

# ARoW

Access and Rights of Way  
Newsletter



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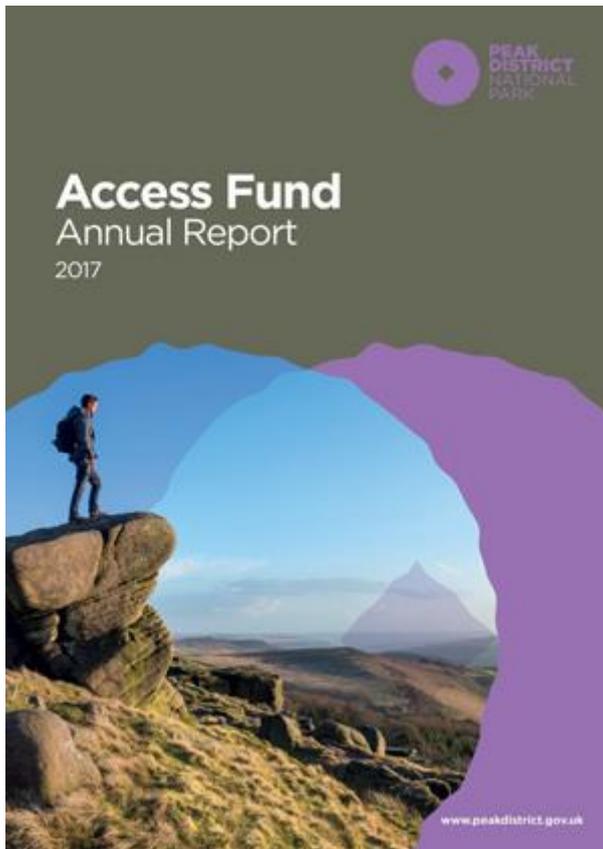
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## **Access Fund Annual Report**

For the third year running we are pleased to report on what we've been able to achieve for access in the National Park. This year, we have a new section in the [Access Fund Annual Report](#) on commemorations for people and events.

Your donations have helped us to retain a valued route linking in areas of access land, work with two organisations to resurface routes, improve signage on the Limestone Way and carry out repairs to a gate well-used by horse riders.

We hope you enjoy hearing from those who have donated why it matters and see why when you next visit.



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## Accessible Peak District

Access for all is a key theme within all National Parks so that wherever you are, wherever you go you will be able to get out and enjoy what these inspirational areas can offer. Please take a look [here](#) for a summary of what's available in the UK's National Parks.

In the Peak District we also provide an annual report on what we're doing to improve accessibility. This was reported to the December meeting of the Local Access Forum and can also be viewed at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/access](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/access).

You'll hear more about this in our work on Miles without Stiles. These are the finest accessible routes in the National Park which we'll be launching this Spring.



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## More Access at More Hall

Yorkshire Water have been widening and resurfacing the concession path which runs along the southern end of More Hall Reservoir near Oughtibridge. We'll be giving you more information about visiting this area in the coming months as this will form part of one of our Miles without Stiles routes.

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## Bridleway Maintenance

The work by mountain bikers to improve the drainage on one of the bridleways above Ladybower can be seen here in this [Video](#). We are keen to encourage volunteers where the works are particularly suitable and work closely with the Highway Authorities and landowners. Please contact [Peak Park Conservation Volunteers](#) or consider training to be a [Volunteer Ranger](#), if you'd like to help.

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## Cutthroat Repairs

The bridleway from Cutthroat Bridge off the A57 near Ladybower to Whinstone Lee Tor on Derwent Edge is one of our most loved landscapes and it's been so since the first settlers, some 120-160 generations ago. Bronze Age clearance cairns and evidence of field systems can still be seen, letting us think of the milder climate which would have made living and farming here possible.

Maintenance has been carried out previously by Peak MTB and now a more comprehensive scheme is underway to repair the more damaged parts of the route. This is being carried out using a technique known as sub-soiling which inverts the sandy free-draining materials from below the peaty surface. The advantage of this is that you get a more natural look and it minimises the stone brought to the site.

The work is being carried out under archaeological supervision and updates on the work will be provided [here](#).



The name comes from a murder 400 years ago which was then revisited more recently and more gruesomely. The packhorse bridge was widened in 1821, with one side still showing the original structure.

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## Voluntary Restraint

We are always pleased to hear when different user groups offer to restrain their use on some routes at some times in order to help look after what they care about.

**VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT**

Recreational motorists are asked  
**NOT TO PROCEED  
BEYOND THIS POINT**

**VALID FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2017 - 1 MAY 2018**

Failure to comply could result in full time closure  
The future of recreational motoring is in your hands

<b>Reason:</b> For the protection of the highway due to waterlogged track and deep rutting	<b>Road reference:</b> Minninglow/Gallowiolw Lane Contact: <a href="mailto:derbyshire.rep@glass-uk.org">derbyshire.rep@glass-uk.org</a>
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Minninglow and Galloway Lanes is one of our [priority routes](#) in need of improved management. The route is particularly prone to waterlogging and local vehicle users are keen to try to get the message out that damage is very likely to occur at such times.

Mountain bikers also have their own system for reducing their impact. Trail conditions sent to @KoftheP are retweeted to pass on the updates.

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## Cut Gate



Cut Gate is an ancient bridleway which runs from the Derwent to Langsett. Up until the early 1900s it was repaired annually so that the Derwent Valley farmers could get to Penistone Market. Despite the care by users and voluntary restraint by mountain bikers more extensive repairs are needed, particularly to the 'Bog of Doom' sections.

This route is one of the top mountain bike routes in the country, forms part of the Kinder Loop long-distance horse trail and is well used by walkers, including dog owners who otherwise could not access this area.

We are seeking your support for these repairs. Please see here for the [British Mountaineering Council's campaign](#) which will be formally launched in March.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

For those new to visiting the National Park, we have added some frequently asked questions to our website. This covers information on where you can go, what you can do, and where you can find out

wheel drive vehicles onto green lanes.

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## Access Land Restrictions



Most of the time you are free to wander at will across our wilder areas of the National Park but occasionally landowners might have restrictions in places for up to 28 days to help them with land management. As soon as we are notified of these short-term restrictions, we report them on our [website](#). Please also note that other restrictions might apply.

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## Walk on the Wild Side



Number 10 in [Britain's favourite walks](#). At any time of the year. And where we need your help to [Mend our Mountains](#).

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