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Welcome...

I've had a wonderful three years chairing the national park, and sometimes I'm asked "What is the National Park Authority for?"

The legal answer lies in the purposes and duty laid down by Parliament in the Environment Act 1995. For once the parliamentary draftsmen kept it short and (quite) simple:

The purposes are:

- to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area
- to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of national parks

And the duty is:

- to seek to foster the economic and social wellbeing of local communities within the national parks.

The purposes mean that those of us living here in the national park can't do all we might wish to, and that visitors are bound to come. But, on the other hand, we do enjoy privileges denied to other parts of the country. For example, we are exempted from the massive increase in housing now being called for elsewhere.

Of course, nothing can be

achieved unless we all help to keep the national park special. Whether a resident, a business, a farmer or a visitor, we all have a role to play.

On page 3 of this issue you will see how all kinds of people will be contributing to the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of our North Lees estate.

You can read about activities in our **Get Active!** supplement that will open the eyes of young people to what the countryside has to offer – so many have no experience of life outside the town or city.

And there are good examples of our duty to help those living and working here on pages 14-15, where you can read about the Fresh Start Uplands Academy for farmers, and pages 16-17 with our support for neighbourhood planning.

I hope this introduction will help explain what the Authority is all about.

I have to tell you, with sadness, that I will not be standing again for the chairmanship in July. I want to thank all of you who've supported me. It's been my privilege to have been elected by my fellow Members to this position for the

past three years, but now the time is right to pass it to another. I wish you all well.

Tony Favell

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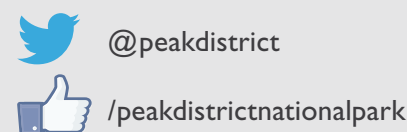


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Working together on the North Lees estate

Stanage Edge, a gritstone cliff snaking the skyline of the North Lees estate, is one of the most impressive landscapes in the UK.

Used in films such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Jane Eyre*, this wild, dramatic place is enjoyed by more than half-a-million people each year for climbing, walking, camping, cycling, horse-riding, hang-gliding wildlife watching and more.

The Authority's decision last autumn to keep the whole 545-hectare estate, despite steep budget cuts, signified a deep commitment to its future as a thriving public asset.

Assistant director Mary Bagley is leading this new phase in the estate's management. Mary lives in Hathersage, overlooked by the estate, so it is close to her heart. She says the contribution of local people and enthusiasts is essential.

"We value this estate not just for its own sake, but for all the people who come here, enjoy it or live near it," she says. "We want to work with them to create a vision for North Lees and to hold joint events to celebrate its role as an important centre for outdoor activities, heritage and wildlife."

The Stanage Forum is a key partner in this. Its members include climbers, walkers, birdwatchers, parish councillors and neighbouring farmers.

Its secretary Henry Folkard, of the British Mountaineering Council, said: "We are really pleased the Authority has re-invigorated its constructive dialogue with the Stanage Forum and other stakeholders – an awful lot of people do care passionately about North Lees and the opportunity it offers to advance the Park's purposes and objectives."

If you would like to help keep the estate special you can volunteer at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ppcv or donate at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/donations

Factbox:

The North Lees estate includes:

- the four-mile long, internationally acclaimed Stanage Edge
- a 480-hectare farm newly-tenanted by a young farming couple rearing traditional-breed sheep and beef cattle
- rare heather moorland, blanket bog, flower-rich meadows and a rich variety of birdlife
- a 60-pitch campsite
- 51 hectares of native woodlands where conservation work is being funded by grants
- the Elizabethan North Lees Hall, linked to Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*, and leased until 2038 to the Vivat Trust for holiday accommodation.
- four historic scheduled monuments
- four car parks.

Main pic: Stanage Edge
Below: Mary Bagley and Henry Folkard



Tissington Trail

Wheeling in a Summer of Cycling

For full details of the Summer of Cycling, go to www.summerofcycling.co.uk

Factbox:

- The Peak District National Park covers 555 square miles (1437sqkm)
- The highest point is Kinder Scout at 636 metres (2,087ft)
- There are 1,600 miles of public rights of way (footpaths, bridleways and tracks)

There's never been a summer like this for cycling in the Peak District National Park.

Two major international sporting events are coming our way in June and July, bringing cycle-mad spectators and riders from all over the world to boost the local economy.

