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The Yorkshire Dales landscape has many moods; it can be wild and windswept or quietly tranquil.

It includes some of the finest limestone scenery in the UK, from crags and pavements to an underground labyrinth of caves.

Each valley or 'dale' has its own distinct character, set against expansive heather moorland tops.

Stone-built villages sit amongst traditional farming landscapes of field barns, drystone walls and flower-rich hay meadows, and show how the area has been shaped over thousands of years by the people who have lived and worked here.

Spectacular waterfalls and ancient broadleaved woodland contrast with the scattered remains of former mine workings and other rural industries which remind us of the area's rich industrial heritage.

Together, nature and people have created a special landscape of immense beauty and character.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park was designated in 1954 in recognition of its extraordinary natural beauty, the diversity of its wildlife habitats, its rich cultural heritage and its fantastic opportunities for outdoor recreation.

And there is even more to discover following the extension of its boundary on 1 August 2016.

Now covering a stunning 2,179 square kilometres (841 square miles), the National Park is a living, working environment, home to 24,000 people.

The Yorkshire Dales is one of a family of 15 National Parks in the UK, protected for future generations to enjoy.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority works with local communities, businesses and many partner organisations to help keep this a very special place, and to help people understand and share in it.



A very warm welcome to the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Thank you for choosing to come to this very beautiful place.

With great features, a busy events calendar and all the information you need to plan the perfect trip, we hope that *The Visitor 2017* will show just why the Yorkshire Dales is so special.

You can be assured of a warm welcome from the many fantastic local businesses and tourism operators that make this such a great place to stay. Please do your bit to look after it by spending a little extra money in local shops and on local food and drink to help ensure the economic well-being of our communities.

Above all enjoy your visit - and come back soon!

To find out more - including how to get here, where to stay and what to see and do - go to www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Or you can call in at one of our National Park Centres (see page 6) where our knowledgeable information advisors will be pleased to help you make the most of your visit.



Wharfedale

With its steep hills, great views and rocky crags it's no surprise that the valley of Wharfedale is popular with walkers and well-known for the fell races at the annual Kilnsey Show and Burnsall Feast.

Running north from Bolton Abbey, there are many attractive stone-built villages on the way to Buckden. A five-arched bridge spans the Wharfe at Burnsall, a popular picnic spot, and pretty Kettlewell has a collection of cafés and pubs for refreshment.

From the stony outcrop of Simon's Seat it is possible to see much of the southern dales stretching before you. You can look down the Valley of Desolation (now full of life) to the pretty village at Appletreewick and along the river towards the beautiful ruins of Bolton Priory.

Other popular walks follow the Wharfe as part of The Dales Way or climb peaks such as Buckden Pike, where you can find out the poignant WW2 story of its memorial cross.

At Kilnsey Park Estate you can see red squirrels which are part of a breeding programme, meet the alpacas, fish for your supper, enjoy a meal in the café or simply marvel at the height of the crag and the climbers trying to scale it.

The valley is home to many traditional pubs. Find out about the land-letting candle at The George in Hubberholme or visit the cruck barn at the Craven Arms in Appletreewick.

Grassington is the main town and a lively centre with plenty of atmosphere, particularly in December during its Dickensian festivities. It has a summer arts festival, regular farmers markets and many small shops, including one that sells an amazing range of Yorkshire beers.

There are some hidden gems to discover as well. The peaceful gardens of Parcevall Hall are well worth a visit, as are the well-made 'miles without stiles' paths around Grimwith Reservoir and the underground world of Stump Cross Caverns. There is also the tranquil valley of Littondale with its famous pubs - the Falcon at Arncliffe and the Queen's Arms at Litton.



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Left: Kilnsey Crag from Kilnsey Park Estate.

Below: a young visitor.



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Knowledgeable staff are here to offer a one-stop-shop of essential information, as well as local know how on where to go for a great afternoon stroll - and find a refreshing cup of tea afterwards.

Browse our leaflets and shop, with our range of official and exclusive National Park merchandise, as well as books, maps and clothing and locally sourced products.

Hire a GPS receiver and go geocaching, or download our Bluetooth trails to your phone for fun and easy local walks.

Our Centres are in fantastic settings so you'll find plenty to do close by when you call in - why not make a day of it?

Opening Times

1 April to 31 October, open daily from 10am

1 November to 31 March, Saturday and Sunday only (closed January)

Individual Centres vary their opening times throughout the year, with additional opening during school holidays and for special events.

Ring ahead or check www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/nationalparkcentres for details.

