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Peak District National Park Authority

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Welcome!



Lesley Roberts (*centre*), new chair of the Peak District National Park Authority at the environmental classroom at Hope Cement Works

As the newly appointed chair I find myself experiencing a few firsts.

The first woman chair, the first parish council chair and the first chair from Staffordshire Moorlands. So I am adding to the Peak District National Park's history of firsts (it was the first designated national park in 1951).

Legacy for the many generations that will follow us is a priority for me. Not only do we need to manage the park well, we must plan to hand it over in a better shape.

We all know change happens and is necessary, but we must manage the changes in partnership with and involving our communities.

In this edition read about our partnership with Hope Cement Works to enable more children to discover the excitement and wonders of nature and celebrate with us the huge contribution from our many volunteers.

We have a shared responsibility for the national park, let's make it work.

The national park is a very complex and wonderful place with many agencies helping to keep it special (see back page for details).

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Building bridges for birds of prey

At national level, battles rage between conservationists and grouse moor managers over birds of prey – one side blaming the other for lack of breeding success.

But here in the Peak District a different picture is emerging. Although low bird of prey numbers remain a concern, gamekeepers are increasingly communicating with local raptor conservation groups as to where birds of prey are nesting, and giving them access to monitor, ring the chicks and confirm fledging at the appropriate times.

This spirit of co-operation is largely thanks to the Birds of Prey Initiative, launched in 2011 by the Peak District National Park Authority to increase understanding between the two sides.

Rhodri Thomas, the national park's natural environment manager, explained: "We saw how views were incredibly polarised and we decided the only way forward was

to bring people together and encourage a change in attitudes for the birds' sake.

"We set up a steering group of ourselves, the Moorland Association (of grouse moor owners), RSPB, Natural England and the National Trust. We agreed sustainable population targets for merlin, peregrine falcon and short-eared owl – the species for which these moors are internationally important – and together we employed a field worker to monitor the birds and liaise with raptor groups and gamekeepers."

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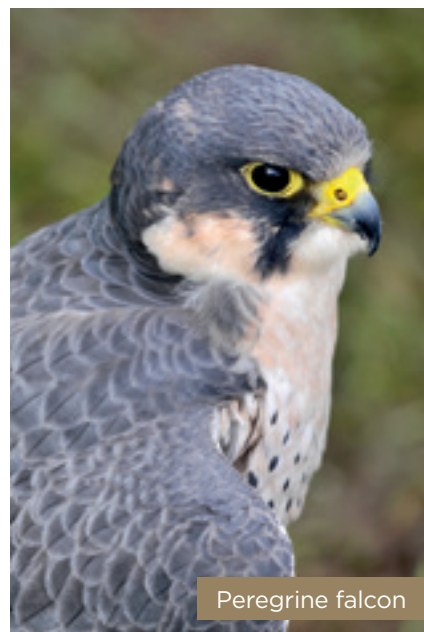


Young birds are ringed for identification

birds of prey

Help us to protect the national park and keep it special by making a donation to the Peak Birds Projects. Phone: **01629 816200** or send a cheque payable to: **PDNPA Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AE**

We welcome your support.



Peregrine falcon

That field worker is Jamie Horner, who in his spare time manages a walk-up (non-driven) shoot on the Chatsworth estate, where there is a long history of healthy bird of prey populations including merlins, hobbies, buzzards, goshawks, sparrowhawks and even an osprey passing through.

“A big part of the initiative was to bring keepers and raptor groups closer together, and by and large that’s working really well,” said Jamie, who goes out

two or three days a week in the breeding season to check raptor activity.

Steve Davies, of the Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group, agreed: “Communication and co-operation is very much improving. Keepers are helping us pinpoint nests, visit sites and ring chicks where access had previously been denied.”

Head gamekeeper for Hurst and Churnal Moor, Fred Mitchinson, explained: “It’s like building a bridge across a river. Both sides have to come to the

middle, it’s no use shouting at each other from either side, there’s got to be give and take.”

“Things are improving,” said Andrew Chadwick, head gamekeeper for Snake and Parkhall moors. “Two years ago all 14 managed shoots in the Dark Peak agreed to do maps of the raptor nests and we monitor them each year.”

