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Ash dieback

– holding back the threat to
Peak District landscapes



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Welcome

For all of us lucky enough to live in the Peak District National Park there are times when we think there are too many visitors.

But if we live in a wonderful place we cannot resent others coming to wonder at it. The experience brightens lives and opens people's eyes to life beyond the street corner, the supermarket and the computer.

So when the Association of National Park Authorities recently commissioned a UK survey looking at people's understanding of national parks, I found the results worrying.

Of 1,800 people questioned, 57% think national parks have no-one living in them. And 53% think national parks are the same thing as the National Trust.

When asked to name any of the UK's 15 national parks only 36% of respondents could do so and just 14% could name the Peak District National Park.

However, there was good news: 96% of respondents thought children should experience a national park. I firmly believe this too and have been pondering how we can best engage young people in what national parks have to offer.

When speaking to young people at an awards ceremony recently I asked how they would appeal to the young. Promote more mountain biking activities,

they said – mountain biking in a national park would be a bigger draw than riding up and down concrete ramps in a city. I think this is sound advice.

Exciting activities like this, or orienteering or geocaching (a 'treasure' hunt using smart-phones) seem key to sparking their interest in a national park. And then they may go on to appreciate its benefits – linking farming to the food on their plate, mountain streams to water from their taps, and exercise in beautiful countryside to their own fitness and wellbeing.

Cycling in particular is booming and we want young people to be part of it. Cycle training and other activities will abound in National Bike Week (June 15-23), National Parks Week (July 29-Aug 4) and the first Peak District Cycling Festival (September 7-15),

By encouraging young people to take these opportunities I hope in future more people will come to love and enjoy the Peak District National Park in the same way that we, as residents, do every day.

Tony Favell

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Thank you...

...to the 1,365 people who returned a postal Residents' Survey sent to a sample of national park residents in October-November 2012. We greatly appreciate your input and will report back in the next edition of Parklife.

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Finding the right way on green lanes

Many green lanes in the national park are open to all users but on some routes, where the environment is being damaged, we are working to find solutions with other organisations.

They are the Peak District Local Access Forum, the Green Lanes Forum, and the Highway Authorities (county councils).

Edwina Edwards, who chairs the Local Access Forum and is a member of the Green Lanes Forum, believes the situation would improve if people understood each other's rights and were more understanding. She said "I have been involved with the forums for five years. We are volunteers who care deeply about recreational access in the national park.

"We try to reflect our different members' viewpoints and reach a consensus. It's not always easy but we all have a part to play in looking after the national park environment that we love." Edwina lives in Youlgrave. She is a keen walker, cyclist and fell runner.

The Local Access Forum is a statutory body and meets every three months. Members represent recreational pursuits, farming, land management, conservation and local business.

The Green Lanes Forum is an informal group. It meets every six months to discuss green lane issues and impacts on the national park. It brings together motor vehicle user groups, other recreation users, residents, the police, authorities, landowners and conservation groups.

The National Park Authority is responsible for conserving and enhancing the special qualities of the national park. Some green lanes cross environmentally-sensitive areas which are a cause for concern. These include Chapel Gate, near Edale, Chertpit Lane at Great Longstone, the Roych, near Chapel and Long Causeway, near Hathersage, on which the public have been consulted over possible bans for recreational motors.

The highway authorities (county councils) are responsible for repairs and maintenance, which they are carrying out on these routes. They are also responsible for managing conflicts of use on all rights of way.

There are about 300 green lanes in the national park. To find out how we are managing their use visit the web pages below.

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/access
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/vehicles
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/priorityroutes



Ash dieback

threatens Peak District land



Ashwoods in the Manifold Valley



Herb Paris



Common Primrose

In late Spring the native ash trees will be coming into leaf, greening the classic landscapes of Dovedale, Lathkill Dale, Monsal Dale and the Manifold Valley.

These are ashwoods to be proud of: designated Special Areas of Conservation under European law, sheltering a rich profusion of plants, insects, birds and mammals.

But last year ash dieback, which has devastated ashwoods in Europe, was discovered in the UK. Caused by the fungus *Chalara fraxinea*, it could threaten more than 900 hectares of ash woodlands and thousands of

farmland and village trees across the national park. A widespread outbreak could affect the Peak District landscape and wildlife irreversibly. Pictured are examples of wildlife that thrive in ashwoods.

No cases have been found here yet, but it has been identified in the wild just 60 miles away in Lincolnshire. At current rates of spread it may reach here within the next three years.



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Lone ash tree

Tree officer Dave Frost (pictured on front cover) said: "The potential for this disease to affect the landscapes and wildlife of the national park could be massive. We cannot stop the disease but we can slow its spread to buy time to research and prepare. Some trees are resistant, they recover, so in those cases we would protect them and use their seed for future generations of ash trees."

The National Park Authority is working on this with the Forestry Commission, Natural England and large landowners such as the National Trust, Haddon and Chatsworth estates, sharing information and pooling resources.