Highlights of the cycling summer are:

- June 20-22 - the Italian-inspired L'Eroica Britannia vintage cycling festival – one of the most enjoyable and colourful spectacles in Europe – coming to Britain for the first time (see page 5).
- July 6 - the Tour de France zooms through the national park's northern tip. The race

attracts 12million spectators and a global TV audience of 3.5billion (see page 6).

And it's not just for committed cyclists – Summer of Cycling events for all levels and abilities go on from April to October, with guided rides and skills workshops on the national park's cycle-trails, mountain bike routes and quiet lanes.

Communities and businesses are taking advantage of the sporting events to promote their own events and facilities, helping raise the profile of the national park as a premier UK cycling destination.



L'Eroica Britannia

Peak District hosts 'heroic' cycling weekend

Coming to Britain for the first time on June 20-22 is L'Eroica Britannia, "The Great British Adventure" – an Italian-inspired weekend of vintage cycling that celebrates landscape, local customs, food and drink.

Spectators from all over Europe are expected to watch 2,000 cyclists pedal through limestone dales on 30-mile, 55-mile or 100-mile routes similar to the "white trails" of Tuscany where L'Eroica began in 1997.

L'Eroica evokes an heroic era of cycling – all entrants use pre-1987 bikes and clothing – and communities en route will be 'local heroes,' presenting their produce and traditions with pride.

The start and finish will be at Bakewell Showground, focal point for a free three-day festival, with family cycling events, vintage fashion, food-stalls, music, dancing, and a festival campsite. Bakewell's Thornbridge Brewery is brewing a L'Eroica beer using Peak District

water and Tuscan ingredients.

Among the villages en route is Tideswell – home of the community-run Tideswell School of Food and annual Food Festival.

Taste Tideswell chair Pete Hawkins said: "Tideswell is planning a fine show to welcome L'Eroica Britannia. It's at the start of Well-Dressing and Wakes Week, and there'll be a vintage theme to the weekend with vintage cars and tractors, a decorated bicycle competition, and stalls selling locally produced food."

For full details of L'Eroica Britannia www.eroicabritannia.co.uk



On the right Pete Hawkins of Taste Tideswell



People can hire a vintage bike or take part in a 'retro' guided group ride around L'Eroica Britannia medium route all year round. More details www.glorydays.org.uk

Supported by the National Park Authority, L'Eroica Britannia is organised by a group of Sheffield-Italian businesses who have a licence to hold it annually for the next five years.

Factbox:



Communities welcome world's greatest cycle race

Local communities will be pedalling furiously to offer a big Peak District 'bienvenue' to Le Tour de France on Sunday July 6.

Day 2 (York-Sheffield) of the Yorkshire Grand Départ includes an 18-mile route through the Peak District National Park, and interest in the race will be huge following recent British victories for Sir Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome. The racers will:

- enter the national park at Holme village
- climb the formidable Holme Moss (which carries 'King of the Mountains' points)
- swoop down the Woodhead Pass
- pass Langsett Ranger Centre
- leave the national park at Bradfield before finishing in Sheffield City Centre.

Communities en route – including Bradfield, Penistone, Langsett and Holme – will go all out to involve local people and entertain visitors, and the Authority is helping with grant-support.

Excitement is high in the Holme Valley where community groups set up LeTourHolmfirth to co-ordinate events. Organiser Donald Cumming said: "There could be 80,000 spectators at Holme Moss on July 6 and billions watching on TV, so this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to show the beauty of the Holme Valley to the world.

"The day of the race will be phenomenal, but we want it to have a legacy that lasts into the future, getting more people out on bicycles keeping fit and having fun."

LeTourHolmfirth's events include family cycle-rides, a Streetbikes community ride, cyclo-cross for novices, a family focused cycling club and cycle-themed events during Holmfirth film and arts festivals.



Donald Cumming

More information:

www.facebook.com/letourholmfirth

www.tourdefrancesheffield.com

letour.yorkshire.com

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/tourdefrance

All power to Pedal Peak

Log your cycling goals at:
www.lovetoride.net/peakdistrict

NATIONAL PARKS
Britain's breathing spaces

The Peak District National Park is gearing up to be one of the best cycling destinations in the UK, offering easy access to a network of cycle routes through beautiful countryside.