But Mike Price, of the raptor group, pointed out: “The partnership recognises that we’re still not seeing an improvement in the

breeding status of larger raptors. Achieving our population targets will be a real challenge.”

A number of factors were at work, they all agreed, including declines in the small birds and mammals that raptors feed on, weather changes and some criminal activity.

“Tourism also has an impact,” said Fred. “Not that I’m against it, but we have to live

with the fact that where you get many dog-walkers and rock-climbers, you get disturbance.”

“The Peak District has one of the UK’s most important merlin populations,” said Jamie, “and 99 per cent are on moors managed by gamekeepers. We’ve had 14-15 successful merlin nests this year, 13 on managed moors, thanks to habitat management and legal predator control.”

“Raptors are part of the moorland scene,” said Fred. “If I can produce a big, sustainable population of grouse I can sustain plenty of raptors.”

“At the end of the day both groups want a successful, sustainable moorland with large bird populations of all types – we all want the same.

“The moors will be there when we’re gone and we want to pass them on in a better condition for future generations.”

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Members of the Peak District Birds of Prey Initiative

More details:

Peak District Raptor Monitoring Group:

www.pdrmg.co.uk

Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust:

www.gwct.org.uk

Building bridges for birds of prey

Conservationists and the public rallied together for Hen Harrier Day, August 10, Upper Derwent Valley



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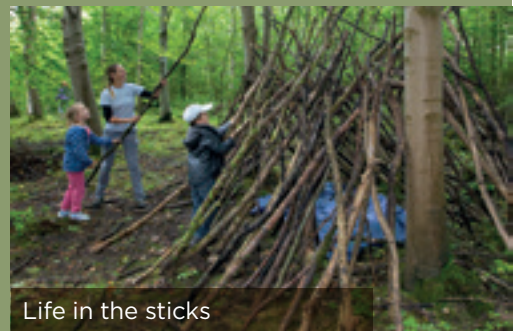


Room to Grow

"Looking at snails is fun!" Ebony, 5



A taste of outdoor learning



Life in the sticks

Living in the national park with fantastic walks and cycle rides on every doorstep, it's hard to imagine that just a few miles away some children have never seen real sheep or cows.

Even if you grow up in the national park, new technology can be so captivating it's often at the expense of time spent outdoors. Help beat 'square-eyes' by taking your family and friends along to activities and events in the national park.

Give the national park the child and it will give us the adult

What's your dream nature classroom?... pick a lovely spot in the middle of woods, where you can make a den from branches, gather sticks, play with leaves and mud... run after a butterfly or stop to look at a snail... or hug a tree or kiss a frog... where it's ok to run and roar or be quiet and listen to nature...

The giant Hope Cement Works might seem an unlikely partner to make dreams come true but in true fairy-tale style they have created something quite magical to help youngsters enjoy the national park.

Owners Hope Construction Materials have worked with our learning and discovery team to create an exciting outdoor learning space in woodland next to the Works: it's a national park forest school, perfect for wild play and bush

More on our website:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about
contact Sarah Wilks on 01629 816200
learning.discovery@peakdistrict.gov.uk

craft activities with seats amongst trees, a parachute canopy to keep people dry, and a fire pit. They've also kitted out an indoor classroom at the company's Earles Social Club with audio-visual and IT equipment. Now up to 25 students can get closer to nature and find out about an important industrial operation. It's already a hit with local youngsters and a group from Walsall. **We want to hear from more school groups who wish to book a national park experience.**

*How good are you with equations?
If free-range hens = happy hens
What do free-range kids = ?*

*Primary schools in the national park can
book a ranger to visit.
Call Andy Farmer or Jenny Waller on
01629 816200.*

Learning and discovery centres are at

- Earles social club, Hope Cement Works, Hope Valley
- Longdendale environment centre, A628 at eastern edge of Tintwistle village
- Moorland discovery centre, Longshaw

We're also out and about wherever it's wild and wonderful – find us spotting wildflowers from Ashbourne cycle hire centre, creeping ourselves out at Castleton visitor centre, looking for green men and tree sprites in Lathkilldale, going wild and arty in Macclesfield Forest, getting crafty at North Lees Hall, and more.