More information:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ashdieback
www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara

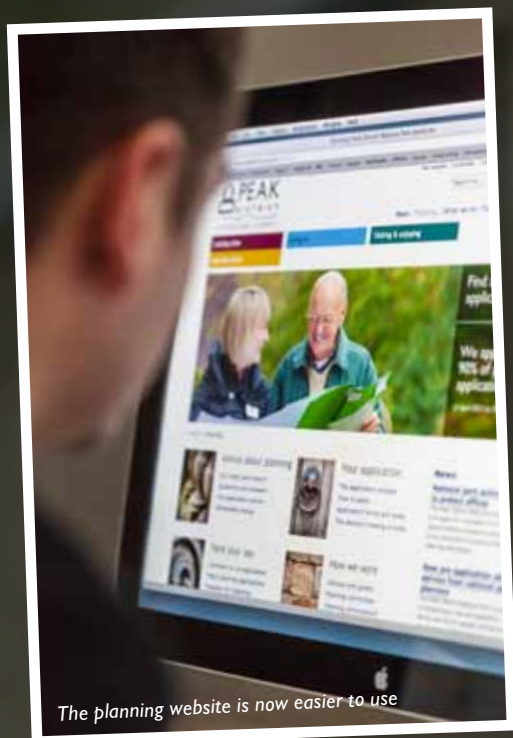


Pied flycatcher
 Photo Mark Sisson (rsfb-images.com)

What you can do

- If you think you have spotted the disease, please check the symptoms video and guide on www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara
 Note: it only affects ash trees (mountain ash or rowan is a different tree).
- If, having checked the website above, you still suspect ash dieback, contact the national park tree officer on 01629 816200 or email customer.service@peakdistrict.gov.uk giving your name, contact details and the site location.
- If you have planted any ash trees in the last six years, even if they look healthy, let us know on the contact details above.
- Choose alternatives to ash for new tree-planting, such as common beech, field maple, common lime and native oaks, depending on soil conditions.
- As this disease came from Europe, ask the tree nursery for native saplings, grown in the UK from native seed (not sent to Europe for growing).
- If you visit ash woodland, remove loose leaves from footwear, clothing, bike or buggy before leaving the site to avoid spreading the disease.

For planning advice call 01629 816200
or go to www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning



John aims to make planning more user- friendly

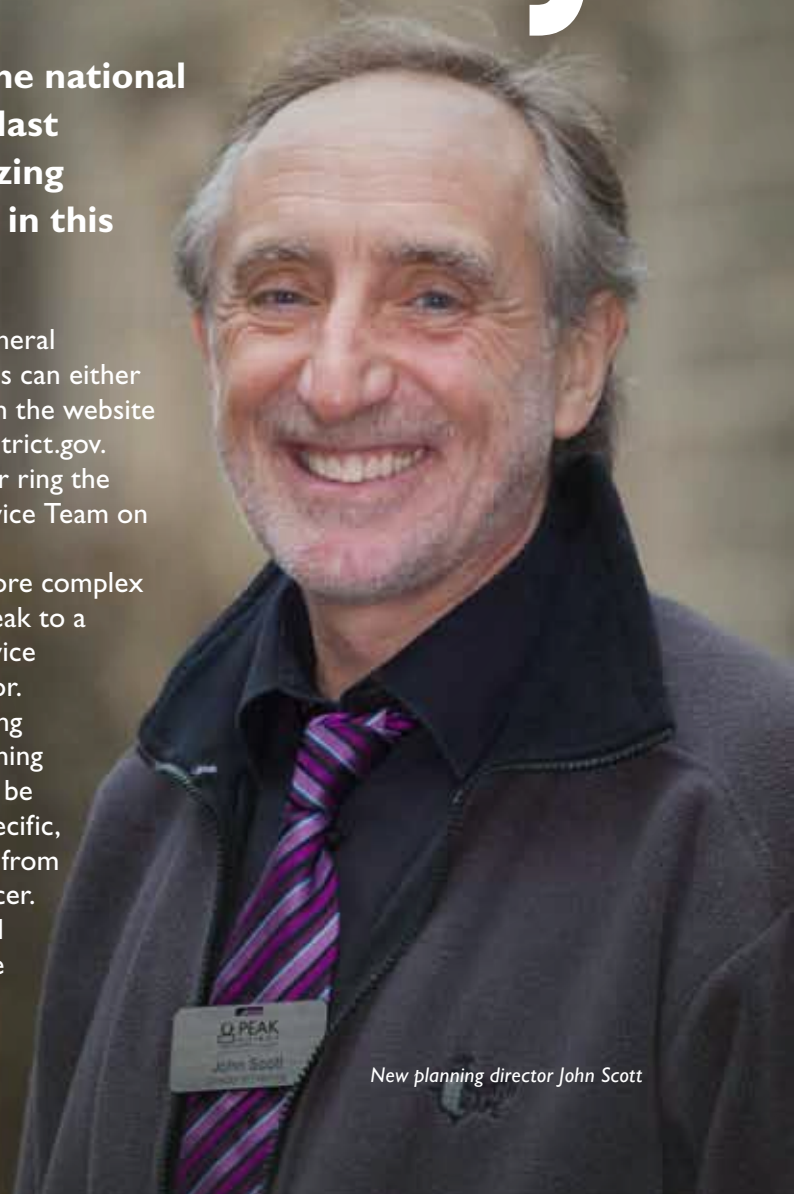
When John Scott was appointed the national park's new director of planning last autumn, his reaction was, "It's an amazing privilege to be responsible for planning in this beautiful place."

