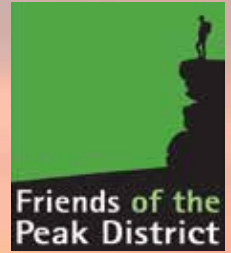


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From the Chair

As I approach the end of my first year as Chair, I can look back at some cautious progress, and some big challenges (and opportunities) ahead.

I am very happy to welcome our new Chief Executive, Tomo Thompson, a really positive addition to our great team - he has a big 'to do' list already. I am also really pleased with the work the team, under new Head of Campaigns Andy Tickle, has been doing on our current campaigns. We are seeing progress in some areas (Sheffield green belt, stopping fracking and Take Back the Tracks) but it is still difficult, and requires a lot of detailed work.

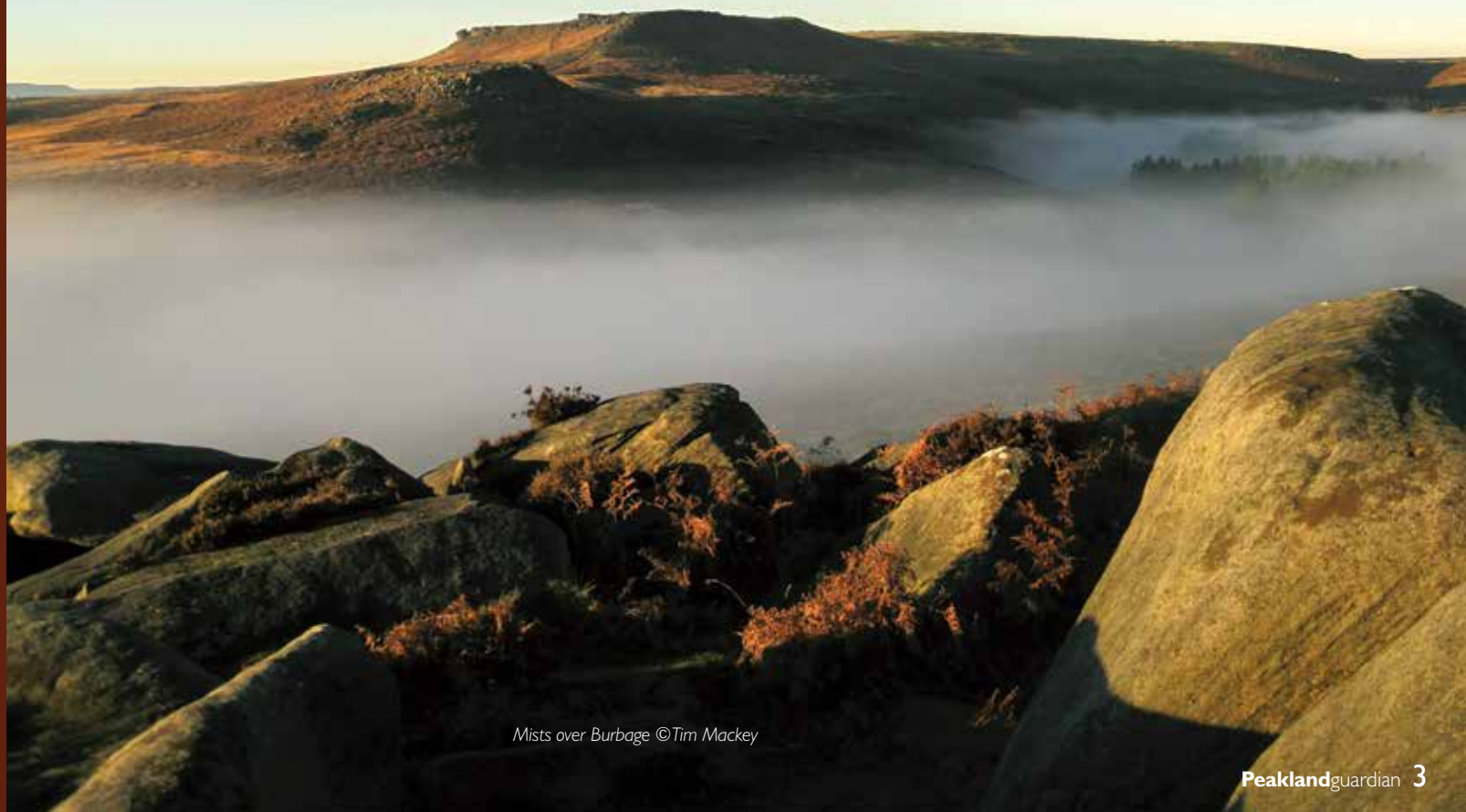
One important area, where we will focus some attention in the coming months, is the Review of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural

Beauty – an independent review, set up as part of the government's 25-year environmental plan. The Review is being led by Julian Glover, and includes our President, Dame Fiona Reynolds. It covers the national parks in England, and the 34 AONBs (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty), and is probably a once in a generation opportunity to influence the future of our designated landscapes. CPRE and CNP nationally are playing an active part, but we need to ensure our unique voice for the Peak District is heard.