"The best experience EVER!" Elisha, 11

"The air is really fresh and even the sticks are quality!" Ellie, 11

"There's lots to do and I liked getting muddy!" Connor, 7

Fun things to do whatever your age

Dress for mess and the weather – here's a taster of what we offer:

- Experience the Wild Wood at Longshaw: guided by map and markers, track down activities and challenges, build dens, try woodland skills.
- Join the Longdendale crew for pirate adventures: make a floating raft, walk the plank without falling in.
- Take the Tour de Peak: a family cycling activity trail from Parsley Hay cycle hire centre. Easy going, traffic free, choice of routes.
- Forest school and bush craft, get to grips with geology and quarrying, watch wildlife: throughout the year at Hope Cement Works outdoor classroom.
- Turn to page 16 for special events this autumn.

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- Hope Construction Materials is the UK's biggest cement manufacturer.
- The Hope Valley site is 85 years old.
- It makes around 1.5 million tonnes of cement for use in concrete to build houses, roads and other construction projects.



We couldn't do without... ...you!

Week in, week out, people who live in and beyond the Peak District show how much they care about the national park by giving their precious time to being a volunteer on wildlife or heritage projects and community events.

We want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to the nearly 400 volunteers who help with everything from repairing a worn-out path, leading a guided walk or cycle ride or helping look after the national park's cultural and natural heritage.

Mary Laycock

Mary Laycock, 75, from Calver, is a conservation volunteer. As a student she loved hiking the Peak District and wanted to give something back.

"I've always enjoyed being outside: walking, sailing, gardening, and wondered if I'd enjoy conservation work."

Mary rang the Bakewell office and found she could join the Peak Park Conservation Volunteers. "My first assignment was to pull out ragwort plants from a field as it is poisonous to horses and cattle. I joined a small team of Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award young people on a hot July day, back in 2001, in a field with little shade and a lot of

ragwort. Never has a meadow been so totally cleared of ragwort! It was hard work but by tea-time we'd filled 30 large bags.

"Since then I've helped with bridge-building and repairing, fencing, path improvement, pond clearance, dry-stonewalling, hedge-laying, hedge-planting, coppicing, scrub clearance and more. I've been soaked to the skin, frozen to the marrow, covered in mud, scratched all over by hawthorn and baked in summer!"

So why do it? Mary says: "It's always fun. There's good company and something really satisfying about completing a task together. It can be challenging but we combine our skills and we always get it done. We have wonderful views as we work, we chatter and laugh a lot, which must be good for us. I've been back to some of the meadows we cleared and they're bright with wild flowers. Hedges we planted several years ago now provide nest sites for birds. Seven years on, I'm pleased I made that phone call. It's introduced me to new people, new skills and new places."

It's a fact, you love volunteering

- 29% of people over 65 and 21% of 24-44 year olds volunteer at least once a week.
- 55% of residents want to help people learn more about the national park.
- 52% of residents want to survey wildlife, buildings and archaeological sites.

Information from PDNPA 2012 Residents Survey.

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/residentsurvey

See what's coming-up

Get active, get involved

Depending on your interests and skills there are many ways you can give something back:

- Conservation volunteers – take part in hands-on conservation projects.
- Learning & Discovery – help inspire youngsters, families and communities
- to love nature.
- Guided walks and cycle rides – help other people explore the national park
- Local Access Forum – join the advisory group
- to improve access for outdoor recreation.
- Corporate volunteering – challenge your own team to achieve a conservation project.

Speak to our customer service advisers on 01629 816200 to find out more.

We're proud of you

- Over the summer volunteers Karen Harrison, Pauline Marsden, Ian Taylor and Jack Elmore met Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Chatsworth (right).
- Volunteer ranger Roger Mottram received the Prime Minister's Points of Light Award.
- Previously, Peak District National Park volunteer rangers won UK National Parks' Volunteer Group of the Year award 2013.
- And, Chamu Kuppuswamy won UK National Parks' 2014 Volunteer of the Year award.



Why we love the millstone

Millstones have a long history spanning many thousands of years. Their current basic form can be dated to before the Norman Conquest (1066) as corn mills are recorded in Domesday Book of 1086.

