



Planning Service Parishes Bulletin 21

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The Peak District National Park Planning Awards will celebrate the best development in the National Park over the last 3 years. The Awards will recognise and reward outstanding development in various categories, where extra consideration has been taken to ensure the scheme makes a positive contribution to the special qualities of the National Park. The Awards aim to both celebrate exceptional schemes that have been developed and inspire excellence in future projects in the National Park. Nominations are now open, and submissions can be made until midnight 12 October. Parish Councils are invited to nominate schemes where they feel a positive contribution has been made to their community.

Award Categories

Nominations for awards are being invited in the following categories:

A. Best Residential

Conversion, extension, new build

B. Best Non-residential

Commercial, quarries, public buildings

C. Best Conservation project

Any development relating to a heritage asset

D. Best Landscaping scheme

Landscaping scheme relating to any other development, including quarry restoration

The Awards are being provided by Natural Stone Sales Ltd and are crafted from Derbyshire Fossil Limestone, a unique Peak District product. The Awards will be presented at a ceremony kindly being hosted by Thornbridge Hall on 21 November.

The judging criteria and guides lines for entry are detailed online but in all cases, projects will need to reflect the general principles of good design which are set out in the Peak District National Park Authority [Design Guide](#) 6MB. Nominations can be submitted by Parish Councils, with the written consent of the owner, where they feel a scheme has enhanced the community. Full details of the Awards are available online at <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-awards>

Topic of the month – Planning Enforcement - Local Enforcement Plan

The Local Enforcement Plan sets out what breaches of planning control are. It details the measures available to the Authority and explains how officers prioritise cases for investigation. As resources are limited, it is essential that they are used to their maximum effect. The Authority categorises cases into high, medium and low priorities. Individual cases may be re-prioritised as the investigation progresses, new evidence comes to light or if there are attempts to put any breach right.

The Authority receives a large number of enquiries each year and although many of these do not result in enforcement action, others do and some require lengthy investigations or legal action over months and sometimes years. The Local Enforcement Plan explains how to report a suspected breach of planning control. It also details how an investigation is carried out and what actions are available to the Authority. The full plan is available online at <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement>

An Enforcement and Monitoring Review is considered quarterly by the Planning Committee. The latest report is attached for your information. This report gives a summary of formal enforcement action, and details the breaches that have been resolved in the quarter. The number of cases this team deals with is also reported. The team is also responsible for the monitoring of planning permissions to ensure condition compliance and conducts an annual check on housing completions.

Feedback from Parish Clerk Networking Event

The networking event took place on 27 June. Thank you to those Clerks who attended. A number of staff members from the Authority also attended the event to give an overview of how services are delivered. It was an opportunity for Clerks to explain the work they undertake for the parishes, the issues that arise in dealing with other tiers of Local Government, and the challenges within the communities they work with.

The next event for parishes will be Parishes Day on 29 September. Full details of that event will be circulated shortly, with the theme for the day being “Thriving Communities”.

Derbyshire Economic Partnership Grant Funding Opportunity

Amanda Brown from LEADER has asked me to raise awareness of this funding opportunity. Have you a small scale project that will enhance the culture and heritage assets in your area? Capital grants are available in the rural areas of Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands to assist in enhancing the visitor economy and benefitting the local community. Funding from £2,500 is available for organisations to enhance their local area with small scale investments, closing date for applications 30 September 2018.

Expressions of Interest forms and further information are available from <https://www.derbyshireeconomicpartnership.org.uk/rural-derbyshire/leader-in-the-peak/grants> or contact Amanda Brown to discuss your idea: Amanda.Brown2@derbyshire.gov.uk

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