And finally, we are actively looking for more volunteers. There are a whole range of things where we need help: working in the office, attending events, planning walks, etc. If you can help in any way, please let Julie Gough know.

Wishing you all the very best.

Chris Heard, Chair



Mists over Burbage ©Tim Mackey

Hello from new Chief Executive

Tomo lives in Sheffield and has been walking, climbing, cycling and running in the Peak District (and in many places around the world) for a fair while. He also teaches outdoor pursuits, and is a retired army officer and a trustee of the Peak based charity, Challenge Cancer Through Adventure.

I am starting to get my head round the challenges on the horizon. Some of the 'big' things on my to-do list are:

- Working to bring our operational costs within the operational budget.
- Considering ways of attracting new members and new methods of fundraising.
- Developing our ability to grow our fundraising from legacy giving.
- Steering the work of the charity towards a more collaborative and campaign based approach.
- Seeking better office space and finding a new home for the archive.

Additionally, there are a few events that I intend to organise over the coming months, which will enable me to meet as many of the membership as possible in an informal setting.

Meet the members evenings - to be held every few months in a different inn chosen from across South Yorkshire and the Peak District. This will be an opportunity for members to socialise with each other, and for me to give a short update on some of the current themes we're working on.

Members' walks - there is an aspiration to hold sociable walks to which members are invited, in various places around South Yorkshire and the Peak District. The walks will vary in nature and distance and will include locations of our current campaigning activity.

Membership offer - we have negotiated a 15% discount for members with Cotswold



Outdoor, Snow and Rock, Cycle Surgery and Runners Need. The code required to claim this discount (in-store and on-line) has been shared with all our members. Please only use it for personal purchases.

Best wishes, Tomo Thompson, Chief Executive

We're still looking for an honorary treasurer

If you're passionate about the countryside and have a good head for figures, we'd love to hear from you. This is an exciting opportunity to work with a highly regarded local environmental charity as part of the team of volunteers (Board of Trustees) who provide governance and direction for our work.

For more info and an informal chat, please contact Tomo on 0114 279 2655 or email tomo@cprepeakandsyorks.org.uk.

Take Back the Tracks

Over the last five years excellent progress has been made to reduce the impact of recreational motorised vehicles on our green lanes and on other users. The National Park Authority has worked hard to bring six traffic regulation orders (TROs) banning such vehicles on routes such as Long Causeway, Chapelgate and Washgate. Most recently added to this list is Wetton, a tranquil green lane between the Hamps and Manifold Valleys.



However, the National Park Authority has no plans for any further restrictions. This means local highway authorities will have to act instead. Derbyshire County Council's pursuit of a TRO banning all recreational motor vehicles from Jacobs Ladder in Stoney Middleton is welcome. The lane is narrow, steep and with blind bends, making it inherently dangerous for use by horse riders and pedestrians whilst motorised vehicles are permitted to use it. Unfortunately DCC had to repeat the consultation it held earlier this year as it failed to ask for contact details from those who responded. This is essential as without them the council cannot fulfil its legal requirement to inform people of the outcome of the consultation. We hope for progress now and that in 2019 off-landers here will be a thing of the past.

Two other lanes in need of urgent attention

are Limer and Swan Rakes at Hollinsclough. Staffordshire County Council has just extended its 18-month temporary TRO for a further 18 months banning all users on safety grounds, using huge boulders to block access. This extended period must be used by the council to determine who should use the lanes and how they might be repaired, as no apparent progress has been made to date.

Costly repairs which meet everyone's approval are not easy to achieve. Despite several consultations and closure of Chapelgate to all users for nearly four years, repairs by DCC are still awaited. Hurstclough Lane has undergone a similar process but remains open. Whilst it is important to try and get a consensus view on repairs it is also important to take a prompt decision and make the lanes accessible.

The affordable housing challenge

If the countryside is to have a future as a place to live and work, then the people who want to work there must be able to afford a home there. It's a simple thing to say, but much harder to implement.

There are two problems with affordable housing. The first is finding someone who can afford to build it, especially in a distorted housing market where land is only available to those who can build the most expensive homes*. The second is keeping it affordable in perpetuity, when government policy is still wedded to home ownership as a universal panacea. In rural areas there's an added complication, in that there are very few suitable sites available in villages. Our priority therefore is to ensure those sites are used to best effect.