The Department for Transport is pumping £5m into the Pedal Peak District project to strengthen cycle links with nearby cities, and £2.5m more is coming from Derbyshire County Council, the National Park Authority, Staffordshire County Council and Sheffield and Barnsley councils.

Work on the new cycle links started this year and by 2016 it is hoped there will be:

- The White Peak Loop, connecting the High Peak and Monsal Trails.
- The Little Don Cycle-link, connecting Sheffield/Barnsley to the TransPennine Trail.

- Staffordshire Moorlands Cycle-link, connecting Stoke-on-Trent to the Roaches and Waterhouses.
- The Hope Valley Link, providing a continuous cycle route (partly on road) along the Hope Valley from Hathersage to Castleton.



Pedal Peak grants available

As part of the Pedal Peak District project, communities and businesses can apply to the Authority for grants of up to £10,000 for facilities, equipment and services to help them benefit from the cycling boom.

Eligible improvements could include secure overnight cycle parking, bike locks at cafes, cycle racks, inner tube vending machines, bicycle-pumps or cycle-friendly transport. For example:

- Bamford's community pub, the Anglers Rest, aims to be as cycle-friendly as possible and is using its grant for cycle racks, locks and pumps.
- The Arkwright Society is creating a hub of cycle-friendly facilities at Cromford Mill.

Both these sites are handy for rail stations, attracting cyclists who bring their bikes by train.



Cycling at Derwent near Bamford

To apply for grants:
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/cyclegrantscheme

Read all about it!

Barns, books, mills and mines

Whether you rave about what the Romans did or wax lyrical about Victorian engineering, you can keep up to date with the past with **'ACID: Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire'** – the annual magazine reporting on current archaeological projects in and around the Peak District.

In the foreword, Pauline Beswick, chair of the Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory Committee and an Authority member for 10 years, says, "Despite a challenging economic climate, different funding streams combined with knowledge, passion, ingenuity, and sheer hard work, much of it voluntary, have resulted in a rich tapestry of activity."

Inside the current edition:

- an exclusive interview with historian Michael Wood, dubbed 'the Indiana Jones of TV history'
- Watergrove Mine dig reveals coal hopper and haystack boiler sites dating back to 1794, next to A623 road
- how Buxton Museum is using new technology to beam information and pictures of

artefacts to people's mobile devices at historic sites in the landscape

- plus a guide to the latest planning applications involving archaeology in the national park.

The magazine is edited by freelance writer and former head of information services Roly Smith, assisted by national park archaeologist Sarah Whiteley. It is supported by Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park Authority.

Download issue 11 of ACID from www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/archaeology

Limited copies are available from visitor centres and libraries, or from national park HQ, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell DE45 1AE.

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Watergrove Mine, dating from 1794
photo by John Barnatt

- **Peak District Shadows & Ghosts Project is uncovering evidence of ancient wooded landscapes on the Sheffield Moors**
- **a limestone "igloo" near Bonsall is actually a restored lime kiln**
- **a new blue plaque has been unveiled in Hathersage for 'fairy godfather' – George Herbert Lawrence**

Factbox:

Sharing your passion for the national park

Authority members take strategic policy decisions on conservation, recreation, access, land management, planning and resources, and deal with some planning applications.

They contribute to the Authority's democratic decisions, bringing objectivity, a commitment to wider common purposes, and local knowledge.

Members are the public face of the Authority, provide links to communities, and promote the volunteering ethos. They bring experience and expertise, including financial and business acumen to governance roles, and are apolitical.

Factfile:

Nicola Turner

Kirklees councillor, 46, lives near Huddersfield.

Job: Runs a small holding and livery yard. Authority member since 2012. Member of audit, resources and performance committee and appeals panel.

Passionate about:

- Rights of way
- Horse riding
- Connections between urban life and the national park.



"We are passionate about the national park – it's what keeps us going when there are difficult decisions to be made. Being a member has made me acutely aware of how our lives affect the environment, and how fragile and special the plants and wildlife in our landscape is.

"It is vital for people, particularly from deprived urban places, to experience the national park's fresh air, open spaces and sense of peace. I want people to understand there is something here for everyone and that it is in all our interests to look after it."

Factfile:

Zahid Hamid

Secretary of State appointee, 58, lives in Sheffield.

Job: Freelance consultant. Authority member since 2013. Member of audit, resources and performance committee.

Passionate about:

- National parks for all
- Inspiring young people
- Safeguarding national parks for the future.



