

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on issue related to the management of access in the Peak District. This has been discussed at meetings of the Access Sub-group.

Open Access Anniversary

An event was held on the 10th anniversary of the introduction of open access in the National Park. It was attended by various access champions including Local Access Forum members. The speeches made have now been collated and are available at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/crow.

Access Fund

The Authority's Access Fund is now up and running. It was set up with a £3000 contribution. Donations and income generated will be ring fenced for access improvements. Details of the operation of the fund can be viewed at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/accessfund.

The Access Sub-group will be considering their suggestions and priorities for access improvements at their next meeting and for reporting to the March Forum meeting.

Access Newsletter

A new newsletter has been launched dealing with access matters. Copies of the newsletter can be seen at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/access or contact access@peakdistrict.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.

Fencing on Access Land

The Authority will be preparing guidance on the erection of structures on access land to ensure that due regard is given to barriers to access in accordance with its responsibilities as the Relevant Authority and the National Park's second purpose. This will be reported to the next meeting of the Access Sub-group.

Recommendation

- 1. That the report be noted.**