Affordable housing is technically defined as being available for less than the market rate, although of course that doesn't necessarily mean people can afford it. We share the view of housing charity Shelter that housing for social rent – that's to say subsidised, regulated rent – is the most important piece of the jigsaw.

In the countryside, including the Peak District, the most common way to plan for affordable homes is through 'exception sites'. These are sites that wouldn't normally be considered acceptable for development, but an exception is made because it provides social housing. The government is threatening to compromise this system by allowing some open market housing on exception sites, to make them more attractive to developers. This is a very slippery slope to losing a precious supply of land for affordable homes.

It all comes down to finance. We understand the financial constraints but we want any new housing to be as good, as sustainable and as suited to the locality as it can be. The competitive bidding process favoured by Homes England, the government agency for housing, puts quantity before quality, which also disadvantages rural areas where numbers are smaller. Organisations like the Peak District Rural Housing Association are working at a major commercial disadvantage against their bigger urban counterparts.

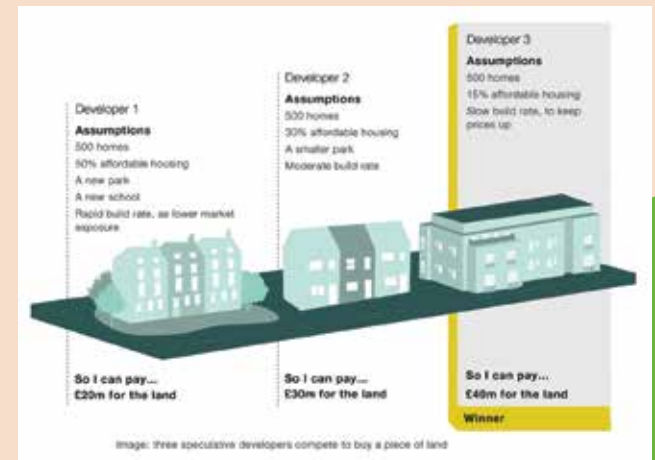
For our part, we're trying to rise to the challenge of promoting affordable housing. We've seen great schemes built, such as in

Youlgreave, and we've championed a community-led approach in Bradwell. But we've also struggled with some developments, for example Town End, Taddington, where we were unconvinced that the scheme was good enough for its Conservation Area setting.

We're also campaigning hard to prevent open-market housing from making communities less affordable to live in. In the Peak District and also in Barnsley Borough (which includes Penistone, Oxspring and Thurgoland) we've fought hard against developers who argue that some new private housing will make villages more affordable. On the contrary, there is good evidence that if new housing is at the affluent end of the spectrum, it will push local house prices up and put homes further out of reach of those who need them.

This gets to the crux of our concerns with urban planning. Sheffield is a hugely divided city for wealth, health and wellbeing and, as we await the Local Plan, we know that there is huge pressure from developers to release green field sites in the rural fringes around Stocksbridge, Worrall, Loxley, Fulwood and Dore. But making land available making land available where demand is high stimulates more demand in the area, which tends to push prices even higher, and this will make social divisions worse.

One of the most important achievements we're aiming for is to ensure that Local Plans benefit people who need homes, rather than just those who stand to profit from green field development.



*Why land is only available to those who can build the most expensive homes.
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Fracktured communities

The government has just consulted on proposals to streamline the planning process for fracking – disregarding widespread opposition and posing huge risks to our local countryside. South Yorkshire and NE Derbyshire are already targeted and the Peak District could be next.

If these proposals go ahead, getting planning permission for exploratory drilling for shale gas could be as easy as for building a conservatory (through permitted development). And decisions will be enforced by national government, stepping over local decision makers and communities' wishes.

CPRE has always believed that the concerns of local people must be at the heart of the planning system, but these proposals completely undermine this principle.

Nationally and locally we have called on the government to drop these proposals: as CPRE South Yorkshire we have written to our local MPs, asking them to push back on these deeply undemocratic proposals. We know that many MPs

and councillors are sympathetic.

Local NE Derbyshire MP, Lee Rowley, convened a vital Westminster Hall debate in September at which MPs of all stripes raised their concerns with Claire Perry, the responsible minister at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Many of our local councils have passed motions rejecting the option of making shale gas exploration drilling permitted development and of allowing the final decision on full-blown fracking solely to rest with government.

Local councils will feel the brunt of it if these proposals are put into practice – with decision making powers taken out of their hands, and made at national level. So we have been campaigning to make sure they know what is being proposed, so they can put pressure on their MPs to stop the plans going through. We also asked you – our supporters – to write or respond via CPRE's petition on the campaign website with 38 Degrees. With your help (thank you so much!) over 199,000 members of the public have now signed. Together with other campaign groups who we are working closely with, we hope this will persuade the government to abandon its undemocratic plans.