National parks are very special to John – he was born near the Lake District and has lived in Bakewell, in the heart of the Peak District, for 25 years.

He worked for both the Yorkshire Dales and Peak District national park authorities before spending 10 years as a consultant and head of planning for a major construction company. So having experienced both sides of the planning process – as a planning officer and as an agent for applicants – John is keen to make it as user-friendly as possible.

As part of this, John has brought in an improved pre-application planning advice service so that:

1. People with general planning queries can either find answers on the website – www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning - or ring the Customer Service Team on 01629 816200.
2. People with more complex queries can speak to a Customer Service Planning Advisor.
3. People advancing towards a planning application can be offered site-specific, tailored advice from a Planning Officer. This officer will usually take the application through the whole process.



New planning director John Scott



Traditional housing in Bakewell conservation area

“We want to be clear and open with people and help them achieve an acceptable solution if we can,” said John. “If there’s a fundamental problem we should be direct in pointing it out at an early stage so that people don’t waste money pursuing it. Sometimes a clear ‘no’ can be as helpful as a ‘yes,’ but if there is a way forward we’d like to help people find it.”

John knows he has a challenge to change people’s perception of national park planning.

“There is a perception of inconsistency, not just here but around the country,” he said. “But every site and circumstance is different, and we need to spend

more time explaining to people why we’ve reached a decision so they understand why it may be different from another one down the road.

“The Authority is not here to stop development, but to make sure we have the right development in the right place.

“The national park landscape and villages are our main asset, so looking after them is crucial to our economy and businesses.”

As part of that, John is determined to push forward enforcement action on major cases that blight the landscape and

Latest figures show the Authority:

- approved 88 per cent of planning applications.
- won 75 per cent of planning appeals.

annoy neighbours.

“We will take legal action if necessary,” he said. “But it need never come to that. People just need to remedy the situation before it gets anywhere near the courts. I believe in talking to people face-to-face when there are major problems.

“It’s amazing how much can be achieved if you try to understand each other’s point of view.”

New lower cost housing in Bamford



Savings that don't cost the national park

Like all government funded organisations, we are under the same strain – to save money and improve services.

Our budget has seen a dramatic 30 per cent reduction over four years, falling from £7.85 million in 2011-12 to £6.5 million in 2014-15. Making savings on this scale means tough decisions to minimise the effect on public services.

Instead of just cutting key services we are trying to find ways of keeping them going. We have adopted a new way of working – focussed on being more efficient,

customer aware, innovative and enterprising.

These are just some of the things we have done so far:

- improved the website so you can find information easily and access more services online
- set up an on-line e-shop www.nationalparks.gov.uk/pdshop
- extended the merchandise at our cycle hire centres
- converted the Environmental

Quality Mark into a community interest company

- moved some support services e.g. design, to a cost neutral business plan to cover costs of posts while providing a value-for-money service

We're investigating lots of other initiatives for the future, including selling advertising space in our centres, charging for some planning services, setting up a voluntary donations scheme, and developing public-private partnerships and social enterprises.



Cycle centres do more than hire bikes

Our cycle hire centres at Ashbourne, Fairholmes or Parsley Hay are geared up to provide local information, cycling accessories, bike sales, repairs services and training.

Anna Teague, of Ashbourne, bought a bike from us. She said "I'd heard the hire bikes are sold off at the end of the season. I wanted a

bike for my daughter for Christmas so we went to the Ashbourne centre to have a look. I wanted to keep it a secret – the staff were brilliant and played along, inviting Eliza (9) to try the bikes. I left my number and they rang me back when the bike was ready."

The bikes are refitted with brand new accessories and fully restored before being sold.

"It was immaculate and reasonably priced. The staff were not out for the hard sell – they are welcoming, cycling enthusiasts. I felt I could trust their expertise and advice. I collected the bike near Christmas so didn't have to worry about storage. I call in now to say hello when I'm walking the dog, it's the sort of place where you make contact for life."



Anna Teague bought a bike for daughter Eliza

For more information:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/cycle

Visitor centres – not just for visitors...

...they are the place to go for local information, ticket booking services and locally made products. The 2012 residents' survey says that 74% of you have been in a visitor centre, so keep coming and bring your friends! Visit them in Bakewell, Castleton, Edale and at Fairholmes.