Hawes

Dales Countryside Museum,
Station Yard, Burtsett Road, Hawes
DL8 3NT (grid ref. SD875899)
01969 666210
hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk



The nineteenth century railway buildings now house both a National Park Centre and the fascinating Dales Countryside Museum, so there is plenty to pack a day with when you call in.

Don't leave here without...

- ☐ Getting on board the bus to the Snaizholme red squirrel trail to see these native creatures in their favourite habitat
- ☐ Tasting Wallace and Gromit's beloved cheese at the Wensleydale Creamery
- ☐ Calling in at the 100-year-old Hawes auction mart for a real slice of farming life.

Don't leave here without...

- ☐ Climbing the 400 stone steps to see the lunar landscape of limestone pavement at the top of awe-inspiring Malham Cove
- ☐ Getting up close to the world's fastest bird, the peregrine falcon, using high-powered telescopes at the RSPB's viewing point at the Cove between May and July
- ☐ Treading the boardwalk at Malham Tarn, the highest lake in England and inspiration for Charles Kingsley's *The Water Babies*.

Malham

Malham, BD23 4DA
(grid ref. SD900627)
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Grassington

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Don't leave here without...

- ☐ Strolling down Sedber Lane, looking at the lynchets (ancient field systems) and seventeenth century laithe (barn)
- ☐ Marvelling at the waters tumbling over Linton Falls and its restored hundred-year old hydroelectric plant.
- ☐ Exploring the stone-built village's cobbled square and ginnels, before relaxing with tea and cake.

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Don't leave here without...

- ☐ Witnessing the three thunderous cascades of Aysgarth Falls - especially after heavy rain.
- ☐ Tiptoeing through magical Freeholders' Wood with its coppiced woodland and sleepy dormice.
- ☐ Visiting one of the most unusual listed buildings in the National Park - an Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden, built in 1906 by a landowner with a colourful background.

Aysgarth Falls

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Learn the story of the woodland as a natural larder and how the waterfalls were created, before treating yourself at the Coppice Café.

Don't leave here without...

- ☐ Visiting the Swaledale Museum to learn about the hard life former leadminers endured
- ☐ Driving through the famous water splash in Arkengarthdale from the opening credits of BBC TV series *All Creatures Great and Small*
- ☐ Meandering through wildflower meadows in full bloom and taking in the classic Swaledale barns and walls landscape.

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Look out for the new Yorkshire Dales National Park displays at Kirkby Lonsdale, Kirkby Stephen and Sedbergh Tourist Information Centres and Tebay Services.

Milestone on the move

In its heyday - more than 1,900 years ago - it stood at the side of what was then a 'motorway' used to move soldiers between the Roman town of Carlisle (Luguvalium) and the Roman fort of Bremetennacum near the Lancashire village of Ribchester

Then it spent hundreds of years buried in a farmer's field at the side of the A683 south of Sedbergh - a rounded block of sandstone gradually being scarred time and time again by the blades of ploughs passing over it.

Finally, in 1836, it was accidentally dug up by the then landowner - a man called Moore - as he worked the field.

On closer examination he saw it carried an inscription - M.P. LIII - which he discovered stood for 'milia passuum 53', or '53 miles' and he realised he had uncovered a Roman milestone.

Mr Moore decided it was important enough to see the light of day again and he had it re-sited at the top of a nearby hill overlooking the Roman road.

He hired the services of an historian to add a second inscription below the first - 'SOLO ERVTVM RESTITVIT GVL MOORE AN MDCCCXXXVI' - which roughly translates as 'dug from the earth and restored by Moore in 1836'.

There the milestone stood - an ancient sentinel standing guard over the landscape - for another 180-odd years until the effects of weather and, finally, livestock took their toll and it fell over.

Now the milestone, which was identified as a 'Scheduled Monument at Risk' by Historic England, has been moved to what will hopefully be its last resting place - the churchyard of the nearby Church of the Holy Ghost in Middleton. There it will be better protected and be more accessible to members of the public.

Its new site lies within the new area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the painstaking operation to lift it and move it was co-ordinated by Historic England and the National Park Authority.





Playwright, screenwriter and actor Alan Bennett, who has a house nearby, was one of the people who alerted Cumbria County Council when the milestone was knocked over.

“Driving from Sedbergh to Kirkby Lonsdale, my partner Rupert Thomas and I were used to seeing the Roman milestone on the right near Middleton and had once or twice been across the field to have a look at it. Then a few years ago it had gone. We investigated and found it lying on its side in the grass. Fearing that this might be a prelude to its disappearance or destruction, I contacted the museum at Kendal, thus beginning the process which has happily ended with the milestone now re-erected in Middleton churchyard.