Local campaigners celebrate Rotherham Council refusing drilling at Woodsetts



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National housebuilding giants Persimmon Homes have appealed against refusal of a 120-house scheme at Leek Road, Burbage, near Buxton.

The planning application was refused last year, because it's against Local Plan policy and would have a harmful impact on the surrounding landscape. We have now registered to take a major part in the forthcoming public inquiry, submitting our own evidence and cross-examining Persimmon's witnesses.

Saving one prominent green field site is important enough, but this case also has implications for other places in the High Peak and beyond. The High Peak Local Plan contains a policy which allows 'sustainable' developments outside the defined boundaries of settlements. We objected to this policy at the time, because it gives landowners hope that their green field sites could gain permission for housing even if they are not identified in the Local Plan, and this provides them with an incentive to pursue costly planning appeals to get their way.

In fact, the Local Plan sets high standards for the kinds of development that could be deemed acceptable, and the Leek Road scheme falls well short of them. We'll be aiming to demonstrate that the landscape impact, even outside the national park, can dictate against this type of development. And we'll argue that the Local Plan counts for nothing if the sites it rejected as unsuitable for housing can still come forward for development.

The public inquiry is likely to happen in early-mid 2019, and we're keen to make contact with local people who share our determination to see off this damaging proposal – so please let us know if you'd like to receive campaign information about the case. Email andrew@cprepeakandsyorks.org.uk. You can look up the proposals on High Peak's planning website, by searching for application reference HPK/2017/0110.

Time for a deposit refund scheme - long overdue



In September, we organised a litter-pick in Sheffield with the Friends of Sheaf Valley Park as part of CPRE's Green Clean campaign for a national deposit refund scheme. Sheffield was cleaner by 2,150 littered bottles and cans after our army of volunteers had been on the case.

As a charity, we've been campaigning against litter since our founder, Ethel Haythornthwaite, first wrote to the bus companies of Sheffield in 1924, asking them to install ticket bins on their buses to prevent visitors from littering the countryside.

The announcement in March 2018 that England would be getting a deposit refund system was fantastic news. It took ten years of dogged campaigning from many organisations, but this marks the beginning of a new chapter – and a new fight – to get the best possible system.

You only have to look at our country lanes and hedgerows, parks and town centres to know that drinks container litter is a huge problem. Not only is it unsightly, wasteful and a threat to wildlife, but much of it is washed into our streams, rivers, waterways, and eventually our oceans, where it threatens marine life globally.

Unfortunately, we're up against powerful vested interests in the packaging, waste management

and drinks industries who don't want to see their profits diminished, or take financial responsibility for the waste they create. They argue that the scheme should be limited to smaller bottles and some even argue that only plastic bottles should be included, ignoring the huge amount of littered aluminium cans.

CPRE's nationwide litter-picking events demonstrated that, as long as the scheme is designed to collect drinks containers of all materials and sizes, harmful litter could soon be a thing of the past.

Following the huge success of this litter pick, we'd like to organise more events throughout our patch - across the Peak District and the green spaces of South Yorkshire. If you would like to organise a litter pick in your area, or you know of a beauty spot which would benefit from a green clean, please do get in touch with us. We can make a big difference in just a few hours, if we all work together!

Email julie@friendsofthepeak.org.uk

Review of designated landscapes

After years of feeling that national parks were on the defensive in the face of government funding cutbacks and threats of weakened planning controls, the review announced by Environment Secretary Michael Gove in May is welcome. It covers national parks, such as the Peak District, and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), which have a lower level of protection. We don't have any AONBs in the part of South Yorkshire covered by our branch.

The review will look at how these designated landscapes meet the needs of the 21st-century, including whether there is scope for the existing network of 10 English national parks and 34 AONBs to expand. It will also explore how access can be improved, how those who live and work there can be better supported and what their role is in growing the rural economy. The government has stated clearly that existing protections will not be weakened or undermined. Other areas for consideration are how these designated areas can boost wildlife, support the recovery of natural habitat and connect more people with nature.

The review is being led by a panel of seven people, three of whom are closely connected to the Peak District: its leader Julian Glover (Buxton Festival Trustee and resident of Elton); former PNDP Authority Chief Executive Jim Dixon and our branch President Dame Fiona Reynolds.