The Peak District has a close connection with millstones. They are part of the cultural heritage that is recognised and protected as part of Peak District National Park work. The first reference to millstone production in Derbyshire is as

early as the 13th century, at Alderwasley. There are also records of millstones being quarried in Hathersage and Baslow in the 14th and 15th centuries.

The millstone, as you would expect, has changed over the

centuries. The mushroom-shaped conical stone is an earlier shape that appears to be peculiar to this area and may be Medieval in origin. The more familiar wheel-like cylinder shape was produced in the 18th and 19th centuries. These millstones were used to grind grain like oats, barley and rye or other animal feeds.

For milling wheat, millstones were imported from Cologne (Cullen stone) in the 18th and 19th centuries

More on our website:
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/history

Stanage Edge

but this dark Rhenish lava discoloured the flour. French Burr stones were increasingly imported from the Marne valley, France, as the quartz didn't discolour white flour.

Grindstones were also produced in the Peak District. Mounted vertically on their edges, they were used for crushing wood to create wood pulp to make paper. Smaller, thinner stones were used in the edge-tool industry and smaller ones still in cutlery manufacture.

It is no accident that the more familiar wheel-shaped millstone is used by us as a key visual element in promoting

the Peak District National Park. The millstone features in our boundary markers on key gateway routes into the national park, it is also featured in our logo.

The Peak District National Park is currently exploring ways to maintain, increase and build on our boundary signs.



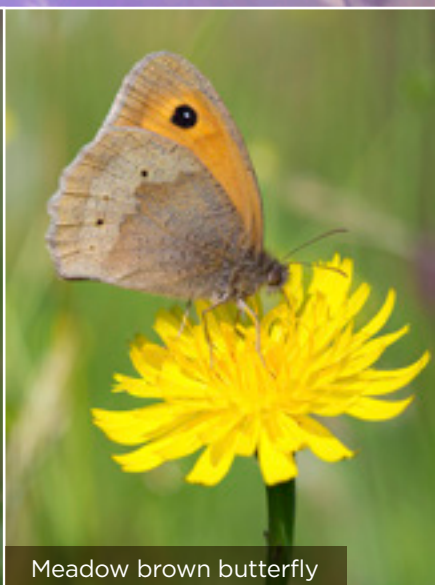
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- There has been a 50% loss in flower-rich hay meadows between the mid 1980s and the 1990s.
- Follow-up work shows there has been a further 26% decline in conservation value and the most sensitive species.
- Flower-rich grasslands are amongst the most threatened habitats in the Peak District and nationally.

Bringing grasslands back



Greater butterfly orchid



Meadow brown butterfly

Since the 1930s, 97% of flower-rich grasslands have disappeared from England and Wales. Even in the Peak District, losses continue today. Conservation organisations including the National Park Authority, Natural England and the Wildlife Trusts are working together pro-actively in an effort to ensure we minimise further losses in the Peak District.

Stephen Wardle has lived at Leycote Farm, Hollinsclough, all his life. When his dad died in 1993, Stephen took over the Chatsworth tenancy. He now farms 10 suckler cows and 30 breeding sheep. The 24-hectare hill farm lives up to its description with steep-sided slopes typical of the dramatic dragon-shaped hills and

hidden dales of this scenic Derbyshire/Staffordshire border country.

In 1999 a National Park ecological survey of Leycote Farm found a few native plants were hanging in there, but many didn't have the chance to flower. It was enough to encourage Stephen to adjust the way he worked.

Since Stephen got involved with us, his approach has been to significantly reduce the number of sheep grazing the land. Making a farm less productive sounds like the fast road to bankruptcy. However, agri-environment schemes are used to balance the financial loss. Stephen is in a higher level scheme (HLS) agreement (funded and supported by Natural England) which pays him to farm less intensively, result: masses more wildflowers – including this year over 100 greater butterfly orchids – and greater biodiversity.

Stephen said: "I didn't realise what species there were on the farm until the national



Farmers can get free advice and support for nature conservation and landscape protection from us on 01629 816270. More information at: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/living-and-working

park survey showed evidence of rare and interesting plants. It opened my eyes to what to look for and how to farm so the plants have chance to thrive. The advice I received has given me the confidence to know I'm doing things right – I don't want to lose what we've got.