"We are here to serve the public interest as guardians of national park purposes: to conserve and enhance natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage, and promote public understanding and enjoyment of their special qualities. The different perspectives and genuine care we each bring helps us look after this national asset and take a long term view.

"It gives me pleasure knowing that I am coming to the national park not just as a visitor but giving something back to the place I have found uplifting from childhood and helping ensure that more people can enjoy its benefits into the future."

Find out more at:

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/members
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/committees

Factbox:

The Authority has 30 members:

- 16 appointed by county, district, city or borough councils,
- 14 appointed by the Defra Secretary of State (6 are parish councillors, 8 are specialists in national park issues).

Get out and have fun! GET ACTIVE!

Would you like to boost your health and vitality?
Fancy shedding a few kilos and getting some fresh air?

The opportunities for fun, fitness and days out are on your doorstep: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting
Make a date. Join in National Parks' Week, the national celebration of the UK's 15 national parks, with activities taking place from Monday July 28 to Sunday August 3: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/npweek
For all year round events go to: www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events

Walk...

Dig out your walking boots, put on weather appropriate clothing, pack your waterproofs and join a national park ranger for a walk. Learn navigation skills, see historic aircraft wrecks, marvel at moorland, and experience nature with the benefit of the rangers' local knowledge and expertise. Discover guided walks and cycle rides throughout the year at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/rangerwalks



Walking and cycling for health

For those who need extra help to get out and enjoy the national park – due to a health problem, social isolation or old age – our Health Walks and cycle rides are ideal.

- Health Walks offer a high level of volunteer assistance – people need to register with the scheme
- Next Steps Walks are for registered walkers who want to progress to Ranger Guided Walks but need help with transport
- Peak Park Pedals are guided cycle rides with extra support and adapted cycles for those who need them. For details, go to www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/healthwalks or call 01629 816288.



Discover nature fun on a Wild Project event at Longdendale or Macclesfield Forest. For more information, visit www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/learning-about Or, phone 01433 620373, or email learning.discovery@peakdistrict.gov.uk



Visit...

Enjoy the 'Rangers through the years' photographic exhibition at Bakewell visitor centre. Housed in the Old Market Hall, the photo gallery is upstairs (also accessible by lift) and provides space for display and sale by a collective of local photographers. To find out more, visit www.peakgallery.co.uk

For all year round events:
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events

Volunteer...

Combine healthy exercise with conserving the national park's environment and heritage. Peak Park Conservation Volunteers (PPCV) do just that, and Pauline Marsden is among them. A volunteer for 25 years, Pauline supervises work groups who repair footpaths, plant trees, clear scrub, create ponds or mend stiles, bridges, walls and fences. Pauline says: "Volunteering enables me to put something back into the Peak District National Park, where I spend much of my leisure time. "I enjoy working with volunteers from a wide variety of backgrounds and

age groups, including those with special needs, from inner-city areas, school and community groups, and individuals."

Other volunteering opportunities include:

- Volunteer rangers
- Learning and discovery volunteers
- Moors for the Future volunteers
- Mosaic volunteers
- Duke of Edinburgh Award residential programmes
- Corporate Days for companies wanting team-building projects.

Full details on www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/volunteering

Did you know?

Peak Park Conservation Volunteers celebrate 40 years of helping look after the national park this year – join them at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/ppcv

Take to the trails

With L'Eroica, Tour de France and the Summer of Cycling pedalling into view, there are opportunities for people of all abilities to take to two or more wheels for a breath of fresh air and family friendly cycling experience.

Parsley Hay cycle hire centre has a range of adapted bikes, trikes and mobility scooters, level access to 40 miles of traffic-free riding along the High Peak Trail and Tissington Trail. Did we mention the panoramic views, historic features and home-made cakes along the way?
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/cycle
Ashbourne and Derwent cycle hire centres also have mobility scooters to hire.



Rangers' 60th anniversary

This year the Peak District National Park Ranger Service celebrates 60 years of helping people enjoy the national park.

Founded in April 1954 at the Nags Head Inn, Edale, they were originally wardens who patrolled

Kinder Scout after it opened for public access. Today there are more than

300 rangers - some full-time but most are trained volunteers, easily identifiable in red jackets. Their role includes leading walks, visiting schools, repairing paths, conserving habitats and doing surveys – so if you see one, say 'Happy 60th!'

