

# Parishes Bulletin 44

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## Spring 2023

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### Parish Members Appointment Reminder

Please remember that the nomination forms for the appointment of Parish Members to the Peak District National Park Authority should be returned by **12 noon on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

If you would like information on the roles and responsibilities of a Member of the Authority, please contact Ruth Crowder, Democratic Services Manager via email [ruth.crowder@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.crowder@peakdistrict.gov.uk) or by telephone on 01629 816362.

### Parishes Day 2023 - Save the Date!

Parishes Day 2023 will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at our headquarters at Aldern House in Bakewell, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Parishes Day is our main engagement event with Parish Councils and the agenda is agreed with your representatives on the Peak Park Parishes Forum. We will send you more details, including a booking form, in due course. In previous years we've discussed a variety of topics such as affordable housing, nature recovery, visitor management and sustainable transport. We are currently reviewing the Local Plan which contains all of our important planning policies, so Parishes Day will be a great opportunity to get your feedback on the issues that you think we should be considering.

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### Local Plan Review Update

We have recently commissioned consultants to undertake a population projection and housing needs assessment to cover the next plan period. This will give us a better understanding of the make-up of our communities and how it might change over time, and will identify the housing issues that planning policy needs to address.

We know that many residents are concerned about second homes, holiday homes and short term rentals, many of which do not need planning permission. The government is [currently consulting](#) on whether to introduce a new so-called 'new use class for short term lets' which could give local planning authorities more control.

We are on schedule to take our Issues and Options report to Authority Committee in July and will consult with residents and other stakeholders as soon as possible after then.

## Peak District National Park Affordable Housing Scheme Wins National Award

A newly-completed housing scheme, providing affordable rental homes in the heart of the Peak District National Park, has won national recognition for its contribution to local housing needs and land regeneration in a National Park community.

Bradwell Springs, in Bradwell (Derbyshire), beat off competition from housing developments in London, Hastings and Bridport.

The 'Beautiful Community-Led Homes' award has been presented by the Community Land Trust Network to Bradwell Community Land Trust for the Bradwell Springs affordable housing development.

Bradwell Springs is a development of 55 houses, 12 of which are two-bedroom affordable rental houses owned by Bradwell Community Land Trust and managed by Peak District Rural Housing Association. The rest of the houses are open market housing.

The site was formerly an engineering works with various industrial sheds and buildings of no architectural interest in a central village location. The new houses have been sympathetically designed with an appropriate external appearance that reflects local building traditions.

Positive seeds were sown for the success of the development as early as 2015, when National Park planners and the community worked together to identify both the local need for affordable homes and to earmark Bradwell Springs as a site for community development.



*1 Award winning housing development at Bradwell Springs*

## Welcome Guide 2023

The 2023 edition of the Welcome Guide to the National Park is available for free from visitor centres at Bakewell, Castleton, Derwent, and Edale. It can also be read online at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/welcomeguide](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/welcomeguide).

The 16-page guide is packed with practical advice and information to help people visit and enjoy the Peak District National Park safely and responsibly. It has been written with people new to visiting the National Park in mind and also contains news of interest to seasoned visitors too. The articles include planning a visit, family-friendly trails and walks information for walkers, cyclists and riders, nature highlights, useful apps, seasonal events, and inspiration for places to visit, plus a map of the National Park.

To request boxes of the Welcome Guide (140 copies in a box) for outlets in your parish, please email [alison.riley@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:alison.riley@peakdistrict.gov.uk) to arrange collection from National Park HQ at Aldern House, Bakewell.



*2 New Peak District Welcome Guide*

## Birds of Prey Initiative Closes

At the end of April the Authority confirmed it would be closing the Peak District Bird of Prey Initiative after more than a decade of efforts to return 'raptor' populations to target levels last seen in the 1990's.

Although some species have seen a return, the breeding presence of others remains disappointingly low and the years of the Initiative's existence have continued to see incidents of wildlife crime taking place within the Peak District. These factors have led to some original partners already stepping down from the initiative and others indicating their future intention to do so to the Authority. This recently included those

involved in the annual surveying of birds of prey in the Initiative study area, and therefore the Authority as convenors felt the group was no longer viable.

The Authority recognises that some existing partners are disappointed by this decision, however until meaningful change is seen with aspects such as raptor persecution we will be looking to explore alternative means of safeguarding raptors and securing the required population increases. This includes working with the police – as we have done throughout the Initiative – and other partners, more details of which will be shared in the weeks ahead.

Our full statement on the Initiative can be found here: [Peak District Bird of Prey Initiative to close as persecution cases continue: Peak District National Park](#)



**3** *Goshawk*

## Stanage North Lees- A Fresh Look for Information

This summer will see the long-awaited replacement of three large information panels into stone plinths at various locations at Stanage Edge and North Lees Hall.

The new boards have been attractively designed with an array of historical, wildlife and navigation information sharing the story of the estate and current efforts for conservation and climate change. Visitor advice is also included to enable safe and responsible exploring of the estate, along with plenty of photographs.

For the first time, the boards' content has also been translated into several additional languages which can be accessed instantly via a QR code.

The boards have been funded by the government's Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme.