At Bakewell Visitor Centre we've formed a joint business venture with a group of local professional landscape photographers: Ian Daisley, Graham Dunn, Karen Frenkel, Chris Gilbert and Alex Hyde.

Karen Frenkel said: "We're excited about the new gallery. It's a showcase for our work and the Peak

District's natural beauty – and gives people a fresh take on local landscapes, farm animals and nature."

The Duke of Devonshire officially opened the gallery in March and the Authority receives a share of profits from the sale of pictures.

www.peakgallery.co.uk



Pilot Light illuminates energy-saving for businesses

An organic farm catering for holidays and weddings is showing the way for other businesses in resource-saving and renewable energy.

Pilot Light demonstration days at Beechenhill Farm, Ilam, show just how much can be achieved by a small farm and holiday business in the idyllic setting of the Peak District National Park.

Run by Sue and Terry Prince, Beechenhill Farm produces organic milk and lamb as well as providing bed-and-breakfast, two self-catering cottages and a haybarn converted for eco-weddings and events.

Sue says: "We wanted to show how a small rural business in a protected landscape can improve

its resource efficiency and adapt for climate change.

"Using the incentive schemes available, we've cut our running costs and carbon footprint and enhanced the environment. The guests enjoy a better experience so they're more tempted to come back.

"Some of it is a big investment, but it's all very pragmatic. When you're running a business there isn't an endless pot of money so everything has to pay its way. So far it has made good business sense for us."





A light tube lets daylight into a windowless room



A biomass boiler frees the farm from expensive heating oil

Learn green secrets

Friends of the Peak District's first 'Green Buildings Open Up Weekend' happens on June 8-9.

You are invited to visit environmentally friendly buildings across the Peak District, which are opening their doors to share their green secrets.

For more information see:

www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk

Sue and Terry's energy saving measures:

- a biomass boiler using wood pellets (90% heat-efficient compared with 30% for logs). This frees them from expensive oil, eliminating two oil-fired boilers and six immersion heaters and helping reduce their carbon footprint from 41 tons a year to 14. It also enables heating to be on low all the time.

"The cottages are warm all year round, guests can use as much hot water as they want - it lengthens our season and encourages return visits," said Sue. "We also receive payments from the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive."
- solar photo-voltaic panels, providing electricity for the farm and an income from the Feed-In Tariff. "We investigated a wind turbine, but the most efficient location would intrude on the landscape so we ruled it out - we depend on the landscape for our guests to come here," explained Sue.
- a rainwater tank for toilets and sluicing the farm buildings - dairy farms are big water consumers, so free rainwater is a bonus
- underfloor heating - more efficient than radiators
- sheep-wool insulation to reduce heat loss
- low energy lighting and household appliances.
- a converter for their Rayburn cooker, which previously consumed more oil than the rest of the farm put together. This "Snugburner" paid for itself within a year.
- a natural light tube to illuminate a windowless room with daylight.

More information from:

www.beechenhill.co.uk/pilotlight.asp
or call 01335 310274.

www.decc.gov.uk/greendeal
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
www.carbontrust.co.uk

Celebrating 10 years of moorland restoration 2003–2013

For peat's sake



Gully blocking to help retain moisture on the moors



Geo-textile provides a stable base for vegetation to grow

The Moors for the Future Partnership, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, is leading the largest moorland restoration project in Europe – bringing back to health the most degraded moorlands in the UK.

In 2003 it started work to rebuild the peat and stop erosion from years of acid rain pollution and moorland fires.

The plan is to stabilise bare earth, keep water in the soil by blocking ditches, and restore heather, Sphagnum moss and moorland wildlife habitats.

Moorland milestones

Since 2003, the Edale-based team of 20 full and part time staff plus 60 casual staff and volunteers have:

- organised 30 restoration and research projects
- worked with more than 30 farmers and landowners
- clocked up 7500 volunteer hours
- taken tens of thousands of

- readings or measurements
- funded 45 student research projects
- run a science programme covering the multiple benefits of moorlands: biodiversity, carbon storage, flood risk, water quality, visitor attitude / experience
- produced 24 research papers and reports
- improved more than 22 miles of moorland paths
- restored nearly 5000 acres of moorland
- restored more than 6000 acres of SSSI
- planted 250,000 moorland plants

Healthy peat bogs help beat climate change. They absorb more carbon dioxide from the air and store it for longer than forests of a similar size.

www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk



New growth of vegetation on previously bare moorland



Volunteer Tom Priestley helps moorland research

Moors need YOU...

...not that you ever need an excuse for a walk, but if you are a regular moorland visitor you could combine your favourite outdoor activity with a spot of voluntary work.

The Moors for the Future Partnership is running a Community Science Project to give more people the chance to get involved.

Tom Priestley, 23, from Glossop, is a volunteer. "It's a challenging environment but I love getting onto the moors and walking or running on Bleaklow or Kinder," says Tom. "I got into volunteering because I thought I could be doing something useful whilst I'm out there.