Building the answer to climate change

Find out more on renewables:
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk
www.direct.gov.uk/actonCO2

Buildings in the national park have been around for decades, many for a lot longer. Improving their green credentials is key to reducing their long term impact on the causes of climate change.

Solar panels, wind turbines, heat pumps, water turbines, wood fuel and biomass heating installations are being successfully used.

In some cases special approval, such as listed building consent, is needed to protect the visual impact on buildings and their settings. For some, owners can make changes under permitted development rights.

Ian Lawton, of Bank Top Farm, Bakewell, didn't need planning permission to install 39 solar thermal panels on an old cowshed. The panels are attached to a steel

roof. The roof faces slightly south-west and its slope is perfect for capturing renewable energy from the sun.

"The panels have been in for 18 months and have generated 14,000 kilowatts of electricity for the farm," said Ian. "It makes economic sense to have them, because they lie flat to the roof they are not spoiling the view and it makes us more self-reliant."

Through the National Grid Feed-in Tariff, Ian receives 18p per unit of electricity that feeds back to the national grid.

John Scott, director of planning, said: "Our 'Climate Change and Sustainable Building' guidance sets out appropriate installations for buildings in the national park."

Download the guidance at
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents

Do you need planning permission? Find out from our customer service team on 01629 816 200 or email customer.service@peakdistrict.gov.uk with your full address and postcode.



Solar panels on barn, Bakewell.

Factbox:

You can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by

- insulating homes and workplaces
- reusing building materials
- using energy efficient lighting
- turning off unnecessary appliances
- installing low carbon and renewable technologies

Director of Planning, John Scott

For more information phone 01629 816200 or email customer.service@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Introducing planning charges for businesses

Services across the Authority have taken their share of the Government's 30 per cent reduction in our budget for 2011-2015, which is why from April 1, we have introduced charges for some planning services.

Businesses, including people seeking permission to build open market houses, will be charged for the advice they request before submitting planning applications.

They can also enter into optional Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs), suitable for major proposals, which will incur a fee, typically between £1,000 and £5,000.

PPAs are an agreed level of service and communication between the planning authority, developer and key parties. They do not guarantee approval.

John Scott, director of planning, explains. "The fees won't cover

our full costs, but the income will help us operate a higher quality planning service in a time of severe budget cuts.

"It's win:win for the national park and for businesses. Developers will pay for a service that is tailored to their scheme and will help them achieve an application that is more likely to be approved. And, we encourage developments that are beneficial for the national park."

Pre-application advice for householders on domestic properties, including applications for listed building consent, remains free of charge.



Hope Construction cement works

Factbox:

Pre-application advice charges are:

- Between £100 and £1,000 for open-market housing applications
- £45 per hour for advice on large developments
- £100 for most agricultural developments
- Between £100 and £250 for minor commercial proposals such as change of use. Further advice would be £45 an hour.
- £100 for advice on proposed advertisement billboards or signs.
- £100 for advice on developments which need to be notified for prior approval.

Fresh start for farmers of tomorrow

Getting a start in upland farming – and then making a success of it – is not easy. Competition for good tenancies can be fierce, farmland expensive and finance difficult.

That is why this year's Peak District Fresh Start Uplands Academy was a godsend to young entrants and career-changers wanting to get into farming as well as established farmers wanting to develop their skills or expand.

Co-ordinated by the Farming Life Centre at Blackwell, Fresh Start was a course of 10 sessions from November to February focusing on the hands-on business practicalities.

Sessions included field visits, case studies and speakers, and

ranged from capitalising on the natural environment to diversification, cash flow, raising capital, land tenure, interview coaching, joint ventures, creating business plans and negotiation skills.

Co-ordinator Julia Cook explained: "We had 20 participants and I think they learned as much from each other as from the course sessions. It offered the opportunity to meet

a whole host of professionals including other farmers, land agents, accountants, bankers, agricultural consultants and landowners – people whose advice can be crucial to the success of acquiring and running a farm."

The participants ranged in age from early-20s to mid-50s from various backgrounds, mainly within the national park.

The National Park Authority recently gave two young couples a start in their careers with farm tenancies on the North Lees and Warslow Moors estates.