We are working with our national partners, CPRE and the Campaign for National Parks, to make sure our evidence is joined up. As a charity which campaigned in the 1930s for national parks to be established and for setting up the Peak District as Britain's

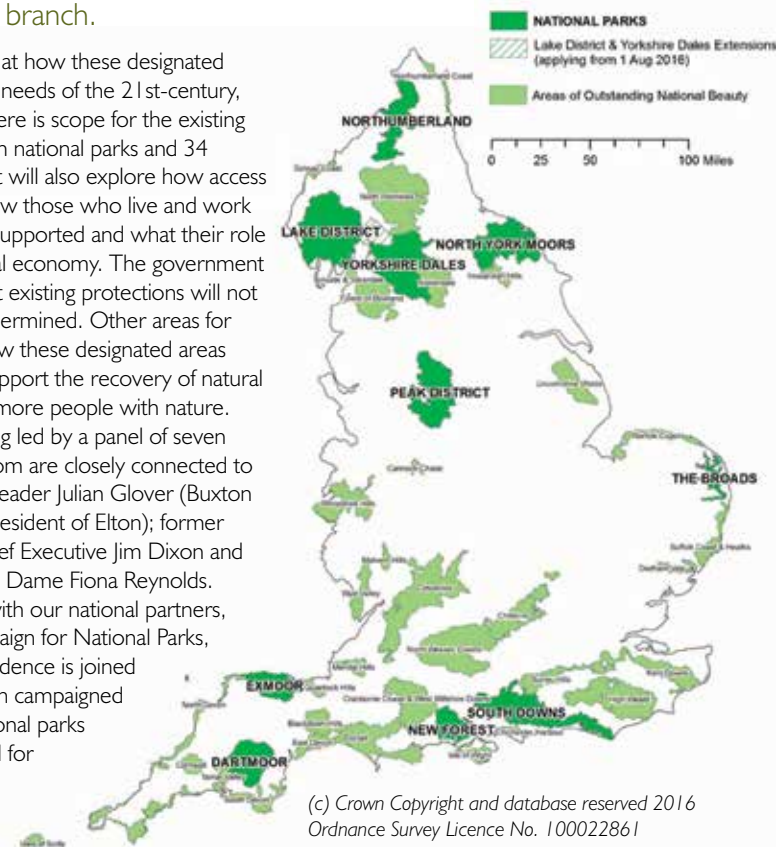
first national park, we are also considering what evidence we can add.

In particular, we are thinking about issues such as:

- Extensions to national parks
- The adequacy of existing planning controls
- Access to national parks by public transport
- How housing needs should be met
- How wildlife should be better protected and enhanced.

If you have any views on any of these or other matters, which you would like us to consider, please send them to andy@friendsofthepeak.org.uk by the end of November 2018.

John Lambert



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Opportunity knocks for upland farmers

In September, Michael Gove – Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – announced the first step towards the government's 'Green Brexit', with the publication of an outline Agriculture Bill. This is a landmark moment as it means the UK can now set its own agenda after nearly 50 years of the Common Agricultural Policy, which clearly hasn't worked for landscapes or wildlife.

Starting with the positives, and as heralded in the earlier white paper, direct payments, based solely on the amount of land farmed, will be phased out and replaced with payments for 'public goods': better air and water quality, improved soils, higher animal welfare standards, public access to the countryside and measures to reduce flooding. In surprisingly frank language, DEFRA describes the current system as "ineffective... skewed towards

the largest landowners... and not linked to any specific public benefits". This inequitable system will be phased out by 2027 and replaced by a new 'environmental land management system'.

What might this all mean for the Peak District and other parts of the South Pennine uplands that we hold so dear? This is where the problems potentially start as the Bill is currently very short on detail, which has led to its rather muted welcome from environmental groups such as ourselves, despite the welcome headline of "cleaner, greener and healthier countryside". We want our farmers and farming communities to be able to thrive so they can deliver the public goods that make the Peak District special – timeless landscapes, amazing wildlife and great local produce. Given that the uplands play a key role in water, soil and carbon management, as well as providing access for health-giving recreation, we will be lobbying for a new system which properly rewards these benefits (sometimes called 'ecosystem services') and helps build thriving rural communities with farming at their core.

As the Agriculture Bill works its way through parliament towards enactment in 2019, we'll be working with partners at CPRE, CNP and our fellow northern national park societies to ensure we can help deliver a better future for our amazing uplands.

Upland farming tractors and bails



Transport strategy for the north

This year Transport for the North became the first sub-national transport body in England. This means it can coordinate transport functions across its constituent north west, northeast and Yorkshire and the Humber council areas and is a statutory partner to the Secretary of State for Transport for both road and rail investment. To meet those ends it has been developing a transport plan.