The lesson, I suppose, is keep your eyes open and don't be afraid to ask. These monuments are nobody's property. They belong to us all.”

Alan Bennett



For Miles Johnson, the Authority's Senior Historic Environment Officer, it was the first major piece of heritage work that the Authority has carried out in the new area of the National Park - and it was a real challenge.

“The milestone is thought to have been built around 79AD and the inscription probably refers to the distance to Carlisle in Roman miles, which were each made up of 1,000 paces,” he said.

“It was a feature along what was a major trunk road that ran from Ribchester to Carlisle - a Roman version of the M6 - and some parts of the road survive under modern roads including the A683, while others are visible as an earthwork.

“The milestone is a curious piece of cultural heritage with an interesting story behind it - and it was hugely important that each step of its restoration was carefully thought out and planned with all the organisations involved.”

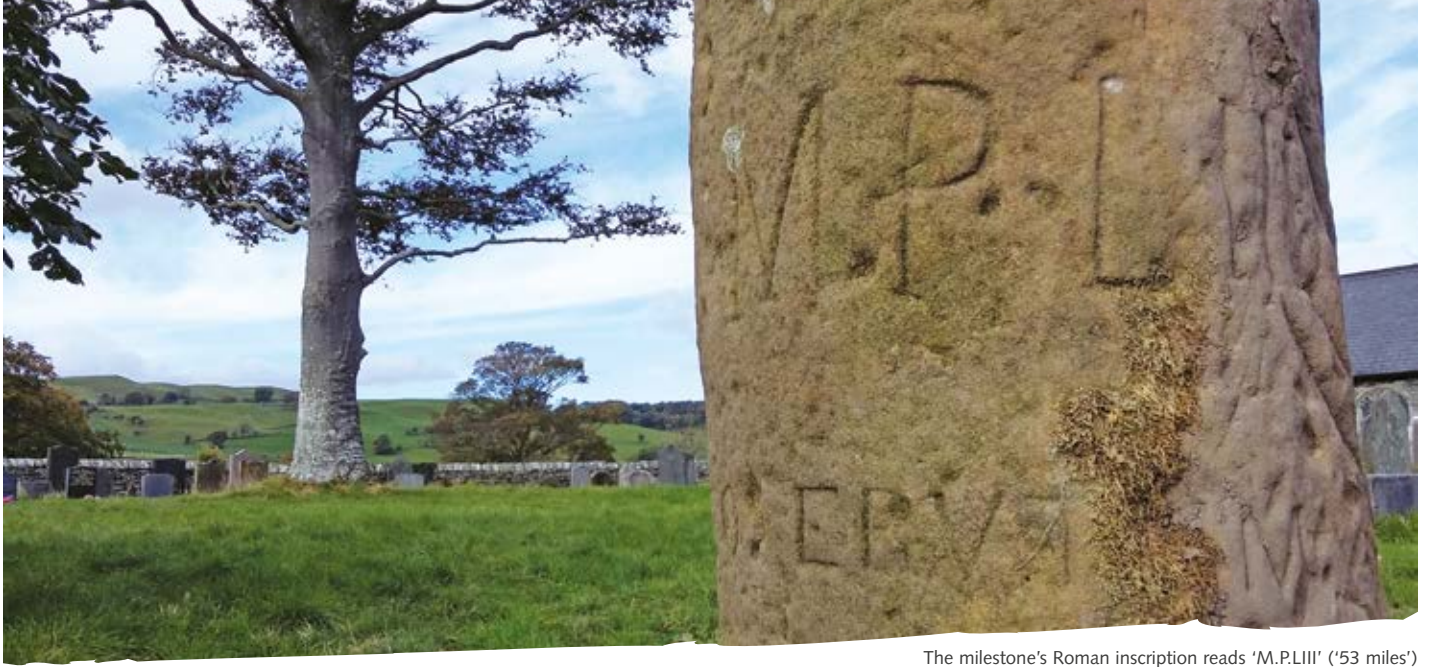
Steve Hastie, the Authority's Area Manager West, who led its physical recovery to its new site said: “We met with Historic England, residents, landowners and the Lunesdale Archaeology Society and came up with a plan to move it with help from the farmer.

“There was a very real risk we could damage or even destroy it while it was being lifted and moved down a slope and across two fields or when it was being installed in the churchyard. On top of that it was pouring with rain, which didn't help matters at all!

“We dug out the hole for its new site by hand and then we packed stone and earth around the base to securely pin the post and fill it in.



