tree Nursery for the National Park.
Issues on which the views of Authority Members are sought	
1.	None at present.
Relevant documents such as reports and hyperlinks	
1.	Tree nursery
2.	Trustees / Team - Peak District National Park Foundation