"Seeing the plants come back on eroded areas is great and it's nice to feel you are helping."

Tom has measured moorland water-table levels using tubes (called dipwells) pushed into the peat.

Training is aimed at adults, at all levels and covers moorland research – surveying vegetation and mammals, water-table levels, carbon-stock and rainfall levels – as well as project-support roles.

To find out how you can volunteer, contact Gareth Roberts, 01629 816585 gareth.roberts@peakdistrict.gov.uk

- spread 40 million beads of Sphagnum moss
- planted 40,000 trees
- laid 140 miles of Geojute (a geo-textile that stabilises bare soil)
- built the Moorland Centre at Edale in 2006
- created the Moorland Discovery Centre at Longshaw in 2007
- produced 15 award-winning audio tours of the moors
- installed 14 new information panels at key visitor sites
- recorded 50 local people in the Moor Memories archive
- advised other peatland restoration projects as far afield as Tibet

A partnership success story

The Peak District National Park Authority manages this monumental moorland restoration project. But without all the other partners, funders and land managers this work would never have been possible.

Partners are the Environment Agency, National Trust, United Utilities, Yorkshire Water, RSPB. Total spend on restoring our moors is more than £13m to date, resulting in millions of pounds of value to the public through improved landscape, plants and wildlife; water quality; flood prevention and carbon storage.

Sphagnum moss - helps restore blanket bog

Worthy award for forward-looking

Businesses that protect the environment and help sustain the Peak District for future generations are proud to show it through the Environmental Quality Mark (EQM).

Economic times are tough, but businesses can give themselves a marketing edge by applying for an EQM award, which demonstrates that they:

- reduce waste and cut energy-use
- enhance the environment
- trade and get involved locally
- are passionate advocates of the Peak District.

The award helps promote the Peak District and encourages customer loyalty, while participating businesses get sustainability advice, training and a supportive network of like-minded people.

More than 60 businesses now hold the award, run by a non-profit Community Interest Company on behalf of the Peak District National Park Authority.

They range from food and craft producers to farmers, tourism businesses and service-providers.

EQM director Sue Prince said: “The EQM gives businesses a benchmark, its audits of energy use and waste reduction are so rigorous you know it’s not just ‘greenwash.’ It’s also an important network, enabling often isolated rural businesses to share innovative ideas. We’ve got some really exciting, forward-looking people, and they all share the same core values.”



Mathew Look in his Look Creations workshop



“A great way to promote my environmental ethos”

EQM-holder Mathew Look started Look Creations to sell the hand-turned wooden bowls and furniture he made from local materials in his workshop at Tunstead Milton, near Chinley.

He did not just set up his own website, but a joint one as a shop window for other Peak District craft businesses.

Then he started making small heat-powered fans that sit on top of domestic wood burning stoves to greatly increase their efficiency, selling to a worldwide market. And now he is developing micro hydro-electric systems – small enough to power just one house.

“The EQM is a great way to promote my environmental

ethos,” he said. “It’s also a business network with a common element: all the award-holders want to promote sustainability. It makes us special – we source locally, we look after our environment and the Peak District is a key element of our brand.”

www.peakdistrictcreations.co.uk

businesses

EQM helps Peak Organics blossom

Vanessa Swetman and Jennifer Joy-Matthews set up Peak Organics to help Peak District residents learn about organic gardening in a hands-on, practical way.

They won support from the Peak District Sustainable Development Fund to run courses at their allotment in Darley Dale, and gained the EQM to highlight their contribution to looking after the environment.

"We have been gardening organically for many years and the EQM is a valuable recognition of our work and business ethos," said Jenny and Vanessa. "For us as a small business the EQM has provided a useful opportunity to network with other local businesses with a similar philosophy. We are passionate about encouraging local people to grow their own food and eat locally within the Peak District and beyond."

www.peakorganics.org.uk

Vanessa at the Peak Organics allotment

Moor ways to give



Curbar Edge

Fragile eco-system. Place to make a living. Adventure playground. Carbon sink. Rainwater harvester. Whichever way you think about them, Peak District moorlands are important environments for people and wildlife. But they don't look after themselves.

Why not make 2013 the year you give them a hand?

Partnership projects like Moors for the Future (page 12), the Dark Peak Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and the Eastern Moors Partnership (EMP) are looking for volunteers to help look after the uplands and protect wildlife.

Dark Peak NIA aims to improve 25,000 hectares of dramatic Peak District upland. It suffers from erosion of moorland and peat bogs, poorly managed and declining woodland, and loss of wildflower meadows.

Ross Frazer, manager for the NIA partnership, says "We need volunteers to help improve access and footpaths, restore and create wildlife habitats, survey local sites and take part in local activities." Surveys planned include birds, peat, vegetation and visitors.