Main image: the Middleton milestone in its new resting place at the Church of the Holy Ghost. Inset: the milestone was found on its side in a nearby field. Above: archaeologist Robert White with the toppled milestone prior to its relocation to the churchyard in the distance.



The milestone's Roman inscription reads 'M.P.LIII' ('53 miles')

"It was a tricky job, but the task was completed smoothly and carefully.

"Now that it's in the churchyard, we hope more people will come to see it - and it

The National Park Authority has produced a short film recording the whole, nerve-wracking but successful move - view it at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/milestone

will be a great attraction for schools and archaeology groups."

The Rev Richard Snow, the Rector of Holy Ghost Church, said: "It's brilliant to see it there in the churchyard.

"It had been knocked down by some cows, I think, and it was going round the community that we ought to put it back up again.

"It's part of the heritage of the community so it felt appropriate to suggest it might be better to move it into the churchyard. It's close to where it was originally and it's a

little more protected."

For Historic England's Heritage at Risk Project Officer, Sarah Howard, the milestone is significant because it is one of only around 50 surviving examples within Britain.

"The next step will be to work with the local community and the Authority to create an interpretation board and exhibition in the church so that visitors can find out about Romans in the Lune Valley as well as the recent history of the Middleton moving milestone."

Ten more extraordinary historic sites in the Yorkshire Dales National Park

- Pendragon Castle, Cumbria
- Old Gang lead mine, Gunnerside, Swaledale
- Castle Dykes Neolithic henge, Aysgarth, Wensleydale
- Hoffmann Kiln, 19th century lime works, Langcliffe, Ribblesdale
- Roman marching camp, Mastiles Lane, Malhamdale
- Brigflatts, 17th century Quaker meeting house, Sedbergh (pictured right)
- Crook Gill medieval packhorse bridge, Cray, Wharfedale (pictured left)
- Corpse Way stone resting slabs, Keld to Grinton Church, Swaledale
- Barden Tower, 15th century hunting lodge, Bolton Abbey
- Bronze Age ritual site, Ingleborough summit



Discover more about the unique historic environment and fascinating cultural heritage of the National Park on our specialist website www.outofoblivion.org.uk

Skipton & Bolton Abbey

Originally a trading centre for sheep and wool - its name Scep Tun meant 'sheep town' - Skipton grew up around its magnificent castle, nearby church and market place. It now boasts many pubs, bars, cafés and shops along with a still thriving regular market and a vibrant night life.

The perfect gateway to the Yorkshire Dales, Skipton is at its southernmost base and is easily accessed by train from Leeds and Bradford.

The 130-mile long Leeds-Liverpool Canal, one of the early achievements of the Industrial Revolution, runs through its heart and offers visitors narrowboat day trips.

Skipton Castle was established in the late eleventh century. Over 900 years old, it is one of the most complete and best preserved in the country, giving excellent views over the town and Skipton woods and an exciting opportunity to take a step back in time.

Craven Museum and Gallery in the revamped town hall is the home of Shakespeare's First Folio, one of only four on permanent display in the world. The museum tells the story of life in the Dales and there are rotating exhibitions in the gallery.

Skipton is also home to an unusual art venue which sees the Auction Mart transformed for annual events such as Art in the Pen and Yarnale and, more regularly, to host plays, comedians and films.



A re-enactor stands guard outside Skipton Castle

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Skipton & Bolton Abbey

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Wild, wild life



Dormice sleep again in the Dales

For the last hundred years the Yorkshire Dales has been missing a tiny creature that was once a key indicator of the health of our ancient woodlands.

The warm hazel thickets of Wensleydale, Wharfedale and Dentdale used to be home to one of the most charismatic of small mammals - the dormouse.

Immortalised in Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, and known for its long bushy tail and sparkly black eyes, it could easily fit into a teacup.

By the end of the nineteenth century the management of traditional hazel coppices had come to an end. They were gradually lost to agriculture and the planting of trees for timber - and the dormouse simply lost its home.

Now, with a little help from its friends at the wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species and the National Park Authority, this elusive creature is making a comeback.

Thirty eight rare hazel dormice were released into the Yorkshire Dales National Park last summer and are now feeling right at home - in fact they've already started raising young.

The first spot checks of the woodland near Aysgarth in Wensleydale by trained and licenced staff were extremely encouraging.

Ten more amazing species of the Yorkshire Dales National Park

- Red squirrel
- Juniper
- Brown long-eared bat
- Cottongrass
- White-clawed crayfish
- Wood cranesbill
- Heather
- Bird's-eye primrose
- Curlew
- Northern brown argus butterfly



From left to right:
juniper, northern brown
argus butterfly and curlew

Three months on, 11 of the nest boxes we put up were occupied with 34 dormice. This included 13 juveniles and the same number of small young still dependent on their mothers. There were also 13 unoccupied dormouse nests in other boxes scattered through the wood.