#### 4 New information boards at Stange North Lees

## Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL)

Farming in Protected Landscapes is a Defra funded programme for farmers and land managers which has recently been extended to March 2025. It is aimed at delivering benefits for climate, nature, people, and cultural heritage and nature friendly sustainable farm businesses. Grants are based on national Countryside Stewardship payment rates or at a percentage of the costs with the grant rate depending on the degree of economic return.

In the Peak District we now have over 200 agreements varying in size from £1000 to £100,000.

[https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0022/416083/Projects\\_Funded\\_by\\_FiPL\\_2023\\_03.pdf](https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0022/416083/Projects_Funded_by_FiPL_2023_03.pdf) Many are with individual farmers with others being collaborative agreements based on groups of farmers working together, sometimes with another organisation acting as the applicant.

Taddington Parish Council is using the FiPL grant to help restore a site in its ownership at High Well. This includes scrub control and wall restoration to conserve flower-rich grasslands and re-instate grazing, with plans to repair the well itself.

Hope Valley Climate Action is working in partnership with the Hope Valley Farmer Group to plant new hedgerows to benefit nature, landscape and carbon storage.

In the South-west Peak, farmers are working individually and in partnership with relevant organisations to deliver benefits for water quality and flood control alongside nature. 10 farmers have installed new permissive paths and others have been supported in the costs of opening pop-up campsites and other visitor infrastructure.

With 2 years of funding still remaining, the project team are keen to hear from anyone with ideas that meet the themes of the programme and contribute towards the National Park Management Plan. Please contact us at [farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk](mailto:farming@peakdistrict.gov.uk) or at 01619 816200. Guidance and further information can be found at [Farmers and land managers: Peak District National Park](#)

On the next page are pictures of a scheme funded through FiPL.





**5** FiPL- Paradise Farm pond restoration - work in progress



**6** FiPL- Paradise Farm pond restoration- finished scheme



## Edale Station Welcomes Moorland Plants on Board

Two large planters, situated at Edale Train Station along the Hope Valley line, have been re-planted by Edale Station Friends with wonderful blanket bog species. The plants have been funded by Severn Trent as part of the Moor Water project.

Originally installed under the MoorLIFE 2020 project, the planters are joined by interpretation boards which explain which species you can expect to see in the planters and also when out walking in the local area – particularly, in moorland areas such as Kinder. These include both common and hare's tail cotton grass, crowberry that flowers in late spring and cross-leaved heath that has distinctive pink bell-shaped flowers between June and September.

When you visit Edale, perhaps to take hike up to Kinder Scout or Mam Tor, be sure to look out for the planters and see if you can identify which species is which.

If you are heading for the hills, you can also download our handy moorland ID app, Explore Moor. Free to download, the app is a field pocket-guide for the sights and sounds of the moors – including wildlife species, plant species and landscape features.

A huge thank you to Edale Station Friends for planting these moorland species and for continuing to care for them, and to Severn Trent for funding these specialist and wonderful plants under the Moor Water project, which was recently shortlisted for the Edie Awards (Sustainable Business) and for the CIEEM Awards 23 (Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management).



*7- Planters at Edale station.*

## Rights of Way in the Peak District National Park

The National Park Authority is continuing to have to make some difficult decisions around the resources we have available and, in this light, we have undertaken a review of our work in relation to public rights of way in the Peak District National Park

The powers, responsibilities and budgets to manage all rights of way within the national park rest with the respective local councils, with the National Park Authority helping them when resources have allowed.

However, there is a need for us to concentrate our reduced resources and we will, in forthcoming years, focus our work on rights of way where our resources will have the greatest impact for the most people. That means focussing on routes such as our Walks Around series, as well as our award-winning Miles Without Stiles routes. We'll also be working over the next year or so on improving access on the other promoted routes and those rights of way connected with the main visitor hubs. We will review our work year on year to target the routes most in need of our resources. But this approach defines our role better for everyone and enables us to concentrate on where we can have the most impact. Our trails will continue to be maintained and cared for in the same way as always and we will continue to act as the relevant authority for access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

One of the ways you can help us is to send your reports on rights of way issues to those who have the powers and duties to undertake this work – the local councils. Each of the councils that make up the national park area has an online reporting system, enabling customers to easily report problems directly to those who can take action. The links are provided below.

To enable the process to work efficiently we will direct anybody reporting rights of way issues to these online reporting systems and we will not be able to act as intermediaries. We can then target our work on the routes identified as having the maximum impact for our resources in line with our objectives and in agreement with the relevant councils.

[Rights of way issues - Derbyshire County Council](#)

[Public Rights of Way \(staffordshire.gov.uk\)](#)

[Cheshire East Public Rights of Way - Problem Path details - Your Cheshire East Account](#)

[Public footpaths and rights of way \(barnsley.gov.uk\)](#) email report address at right side of page

[Public rights of way | Kirklees Council](#) email report address at bottom of page

[Report a problem - Public Rights Of Way - Oldham Council](#)

[Public Rights of Way | Sheffield City Council](#)

### Planning Liaison Officer

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### Next Bulletin

The next bulletin will be out in autumn 2023.