To find out more, email ross.frazer@rspb.org.uk

Eastern Moors Estate covers 10 square miles of moorland between Baslow and Sheffield, including farmland, woods, wetland, footpaths, bridleways and climbing edges.

Site manager Danny Udall said "This year we are repairing two bridleways – the Moss Road and Wimble Holme Hill, carrying out wildlife and plant surveys, monitoring water levels in peat, organising events and more. We'd love to hear from anyone who wants to join in."

To volunteer, email enquiries@easternmoors.org.uk

The Eastern Moors are public land, owned by the National Park Authority, and managed by the National Trust/RSPB Eastern Moors Partnership. The site is part of a larger scale management project – the Sheffield Moors Partnership.



Burbage Moor



Baslow Edge from Froggatt Edge



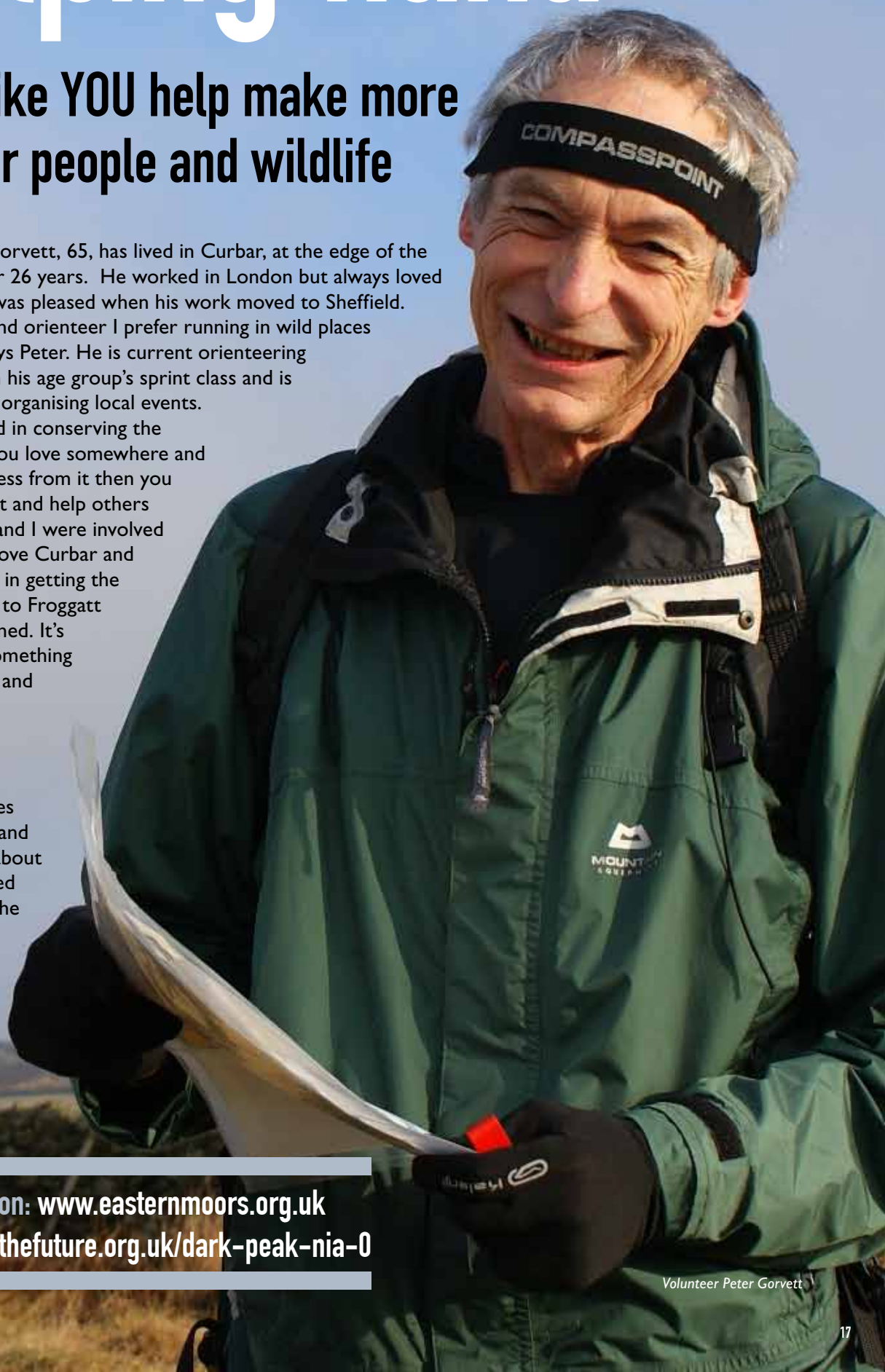
a helping hand

People like YOU help make more space for people and wildlife

Volunteer Peter Gorvett, 65, has lived in Curbar, at the edge of the Eastern Moors, for 26 years. He worked in London but always loved wild country and was pleased when his work moved to Sheffield. "As a fell runner and orienteer I prefer running in wild places than on roads," says Peter. He is current orienteering world champion in his age group's sprint class and is heavily involved in organising local events.