Factbox:

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The Peak District Fresh Start Uplands Academy was a partnership between Fresh Start, the National Centre for the Uplands and the Farming Life Centre, supported by the Rural Development Plan

for England and the Prince's Countryside Fund. Stakeholders were the Peak District National Park Authority, Natural England, the National Trust, NFU and Bagshaws Agricultural Auctioneers and Land Agents.

Alice Helliwell, 22, from Edale, was one of them – Alice aspires to take on a farm tenancy in the future: "My parents have always farmed and I enjoy it, but I won't be able to inherit the tenancy," she said, "so my first aim is to be a farm secretary and in the long term take on a farm.

"This course builds your

confidence in the practical side of running the business and adds to the agricultural qualifications I already have."

At the other end of the spectrum, Richard Bunting, 48, already farms at Newhaven, but wants to expand: "I'm thinking of going into a joint venture," he said, "so I came on the course to find

out more about how partnerships work.

"For someone like me, a lifelong farmer, it teaches you more about accountancy and business skills, and you learn a great deal from seeing how other farmers do it."



Alice Helliwell and Richard Bunting



Fresh Start Farming Academy farm visit to Ossams Hill Farm, Grindon

More details at:

www.thefarminglifecentre.org.uk or 01298 85162
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/farmers or 01629 816270



Everybody needs good neighbourhoods

Rural communities are struggling to retain services, facilities and jobs. Neighbourhood planning, introduced by the Localism Act, is helping find local solutions by putting residents like Chris Levick in the driving seat.

More details at:
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning
or 01629 816375

Did you know?

- Bakewell Show dates back to 1819
- Markets have been held there since 1330
- About 4,000 people live in Bakewell

Chris has lived in Bakewell for 15 years and runs a driving school. As a town councillor and chair of Bakewell Partnership's economy, employment, development group, he is keen to sustain the town as a successful centre for shopping, commerce and manufacture.

He wants more people to spend money with local businesses. "You don't have to be a maths genius to work out that if the thousands of people who live and work in or visit Bakewell spent a fiver here every week it would boost the local economy."

Bakewell Partnership aims to identify improvements and influence development through the neighbourhood planning process.

"Bakewell's lucky – we've inherited beautiful architecture, a wonderful riverside location, and we're easy to get to," says Chris. "The town has developed over centuries in response to changing

times, and people still want to come to live and work, and spend the day here.

"Our challenge is to help Bakewell develop without harming what's good about the town, to move forward with the demands of our times, meet people's needs, and comply with national park planning policies.

"I would like to see more shops that serve the community so people buy in Bakewell, and sustain local jobs."

Bakewell Partnership is led by the Town Council and includes representatives from Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. Working with organizations such as the Bakewell Community Interest Group, Civic Society, Association of Bakewell Christians, Historical Society, Town Traders

Group and Bakewell in Bloom, the Partnership addresses a range of issues and develops strategies to enhance Bakewell.

Neighbourhood areas in the national park:

- Bakewell
- Bradwell
- Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Hartington Town Quarter
- Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale

A neighbourhood area is a statutory designation made by the planning authority. It enables a parish council to write a neighbourhood plan, which can become part of the area's local plan.

Factbox:

Bamford's battle wins community pub

Bamford featured in Parklife issue 14, October 2012, when two village pubs had closed and a third was under threat.

When that pub came up for sale, residents took action, created a Community Benefit Society, and through mammoth voluntary effort involving selling shares in the pub, raised £260,000 for the purchase. The pub was registered as an 'asset of community value' but a last minute major hiccup saw the property being sold to a developer. The huge outcry this provoked saw the deal rescinded enabling the sale to the community.

The pub has employed 30 people from the area, houses the post office, a popular café and provides visitor information. Bunkhouse

accommodation is planned. Bamford resident Sally Soady said: "Pooling the expertise, knowledge and resources in our community was key, plus lots of goodwill! Our aim is to run a financially successful business and deliver what people want."

Many of Bamford's community aspirations and achievements are the product of their village plan, a non-statutory document, but an important driver to action.

www.anglers-rest.co.uk



News in Brief



School cycle trips blaze a trail

School pupils can enjoy educational cycling trips in the national park with a new scheme trialled last year by primary schools from Fenny Bentley and Hartington.



Schools pay for cycle hire which includes an education pack for teachers to lead their own groups, or they can pay extra to be guided by a Learning & Discovery officer or Ranger.

