

Parishes Bulletin 41

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Welcome to this latest Parishes Bulletin

Parishes Bulletins Survey – your input is needed!

We received some feedback at Parishes day which has made us decide to reconsider how we approach this parishes bulletin.

As part of this thinking we are keen for **all Parish Clerks and Councillors** to fill in a short online survey, which should take around five to ten minutes. The survey can be found here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EFNR1U/>

We are really keen to make sure that we are communicating with parishes in a way that is most useful to you, so would welcome your feedback which will help us to do this.

Pre Application Advice

We have had to take the difficult decision to temporarily suspend our pre application advice service. From Monday 10th January 2022 we will not be able to accept any requests for pre application advice, other than for schemes relating to Grade 1 and Grade 2* listed buildings (but not Grade 2 buildings) and for proposals that constitute Major Development. We will also accept simpler enquiries seeking advice as to the need for planning permission and listed building consent, which are free services.

We are working through the current list of pre application advice submissions and will be in touch with all customers to advise the best way forward, which will be one of the following options:

- Honouring the enquiry based on the above guidance or where a significant proportion of work has already begun (site visit, assessment, previous engagement with applicant/agent etc.)
- Providing a refund of the fee
- Obtaining their agreement to pause their pre application advice request until the service recommences (which will not be before 01/04/2022)
- Advising them to submit an application.

We appreciate this decision may cause significant inconvenience however it has been made necessary due to resource issues in the Planning Service which we are currently making every effort to address.

We will review this on or around the 1st April 2022

Parishes Day – Save the day

Parishes Day this year is scheduled to take place on the 1st October 2022.

We are not yet in a position to say whether the event will be virtual or face to face, as it will depend if COVID19 restrictions are in place at the time, so we will confirm this later in the year. We do know that some parishes have already expressed a preference for a face to face event.

Why are the Peak District blanket bogs so brilliant? Quick facts from Moors for the Future Partnership

Blanket bogs are unusual places. Because of how wet they are, dead plants don't decompose like they do in other habitats. They do something else instead. And what they do sucks carbon and other greenhouse gases out of the air and locks them into the ground, so they are very important in tackling climate change.

It rains a lot on the moors of the Peak District. The unique plants on blanket bog slow the flow of rain from the moors to the towns and cities below and these landscapes can reduce the risk and severity of flooding. Healthy blanket bogs can also improve the quality of the water that runs into the rivers and reservoirs that provide our houses with water.

Blanket bogs are special habitats that provide a home for an array of beautiful wildlife. Sitting on top of peat soil that is thousands of years old, the plants and animals that live there have to be specially adapted to the wet and wild conditions.

The vast open landscapes of the Peak District moors provide a sanctuary for people to breathe and play. Calming yet wild, the moors are important for our health and wellbeing.

Moors for the Future Partnership was established in 2003 to protect damaged blanket bog habitats across the Peak District and South Pennines. It provides evidence-based conservation, backed up by innovative public engagement. The Partnership has raised over £45 million of public and private funding to deliver restoration over 34 square kilometres of bare and eroding peat.



Moveable Structures- Government make permanent the temporary permitted development rights

In April 2021 a new temporary right was introduced under the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) as part of the Government's response to the Covid pandemic. (The GPDO specifies the types of development that don't need planning permission). The new right allowed for the provision of 'moveable structures' within the curtilage of a pub, café, restaurant, or historic visitor attraction. The right was introduced to support greater use of outdoor spaces, for example to enable additional covered seating. In September 2021 the Government proposed that this right be made permanent and ran a consultation seeking evidence of how it was used, the benefits it brought and the impacts.

National Parks England (NPE), the organisation that campaigns and speaks for all the English National Parks, submitted a response to the consultation. Using evidence from the Peak District National Park, NPE's response said that:

- The permitted development right should not be made permanent in National Parks due to the likely adverse impact on valued character.
- 'Moveable structures' sited in conservation areas and in the curtilage/setting of listed buildings and other traditional/vernacular buildings are having an adverse impact due to a combination of their inappropriate design, use of inappropriate materials, size, close proximity to the existing building and prominence from public viewpoints.
- There have been complaints from nearby residents about harm being caused – chiefly through noise arising from the use of 'moveable structures' at pubs/restaurants by customers. In general the use of part of the curtilage of a pub/restaurant as a beer garden or similar would not require planning permission. However, the provision of a dedicated covered seating area in a 'moveable structure' is likely to increase the impact on residents as it is likely to be more intensively used than uncovered seating, for example.
- The provision of 'moveable structures' may in some cases displace on-site car parking/turning space and result in on-street parking – causing highway safety issues, particularly where current parking/turning space is limited.
- If the permitted development right is made permanent in National Parks, conservation areas and the curtilage of listed buildings should be excluded. However many restaurants and cafes are not in listed buildings or within conservation areas so characteristic settlements and historic visitor attractions would still be adversely affected in this case.

However the permitted development right for moveable structures within the curtilage of a pub, café, restaurant, or historic visitor attraction is now a permanent right, including in National Parks. Details are in this [Explanatory Memorandum](#). Paragraphs 7.8-7.12 explain the restrictions to this right including to the height, footprint and proximity to neighbouring residential properties of any structure.

National Park Management Plan Review

The Authority is continuing to coordinate the review of the Peak District National Park Management Plan with partners.

Working alongside partners, we have developed an emerging 20 year vision and four aims that work towards delivering the vision. We also have an emerging set of five year objectives and targets that contribute to delivering the 20 year aims. These are continuing to be influenced and shaped by Leaders of key partner organisations, an operational group of partners, and the National Park Management Plan Advisory Group.

The same partner groups will be shaping the delivery plan for the reviewed National Park Management Plan. The Management Plan will continue to be developed with partners until the summer, when all partners will be asked to commit to the vision, and delivering appropriate actions within the delivery plan.

This is in advance of the next five year partnership being adopted in September, ready for implementation from April 2023 onwards.

Farming is Changing

In 2021 the Government started the 7-year transition away from European Union based rules and towards a system in which farmers and land managers are paid to improve the environment, improve animal health and welfare, and reduce carbon emissions.

The main support scheme, the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), will be phased out, existing agri-environment schemes will be closed and the new Environmental Land Management (ELM) approach will be introduced from 2024. ELM includes three new schemes (Sustainable Farm Incentive, Local Nature Recovery and Landscape Recovery) which will reward farmers and land managers for producing public goods.

In addition new grants are gradually being launched to help improve farm productivity and prosperity; and a new approach to farming regulation and enforcement is being developed.

The Peak District National Park Authority and its partners are working with Peak District farmers, land managers and Defra to help co-design, test, trial and pilot these new schemes and support arrangements. The Government's aim to support a vibrant and resilient agriculture sector, that enhances animal welfare and the environment, and helps meet ambitious targets such as the protection of 30% of UK land by 2030 and Net Zero by 2050.

Further information can be found via the following links:

[Agricultural Transition Plan 2021 to 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/agricultural-transition-plan-2021-to-2024)

[Environmental Land Management schemes: overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-land-management-schemes-overview)

[Environmental Land Management scheme: Peak District National Park](#)

Planning Liaison Officer

Joanne Cooper took over the role of Planning Liaison Officer from November 2021.

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