"To be honest, the back-up and support I've got from the National Park has made all the difference. When you live with something it can be hard to notice the changes but the national park ecologist has been coming out to the farm over the years and monitored how it has improved for wildlife and that has meant I've not had to worry about it.

"The land is returning to what it was like when I was a boy; it's great to see the meadows and hillsides looking colourful through spring and summer – they've made an ecologist out of me! But the more I have found out, the more I have got into it. The thing is, if nature isn't going to get protected in a national park where is it going to be?"

To give the plants chance to flower and set seed, Stephen now cuts his meadows after July 15 and often in August. He makes the traditional small bales of hay, packed with sunshine and nutritious herb-rich grass, to feed his animals in winter.

Rebekah Newman, one of our ecologists, said: "Leycote's

hay meadows are getting better and better all the time. When we first looked at them 11 years ago there was limited interest, now they are getting towards being outstanding on a national level."

Adjacent to Leycote Meadows is Washgate Lane, an ancient packhorse route and grade II packhorse bridge. Peak Park Conservation Volunteers are working to restore the route's historic stone-pitched surface which has been damaged by water and excessive use. Stephen Wardle transported materials to this remote site so the volunteers could repair the pitching which we hope will be there for years to come.



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- 10,000 people live in Chapel-en-le-Frith.
- The main town is cradled by hills with rural communities.
- Sparrowpit, Bagshaw and Combs are inside the parish and the national park.

Neighbourhood Plans

- build your views into local planning policy.
- form part of the Development Plan.
- provide a starting point for all planning decisions.

Your views matter

Sparrowpit

Words have power: to turn people on and off topics. Neighbourhood planning may sound dull. However, it's anything but.

Neighbourhood plans identify what you think is important locally and are the legal meat that gives weight to your views in our country's planning process. They really are that important.

We are genuinely excited because six Peak District parishes now have neighbourhood plans in the pipeline: Whaley Bridge & Furness Vale, Bradwell, Bakewell, Hartington Town Quarter, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Dore.

Dore Village Society are the most recent to make moves towards a neighbourhood plan. They have applied to be the neighbourhood forum responsible for Dore neighbourhood area, on the Sheffield side of the National Park. If successful, they would be the responsible body for

producing the neighbourhood plan for their neighbourhood area.

Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council is the neighbourhood forum creating a neighbourhood plan for their parish, which straddles part of the national park western boundary. They are the first parish in England to develop a neighbourhood plan jointly with two authorities (High Peak Borough Council and the National Park Authority).

In August our planning committee approved their draft neighbourhood plan – the first to be completed affecting the national park – and agreed to work with High Peak Borough Council to take the plan forward to examination. If approved by an

independent inspector, people who live in the parish will be asked to vote on whether to accept the plan or not.

The community's vision is for: affordable, quality homes for local needs; ample, well-paid jobs; re-invigorated town and village centres; excellent facilities for all ages; safe, convenient and sustainable transport links; access to and protection of countryside recognised as special.

Sue Stockdale, parish council clerk, said: "Many local people have helped shape the plan, identify what's special and capture everyone's aspirations. We're a front-runner on something new. It's been hard work but we can see it will be so worthwhile – we will have a blueprint for the next 15 years."

For more information visit:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning
or call us on: 01629 816375

We're better connected and still beautiful

Phone masts can be disguised as a telegraph pole, like this one near Hathersage

Being able to use mobile phones and access the internet isn't a luxury when you live and work in the National Park – it's a lifeline.

Whether you live in a remote place, are researching homework, a business placing orders with local suppliers, or you need the emergency services, mobile connectivity helps rural communities thrive.

Everyone will benefit from improved mobile phone coverage thanks to an agreement between National Parks England and the Mobile Operators Association. The Accord means higher quality connectivity for Peak District communities without spoiling the environment. It will also be good for the millions of visitors

who are the lifeblood of our tourism economy.

The mobile operators and our planners are getting creative with practical solutions to improve the siting and design of mobile coverage installations that blend in with sensitive locations. The new agreement is an important step forward in making sure the Peak District benefits from 21st century communications, bringing modern technology to remote areas so we can close the digital divide and help grow our rural economy.