Topics covered could include history, wildlife, nature, transport or anything special being studied by the class.

School governor Ian Cooper of Fitzherbert C.E. Primary School, Fenny Bentley, said the pupils voted their day a success: "Children had to look, explore, and record data, giving them practical experience of using mathematical and scientific techniques. Teaching staff felt the scheme provided the children with a great opportunity that was fun, healthy, and extended their learning out of the classroom."

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/cyclingforschools

Bans for motorised traffic on three green lanes

The National Park Authority has confirmed that it will make Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to prohibit recreational trail-bikes and 4x4s on three routes in order to protect the natural beauty and amenity of the national park.

The routes cross some of the most beautiful landscapes in the national park, with wildlife habitats enjoyed by many.

Chapel Gate near Rushup Edge and Long Causeway near Sheffield cross wildlife areas with the highest protection designation in Europe and the Roych near Chapel-en-le-Frith forms part of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail. All three routes have historic interest as pack horse routes.

The Authority recognised that the routes were important for all recreational users but considered that their use by motorised vehicles use was in conflict with the need to conserve the natural beauty, wildlife and heritage of the national park.

More information:

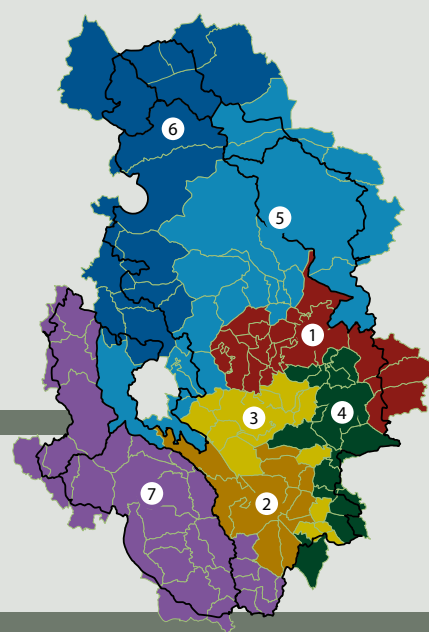
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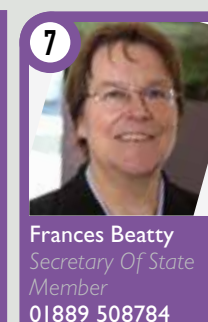
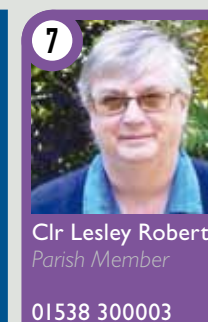
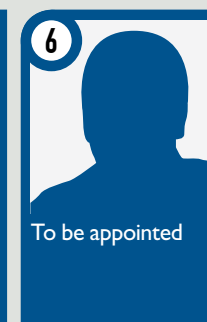
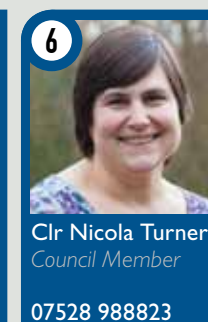
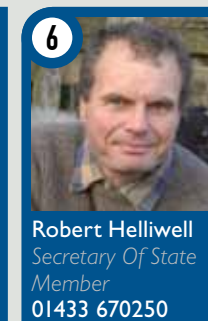
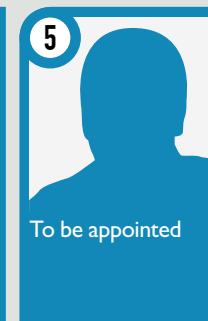
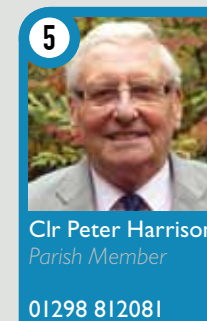
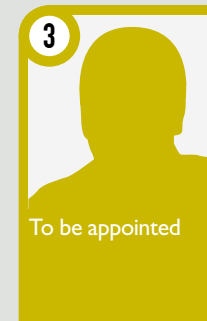
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For free advice call 01629 816270, email farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk or drop in at the Peak District Land Management Advisory Service at Bakewell Agricultural Centre on Mondays 12-2pm.

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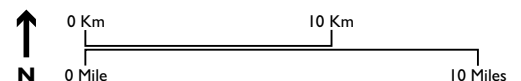
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