

## **Peak District Local Access Forum**

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**Item: 3**

**Title: Fundraising update**

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### **Mend Our Mountains**

The campaign ends at the end of March – we need your help to get us over the line so please consider donating and sharing on social media etc.

**Cut Gate** has almost reached its £70k target. Work should start later this year after bird breeding season, possibly October.

**Great Ridge** – Unfortunately the Great Ridge is some way off the full £140k that we wanted to complete the entire ridge line. Our recent bid to Tarmac Landfill Community Fund for £63k was unsuccessful.

To date we've secured around £90k for the Great Ridge including £40k from Oglesby Trust and £10k from SYNED Ramblers as well as individual donations and crowdfunding. We've also applied for £10k to Ramblers Holiday Trust. We will be getting something from the central pot mend Our Mountains pot as we've sign posted supporters to the central campaign but BMC and still working out how the split will work based on the various National Parks' needs.

Work on the Great Ridge should start in September and depending on the final amount secured may only complete around 900m of the path.

Despite the slight disappointment in being some way of our ambitious target Mend Our Mountains has been a great campaign for all National Parks, a fantastic opportunity for people to give back to places they enjoy and the Peak District will benefit from over £160k of investment in path repairs across both Cut Gate and Great Ridge.

### **Peak District National Park Foundation - Building a foundation for the Future of Our National Park**

The charity is now official! The charity commission approved our registration in February.

The Foundation exists to grow support and raise fund for the Peak District for everyone to enjoy forever. We have big ambitions - to see more land managed for wildlife; more rare habitats protected and more people able to enjoy the UK's original National Park

We have 7 enthusiastic knowledgeable Trustees in place (3 appointed by the Authority) and we're working with them to agree our fundraising priorities and develop a website. We'll have a holding page soon.

### **Our year 1 campaign will be £70k for 70**

2019 is the 70th anniversary of the campaigning and Act of parliament which led to the Peak District becoming the UK's first National Park and we're passionate about keeping the

spirit of access and enjoyment of our National Parks going into the future. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of this landmark legislation we're looking to the future with our newly established charity The Peak District National Park Foundation.

Throughout 2019 the Foundation will be working to raise £70k for a range of high impact projects that care for the stunning landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Peak District and enable more people to enjoy our National Park.

The Peak District National Park Foundation has been set up to grow support and raise funds to care for the Peak District National Park for everyone to enjoy forever. Looking to the next 70 years we want our National Park to be in a better condition for future generations to continue to enjoy and champion.

The £70k will be raised from trusts and foundation, corporate support and individual giving. It will support existing management plan priorities.

Our trustees have asked us to present details to them of the projects which might receive 70for70 funding, under the categories:

1. Restore damaged moorland
2. Look after important cultural heritage
3. Help people access the National Park
4. Protect at risk species and their habitat

Access Fund or Miles without Stiles should benefit in some way from the £70kfor70 campaign subject to Foundation Trustee agreement and the overall £70k target being achieved.

The LAFs support in making £70k for 70 campaign a success would be appreciated. Like and share our social media posts (when we're up and running), tell your friends, take on a fundraising challenge or donate! For more information email Sarah Slowther or Claire Barlow @peakdistrict.gov.uk

Please [sign up](#) for OurPeak to find out more and we'll circulate the website and holding page as soon as they're ready.

### **Recommendation**

That the report be noted.