Dualling of the A628 through Longdendale with up to 600% more traffic is planned



We would have welcomed a pan-northern transport plan that was set firmly within spatial objectives, but this plan is not. By 2050 it aims to transform the northern economy by adding 850,000 jobs and £100 billion to its Gross Value Added through transport interventions. It ignores the local council remit for intra-city travel and instead concentrates on inter-city travel between economic centres. Seven so called strategic development corridors criss-cross the north, with five impacting directly on our patch, including the trans-Pennine dualling of the A628 across the national park. With road schemes dominating the plan, these corridors are already skewing spatial planning into a future of sprawling development and increasing car use. Headline figures indicate that road traffic growth through the park on the A628 could reach over 600% and on the M1 between South and West Yorkshire over 1300%.

Although there is an objective to promote and enhance the environment there is little evidence

of how this would be achieved. For each corridor, packages of measures proposed by local authorities are now being tested for inclusion in the plan. However, with the rail industry about to undergo a radical review which will create huge uncertainty for rail schemes, and with the road investment strategy already in place, the only likely outcome is more motorway investment.

Transport for the North is a difficult body to influence as its governance leaves much to be desired. Its Partnership Board meeting is held in private before the open Board meeting, making the latter appear to repeat only what it deems the public may hear. The Scrutiny Committee which is supposed to scrutinise the Board's proceedings, is used by its members to advocate for projects that would help their individual constituencies. Thus Transport for the North is bringing into play the two disasters we fear most – loss of democracy and unsustainable development.

Brosterfield campsite

Permission was granted for a low impact caravan campsite on Brosterfield farm at Foolow in 1998 as part of the farm's diversification. However, in 2007 the two fields with the permission were sold to Tingdene Homes which subsequently got lawful permission to put static caravans on the site. In order to stop the adverse impacts of up to 20 mobile homes, the Peak District National Park Authority bought the land for £650,000 in 2012.

This was, and is, a lot of money which the Authority believes it must recoup by selling the land as a going concern with permission for a touring caravan campsite. However, two planning applications have already raised substantial objections and left a feeling of mistrust and hostility between the community and the Authority, and

now a third application is planned. Although the chair of the Authority has promised to engage the local community more effectively than previously, it will take more than this to repair the damaged relationship.

The Authority should revoke the original permission for mobile homes, which hangs as a threat over community engagement, and re-consider restoring the land to agricultural use. To make up the shortfall in the budget, the full value of this land, not just its market price, should be captured through accounting which gives monetary values to the natural environment for the valuable goods and services it provides to people, such as clean air, clean water, carbon sequestration in soils and vegetation, food and recreation.

Replacing the Rising Sun

The Rising Sun Hotel in the Hope Valley has stood in a sorry state of disuse for some time. The new owners are proposing to knock it down and replace it with a 3-storey 78-bedroomed hotel and 117 car parking spaces. We acknowledge the need to develop the site in order to remove the blight but have objected to the impact of the car parking both on the landscape and on travel choices. The car park could occupy a large footprint on the site and, without dense screening, will dominate the landscape. It also seems at odds with hotel residents 'enjoying stunning views', as the principal view from the north-facing rooms will be of parked cars.

The plan also offers little encouragement to achieve national and local policy aims to reduce motorised journeys and increase travel by means other than the car. It describes the facilities available in the vicinity rather than offering an innovative plan to encourage guests to visit without their cars

Whilst some of the parking could go underground, arrival by car should not be the default means of travel. More sustainable options, including a shuttle between the hotel and stations on the Hope Valley line, should be part of the development.



Longshaw refurbishment and café extension

Over the last few years the National Trust has planned some substantial improvements to the Longshaw estate in order to create a high quality recreational hub and to remove the entanglement of the residential function of Longshaw Lodge with operational and visitor management. The car park has been refurbished with new woodland walks to the café, a ranger storage base is under construction where the Christmas tree nursery was, and a visitor welcome building in the car park was given planning permission earlier this year.

The culmination of all these plans has been a proposed refurbishment of the stable block and existing tea room, and a café extension with children's play area and courtyard. The design of the new café has successfully taken its cues from the existing buildings and would bring the stunning landscapes of Longshaw into the café. It has sustainability elements of ground source heat pump and solar panels and would remove some ugly flat roofed garages. Coupled with the planned new visitor welcome building in the car park, the

overall refurbishment will provide much improved facilities for a greater diversity of visitors than at present. For these reasons we were happy to support the Trust's planning application.



Langsett permissive paths and family mountain bike trail

We are delighted with Yorkshire Water's proposal for permissive paths and a family mountain bike trail suitable for disabled users at Langsett reservoir. This will create circular routes around the water and widen the range of people who can access and enjoy this area of the national park.

However, we are concerned about the means by which visitors will access the site to enjoy the facilities. Yorkshire Water claim that as the proposal is not aimed at increasing participation, but rather improving the quality of access, no additional car parking is required to that which already exists at Langsett Village, the Flouch and Thickwoods. The proposed routes will connect up to other paths in the local area, providing the opportunity for people to walk or cycle to the proposed paths and mountain bike route from a wider area.