He is interested in conserving the environment. "If you love somewhere and get a lot of happiness from it then you want to preserve it and help others enjoy it. My wife and I were involved in tree-planting above Curbar and were instrumental in getting the right of way down to Froggatt cleared and reopened. It's satisfying to put something back into the area and understand it more too."

Peter says, that while it's mainly about making places better for wildlife and visitors, "it's also about meeting like-minded people as well as the health benefits of being active outdoors."



More information: www.easternmoors.org.uk
www.moorsforthefuture.org.uk/dark-peak-nia-0

Volunteer Peter Gorvett

For more information contact Tara Challoner 01629 816247
or visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/wader-recovery-project

Wildlife-friendly farming



White Faced Woodland sheep native to Penistone



Patches of rushes and short grassland favoured by waders

Lapwing, curlew, and snipe: once common ground-nesting farmland birds are in decline nationally. Habitat fragmentation, land drainage and changes in farming are blamed. Tara Challoner, who manages the Peak District Wader Recovery Project, says “Peak District farmers are bucking the trend and proving to be unsung heroes for threatened species.”

Yorkshireman Rider Howard is a ninth generation hill-farmer. He took over from his father at Woodhead where his son-in-law now farms. In 1985, Rider moved

to Low Moor farm near Penistone where he keeps the UK’s oldest flock of White Faced Woodland sheep, a rare breed of sheep with curly horns, native to the area.

Tara says “Low Moor Farm is a hotspot for waders and one of the best sites for lapwing in the national park, with 34 nesting pairs in 2012.”

When Rider bought the 500 acre farm the land was unproductive, unsuitable for farming or wildlife. “It was a dismal place and there were no birds,” he says.

To encourage more palatable vegetation, he burnt the rough grass and limed the ground. In winter he fed the sheep on hay spread across the land which



Farmer Rider Howard talks to Tara Challoner, Peak District Wader Recovery Project officer, next to a newly created wader scrape

Lapwing eggs in the nest



Lapwing chick

dropped grass and clover seeds that grew in spring. He farmed cattle and sheep, until beef became unprofitable, and spread their manure on the fields.

The manure and different grasses attracts insects, such as 'leather jackets (crane fly grubs) and wireworms (click beetle larvae) which provide food for birds.

Rider manages rushes on the land so they do not become too dense and reduce sheep grazing and bird nesting habitat. He has created shallow wader scrapes which hold water and provide

important feeding areas for breeding waders and chicks. He controls predators, like foxes, stoats, magpies and crows, to keep his lambs safe which also protects birds.

Rider's efforts to make a better farm have made the land better for wildlife. It shows how productive farming can be compatible with bird conservation. "Springtime's best, when the birds are sitting on eggs and summer's coming. You're always looking forward with farming but after lambing you've a bit more time to appreciate the wildlife."

Tara advised Rider on further improvements. This year he will grow a trial crop of fodder rape and stubble turnips to provide an economical winter food for lambs as well as nesting and feeding habitats for lapwings and skylarks. Rider is in the process of entering a Higher Level Stewardship agreement so he will receive payments to keep managing the land to benefit birds.

The Peak District Wader Recovery Project, run by the national park authority and Natural England, aims to reverse the long term decline in waders.

Welcome £12m cash boost for cycl in national parks

Local people and visitors could benefit from a share of £12million which the Government has set aside to boost cycling in English national parks.

The cash is part of a record £62million investment from the Department of Transport to make cycling more attractive in cities and the countryside.

National park authorities were asked to bid with highway

authorities and the Peak District is preparing an ambitious scheme with Derbyshire County Council and other partners before the deadline in April.

The Authority already has a track record of delivering major

cycling projects with the £2.25m re-opening of old railway tunnels on the Monsal Trail in 2011 – attracting 128,000 cyclists in its first 18 months.

Chief executive Jim Dixon said: “This is a great opportunity for national parks to show how cycling can benefit not only individuals but the economy, environment and local communities.”



The Tissington Trail



Longstone Station on the Monsal Trail



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More information: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/cycle

Photo: Steve Wake - Peak District Online



The Tour of Britain passed through the Peak District twice last year



Photo: Steve Wake - Peak District Online

Mountain biking on a bridleway



Peak District aims to be premier cycling destination

The Peak District is moving up a gear on its way to becoming a premier cycling destination.

A Peak District Cycling Summit in February, hosted by the Authority, brought together local transport, tourism and health organisations to focus on making the area as cycle-friendly as possible.

Pedal Peak District co-ordinator Carol Parsons explained: "We all have an interest in seeing the Peak District develop its network of safe, convenient cycling routes and encourage more people to cycle in, to and around

the Peak District.

"Among our plans is a Peak District Cycling Festival from September 7-15 to include guided rides and events to attract people to cycle and stay in the area. The festival is also a fantastic opportunity for local clubs and activity providers to develop their own events."