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- There are over 82.7 million mobile subscriptions in the UK.
- Around a quarter of adults own a tablet device and half of us are using our mobile phones for internet access.
- Nearly nine in ten small businesses say a mobile phone is important to their business.

Events & Activities



Here's a selection of what's on offer this winter. There's loads more online too! Check out:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events

Agden Autumn

Saturday 25 October

11am to 5pm

An energetic 8-mile walk around historic Bradfield village and Agden Rocher, on steep hill sides with some stiles.

Meet at the Sands car park, Low Bradfield, near the cricket pitch, S6 6LB. Booking essential on 01629 816211. Free but donations welcome.

Autumn Art

Tuesday 28 October

1pm to 4pm

Discover your inner artistic talent at Macclesfield Forest using natural materials and the world around you for inspiration. Bring a simple camera or camera phone. Booking essential on 01629 816211. Set time slots, costs: £5 per child, adults and under 4s free.

Wild about Stanage

Thursday 30 October

11am to 3pm

A family activity trail starting at Hollins Bank car park. 3 miles in total, sorry not suitable for buggies. Discover plants, birds and spectacular views. Family activities and challenges at the car park.

Drop in, no need to book. Small charge for activities.

Creepy Castleton

Thursday 30, Friday 31

October &

Saturday 1 November

11am to 4pm

Halloween craft activities at Castleton Visitor Centre. Test your bravery on a short trail exploring Castleton's amazing apparitions and ghostly goings-on!

Drop in, small charge for individual activities.

Fungus Foray

Saturday 1 November

11am to 4pm

Identify fascinating fungi in the Upper Derwent Woodlands. 1-mile stroll from Fairholmes Visitor Centre with Kevin Gilfedder.

Bring the family, it's suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs. Booking essential on 01629 816211. Free but donations welcome.

Hidden Secrets of Peak Forest

Sunday 9 November

10am to 3.30pm

A 6.5-mile walk around the Peak Forest countryside to enjoy far-reaching views and local history. Starts from the 'Old Dam' area of the village. Booking essential on 01629 816211, costs: £8 per person, family tickets available.

Christmas Crafts at Castleton

Saturday 15 November

(Christmas Lights switched on),

Saturday 13 & 20 December

2pm to 5.30pm

Christmas shopping & carol singing. Drop in at the visitor centre and try your hand at making some Christmas decorations.

No need to book, small charge per activity. Drop in any time.

Christmas at Castleton

Saturday 6 December

1pm to 3.30pm

A gentle 4-mile family walk from Castleton Visitor Centre, ideal for families with small children to discover Castleton through the ages.

Book your places on 01629 816211. Free but donations welcome.

Win a 'stay and ride' holiday in the Peak District

yha

When you stay with YHA you can rest assured that you'll receive a warm welcome, a comfortable night's sleep, and great value for money. With 11 hostels located throughout the beautiful Peak District National Park, YHA boast properties including splendid country houses, bunkhouses, an activity centre and a Victorian Gothic mansion.

After visiting the amazing Peak District landscape during the day, return to your chosen YHA hostel, kick off your shoes and enjoy a drink at the bar before savouring a delicious meal in the restaurant.

After dinner, take some time to plan how you can make the most of your stay. Cycling is a great way to experience the countryside and work up an appetite. The Peak District National Park's fabulous off-road cycling routes include 65 miles of easy-going, traffic

free, family friendly trails. Will you head for Parsley Hay to ride the High Peak and Tissington Trails? Or explore the Upper Derwent Valley to cycle alongside the reservoirs of Derwent, Howden and Ladybower? The winner of this offer receives a family ticket for a free, half day cycle hire from one of our cycle hire centres.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN WIN...

To win a stay of up to three nights at any YHA Peak District hostel, for a family of up to six people, and claim free cycle hire, answer this question:

How many square miles does the Peak District National Park cover?