This is all good news but we believe that Yorkshire Water should provide more and better information about existing travel options to the site and consider potential options to increase access by alternative means other than by car. We have therefore urged the national park planners to ensure that Langsett is a showcase for sustainable travel to a Peak District National Park recreation hub.



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CPRE's purpose project

Over the last year, CPRE has been exploring ways to attract new audiences and engage more support. During a nationwide consultation, participants discussed our vision for the countryside and how we will achieve it.

The existing vision and mission statements were felt to be mainly still appropriate and, if amended, must ensure that we continue our work to protect the countryside, as well as promote and enhance it for the benefit of all. The new vision and mission statements are shown below, along with a set of organisational values and behaviours which will reflect CPRE and the new Purpose in our day-to-day work.

Our Vision – A beautiful and thriving countryside that enriches all our lives.

Our Mission – To promote, enhance and protect a thriving countryside.

Our values and behaviours

1. Open – we are inclusive and respectful of everybody, no matter who they are or where they live. Our countryside is for everyone and so are we. We will:

- be open-minded
- be considerate of others
- use language that everyone can understand

2. Connected – we value lasting and effective relationships. We invite and encourage

collaboration to find out what is best for the countryside we love. We will:

- be a good listener
- unite over common ground
- celebrate shared successes

3. Trusted – we use evidence, knowledge and experience to influence positive change. Others believe what we say because they know we can back it up. We will:

- act with integrity
- take a holistic and rigorous approach to finding solutions
- be confident

4. Inspirational – we bring ambition and determination to everything we do. We channel our passion to motivate others and encourage them to act. We will:

- keep the end goal in mind
- be brave and innovative
- have a positive attitude

Our name

Next year CPRE will stop using its full name, the Campaign to Protect Rural England, although it will remain our legal name and in all official documents. All of the above will be reviewed as the new strategy comes into effect from 2020, to ensure that it remains fit-for-purpose and supports our national direction and ambition.

A special legacy

We'd like to say a very special thank you to these people who generously supported our work by leaving a gift in their will.

† Ian George who was a member of CPRE and wished his legacy to be used by Sheffield Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch (our old name).

† Albert Edward Bedhall who named the Peak District and South Yorkshire Branch of CPRE in his will
Heather Bell who was a member of the Friends of the Peak District

If you share our beliefs about protecting our precious and beautiful countryside, please consider leaving a gift in your will. Your legacy, no matter what the amount, will help us ensure that developments are sensitive to the countryside, and that housing sprawl is kept in check. With your help, there will be a green, tranquil and beautiful countryside for tomorrow's children to enjoy.



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Honouring our green belt heroes

In late October 2018, members and VIPs, including the Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, the Master Cutler, our President Dame Fiona Reynolds and CPRE national CEO, Crispin Truman, met to celebrate the restoration of the graves of our founder, Ethel Haythornthwaite and her husband Gerald – the 'power duo' behind the towering achievements of our organisation in the twentieth century. It was fitting to do this at Crookes cemetery, overlooking Rivelin Valley and Sheffield's green belt, which they helped to protect and create.

Together Ethel and Gerald ran CPRE in Sheffield for just over seventy years, from its inception as the Sheffield Association for the Protection of Local Scenery, becoming part of CPRE in 1927 and finally taking over responsibility for all of South Yorkshire in 1990. By that time Ethel had died (1986) and Gerald followed her in 1995. Truly the end of an era. Despite local and national honours, their roles as conservation heroes of Sheffield and the Peak – being the main force behind the establishment of the green belt (in 1938) and the Peak District National Park (in 1951) – is now forgotten by many.

In recent years, their graves – part of the Ward family plot (Ethel was the daughter of famed Sheffield industrialist Thomas W Ward) had also

been neglected and were in woeful need of repair. Former staff and trustees had become concerned but it took campaigning journalist, David France, to get the story on the front page of *The Star*, to spark an appeal – ably run by former staff Jean Smart and Jean Hodgkinson – to restore the graves.

The day was a fantastic opportunity for all those touched by their lives, including a good number of the Ward and Haythornthwaite families, to celebrate their work. We also celebrated TW Ward, a former Master Cutler, whose industry and family wealth enabled the work of the branch, including purchasing threatened land. We were very proud to involve the modern company TW Ward CNC in the project and have them sponsor the

fabulous plaque that marks the public appeal and restoration.





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Boundary Walkers

a holiday to remember!

Having enjoyed walking in the Peak District for several years, we were delighted that a walk around the boundary had been devised. In May 2018 we walked the whole trail.