The Peak District is already popular for training Olympic cyclists and there will be global interest in the Tour de France as it races through the Dark Peak on July 6 2014. The world's top cyclists will tackle one of the

UK's greatest cycling climbs at Holme Moss (524m/1719ft) before swooping down the Woodhead Pass and through the picturesque village of Bradfield.

But lesser mortals can find plenty of opportunities to suit them too. The national park's 65 miles of safe traffic-free trails include the High Peak, Tissington, Manifold, Monsal and Longdendale trails as well as challenging mountain bike routes.

With cycle hire centres offering bikes for parents, children and disabled people, no-one need miss out.

We're here for you...

For more details
about Members go to:
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/members
or call 01629 816200

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.

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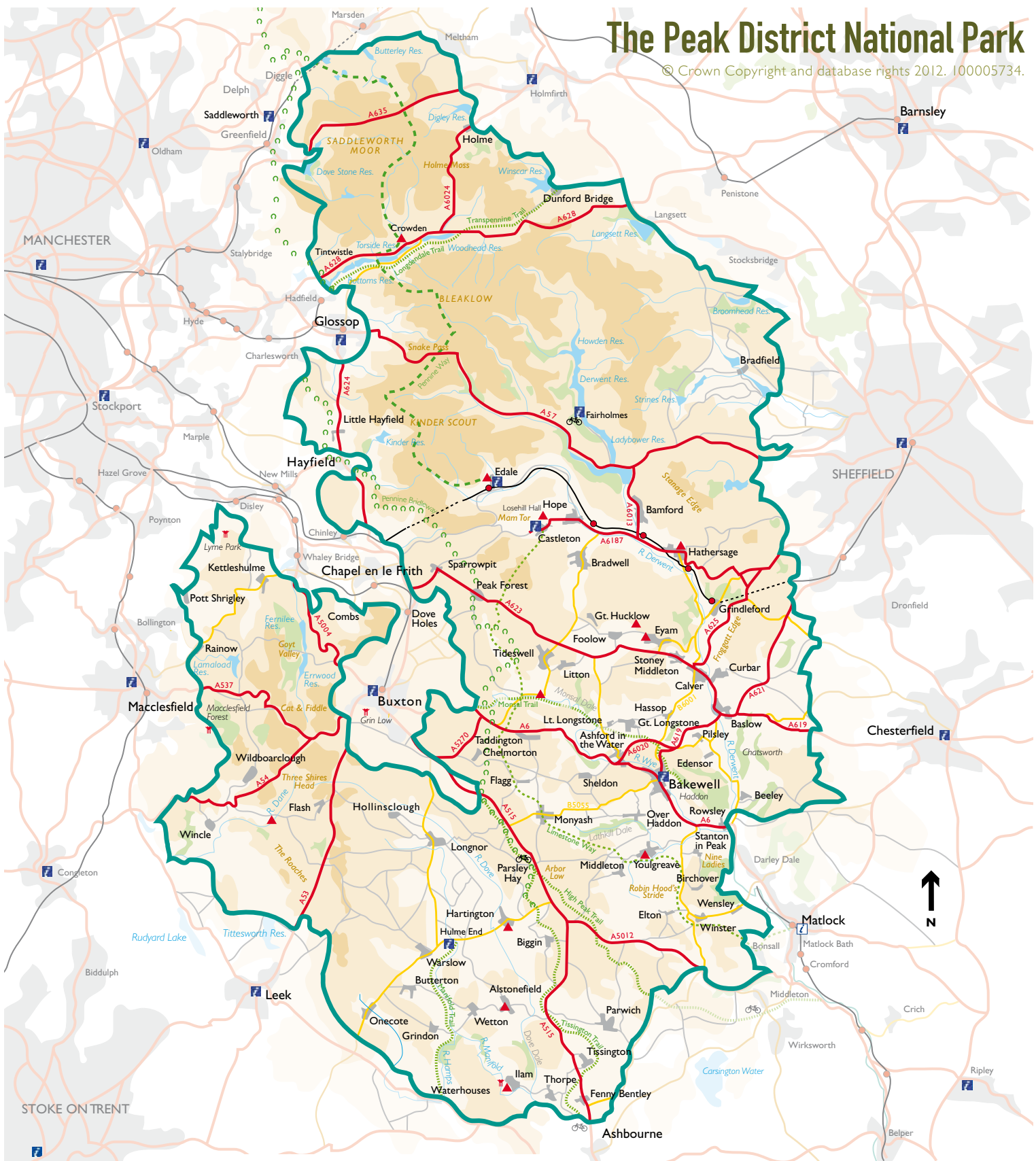


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	Land over 400 metres		Railway Tunnel		Pennine Way		Information Point		Reservoir
	Land over 300 metres		A Road		Trail		Cycle Hire		Woodland
	Land over 200 metres		B Road		Limestone Way		Youth Hostel		
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