Email your answer to:
competition@peakdistrict.gov.uk

You can find the answer at:
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Ilam Hall Youth Hostel

YHA TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Subject to availability. Stay must be between 30 October 2014 and 31 March 2015, excluding Bank Holidays. Prize is for a three consecutive nights stay at the following YHA hostels: Ilam Hall, Hartington Hall, Yougholgreave, Ravenstor, Eyam, Bretton, Hathersage, Castleton Losehill Hall, Edale. No cash alternative available.

CYCLE HIRE TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Available on a half day family hire. Only valid Monday to Friday. Hand in voucher to obtain discount (photocopies not accepted). Valid for two adults and up to four children (child's bike wheel is 24" or less). Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Voucher valid at any of our three centres.

The Peak District National Park

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Walking Guides are available from any of our Visitor Centres



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|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| National Park Boundary | Trail | Cycle Hire |
| Pennine Bridleway | Rivers/Canals | City/Town |
| Railway and Station | Pennine Way | Settlement |
| Railway Tunnel | Information Centre/Point | Reservoir |
| A Road | Country Parks | Woodland |
| B Road | YHA Hostels | High altitude land |
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Members are appointed to set the strategy for the Authority, ensure the organisation is accountable and meets its statutory purposes and duty.

To make it easier for residents to have regular

contact with authority members, the national park area has been divided up with named members for each area.

If you need to talk about a national park issue contact them using the details given.

Find the place where you live in the list. The corresponding number and colour shows the members who you can contact with a national park issue.

There are 30 members of the National Park Authority:

- 16 are appointed by county, district, city or borough councils
- 14 are appointed directly by the secretary of state; of these, 8 are appointed because they are specialists in issues that affect the national park, and 6 represent parish councils

Our members come from a range of backgrounds and offer a wealth of knowledge and experience. What they all share is a passion for the Peak District National Park.

You can find out which members represent each of the following parish groups, numbered 1-7, on the next page.

1 Abney & Abney Grange, Highlow and Offerton, Barlow, Bradwell, Brampton, Eyam, Foolow, Hucklow (Great Hucklow, Little Hucklow, Grindlow & Windmill), Grindleford, Hathersage, Hazelbadge, Holmesfield, Litton, Outseats, Tideswell, Wardlow, Wheston.

2 Bradbourne & Ballidon, Brassington, Eaton & Alsop (Newton Grange), Elton, Fenny Bentley, Gratton, Harthill, Hartington Nether Quarter, Hartington Middle Quarter, Hartington Town Quarter, Middleton & Smerrill, Over Haddon, Parwich, Thorpe, Tissington & Lea Hall, Youlgrave.

3 Aldwark, Ashford, Blackwell, Brushfield, Chelmorton, Flagg, Great Longstone, Hassop, Ible, Ivonbrook Grange, Little Longstone, Monyash, Nether Haddon, Rowland, Sheldon, Taddington & Priestcliffe, Winster.

4 Bakewell, Baslow & Bubnell, Beeley, Birchover, Bonsall, Calver, Chatsworth, Curbar, Edensor, Froggatt, Pilsley, Rowsley, South Darley, Stanton-in-Peak, Stoney Middleton.

5 Aston, Bamford with Thornhill, Bradfield, Brough & Shatton, Castleton, Derwent & Hope Woodlands, Dunford, Edale, Green Fairfield, Hartington Upper Quarter, Hope, King Sterndale, Langsett, Peak Forest, Stocksbridge, Wormhill and areas of Sheffield within the national park without a parish council.

6 Chapel-en-le-Frith, Charlesworth, Chinley, Buxworth & Brownside, Chisworth, Hayfield, Holme Valley, Meltham, New Mills, Saddleworth, Tintwistle, Whaley Bridge and areas of Kirklees within the national park without a parish council.

7 Alstonefield, Blore with Swinscoe, Bosley, Butterton, Fawfieldhead, Grindon, Heathy Lee, Heaton, Hollinsclough, Ilam, Kettleshulme, Leekfrith, Longnor, Lyme Handley, Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough, Onecote, Pott Shrigley, Quarnford, Rainow, Sheen, Warslow & Elkstones, Waterhouses, Wetton, Wincle.

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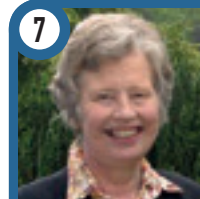
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