Leaving Buxton and heading north we were soon high up on green rolling pastures before climbing down into deep dales rich with wild flowers and overlooked by craggy limestone outcrops. The high, rugged gritstone and heather clad moorland paths which provided the route for much of the walk gave magnificent views over the urban sprawl below. We descended into former mill villages with rows of little cottages and weaver's cottages with their distinctive windows. Many of the austere mills still remain to remind us of what the area would have been like in the past.

There were numerous reservoirs, some originally built to power the mills and others to provide water for the increasing populations. Some now used for recreation. We saw abandoned millstones in various states of production; forsaken when progress had made them redundant. We came across remnants of the lead mining industry which had dominated parts of the Peak District for centuries. Today quarrying is the current industry; in places, very much in evidence. The many stretches of path along disused railway lines and the many grand viaducts on the skyline reminded us of our more recent history.

The trail took us through nature reserves, beautiful woods and parkland with magnificent trees and carpets of bluebells and wild garlic. We passed through farm settlements and pretty villages, some with stunning churches.

It was a most enjoyable 13 days walking. The trail was generally well signed and maintained (thanks to the Friends). The terrain was varied, some strenuous, some easy, but always interesting and providing great views across the countryside.

We thought that we knew the Peak District until we walked the Boundary Walk!

Carol and Hagan James

(All arranged for us by Discovery Travel
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Map: OL24

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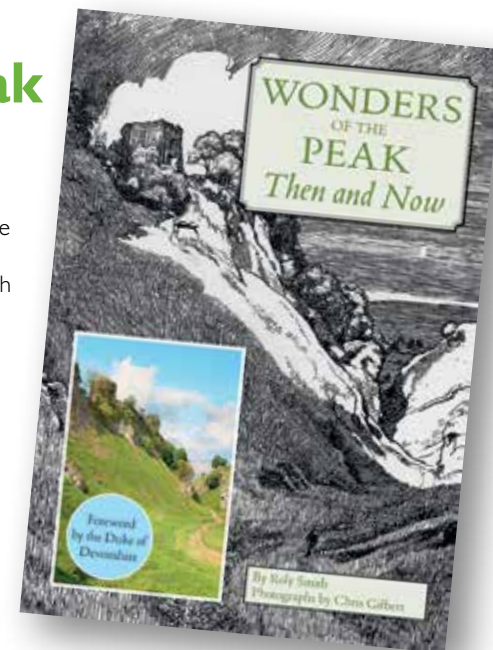
Then and Now

by Roly Smith

I have no hesitation in recommending this attractive little book, *The Wonders of the Peak*. It starts by looking at what historically were considered wonders (Chatsworth House, Mam Tor and various caves and wells) and goes on to consider what should be included in a list of wonders today. It divides the new wonders into three sections: natural, man-made and wildlife. At first, I thought this was slightly contrived, but as I read on, I became more attracted to the concept, challenging in my own mind what should be included and inevitably adding to the list! I have visited or seen many of the wonders listed, but not all, and feel invigorated to complete the set. I really cannot understand why I haven't visited Arbor Low yet!

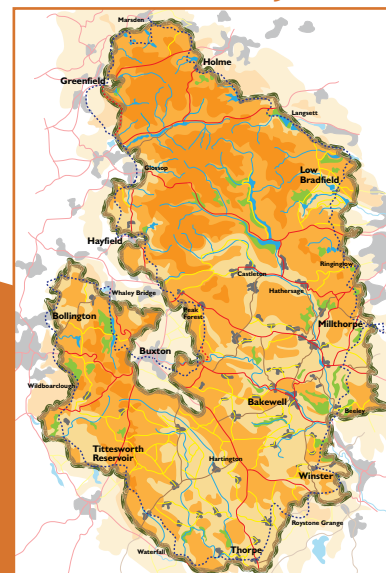
The Peak District is a wondrous place, and this book re-enforces the need for the work that the Friends of the Peak District do to protect it for the future. It is not only 'natural' but also man-made, and as chapter 3 shows, progress can be managed in a way that enhances its beauty.

Chris Heard



A new boundary book

circular walks exploring the boundary



Building on the success of the Peak District Boundary Walk, and the great way it has encouraged people to discover new areas of the Peak District, we are very keen to develop a new book, incorporating circular walks which explore the boundary of the national park.

The walks will be for people who would like to start and finish at the same place, while still exploring new areas, and helping to spread the load on the areas we love.

Walks will be between 5 and 10 miles, depending on what works for the local areas, and we're keen to understand from the people who know their areas best, where we should go.

We'd love you to help! If you would like to contribute to the new book, with a great walk or some great photos, please email

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