The presence of so many young so early in the scheme highlights how good the habitat is for dormice and looks positive for the coming years.



The reintroduction followed a similar release in 2008 when dormice returned to nearby Freeholders' Wood at Aysgarth Falls after a century's absence from the Yorkshire Dales. And the latest results are comparable with those from the first post-release monitoring which is very promising.

The PTES and the Authority are working towards improving the habitat between the two sites so that they will eventually link up and create a larger, sustainable population.

The reintroductions play an important role in the long-term conservation of this endangered species and are part of the Species Recovery Programme supported by Natural England.

Special to the Dales



Did you know..?

Yorkshire feather moss - is endemic to one gorge in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and found nowhere else.

English sandwort - the entire UK population of this tiny flower are found on and around Ingleborough.

Lady's slipper orchid - the only naturally surviving population of this species is found in the Dales.

Black grouse (pictured) - are found no further south in England than the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Limestone pavement - half the total area of limestone pavement in the country is found in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Find out more about dormice and all the rare and special animals, plants and habitats of the Yorkshire Dales National Park on our website www.natureinthedales.org.uk

Sleepy heads

- Dormice spend the day sleeping in nests woven to entirely surround them
- They are nocturnal and hibernate from October to April
- If food is short, they can become torpid by lowering their body temperature to save energy
- Dormice can spend up to three quarters of their lives asleep.



Visitors flocking to Malham Cove this summer could catch an astonishing glimpse of the world's fastest animal.

Peregrine falcons have made their home at the Cove for the past 15 years - and raised young - and we hope to see them come back this spring.

RSPB and Authority staff and volunteers will once again run a special free viewpoint at the foot of the rock face, so that visitors can watch the spectacular birds through high-powered telescopes.

More than 218,900 people have visited since it started in 2003.

The Malham project is part of the RSPB's Date with Nature event programme, which makes rare and spectacular birds and animals accessible for everyone to see.

For the latest news, including our Malham Cove video blogs, visit www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/peregrines, and follow @malhamperegrine on Twitter.

Swaledale & Arkengarthdale



Footpath through a Muker hay meadow

The two far northern dales, with their iconic farming landscape of field barns and drystone walls, are the perfect place to retreat from a busy world and relax.

At the head of Swaledale is the tiny village of Keld, the crossing point of the Coast to Coast Walk and the Pennine Way long distance footpaths. Keld was once a more populous place at the peak of the lead mining boom and you can explore its history at the Keld Countryside & Heritage Centre.

The River Swale is one of England's fastest rising spate rivers, rushing its way between Thwaite, Muker, Reeth and Richmond.

On the moors you're likely to see the hardy Swaledale sheep, key to the livelihood of many Dales farmers - and the logo for the Yorkshire Dales National Park;

in the valleys, tranquil hay meadows, at their best in the early summer months.

It is hard to believe these calm pastures and wild moors were ever a site for industry, but in many places you can still spot the remains of the former leadmining industry. Find out more about local life at Swaledale Museum in Reeth.

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In Reeth there are great shops showcasing local photography and arts and crafts: stunning images at Scenic View Gallery, dramatic sculptures at Graculus, ceramics at Garden House Pottery, and cosy Swaledale Woollens.

To get more active, why not learn some navigation with Mark Reid and colleagues at Team Walking or take to the hills on two wheels with Dales Bike Centre.

And after all the exercise there are some great cafés and pubs to enjoy. Have a drink at Tan Hill - the highest pub in Great Britain - or a meal at the CB Inn or The Burgoyne.

Further down the Swale lies the market town of Richmond with its castle ramparts rising above the river and a stunning market square. The old station has been converted into a great place to visit with cinema, art galleries and a brewery that can be toured.

Find out more at www.swaledale.net



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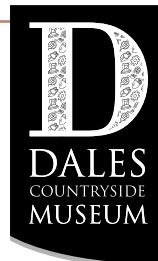
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i Hawes National Park Centre is based at the Museum - call us to find out what to see and where to stay.

If you have Dales connections you might like to dip into your family history in our Research Room - expert help is on hand on Mondays and Wednesdays.



EXHIBITIONS IN 2017

01 February to 02 April

EXPLORATIONS OF LAND AND NATURE

Stunning photographs by David Higgins and Gary Lawson inspired by the landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales and other protected areas.



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Events run throughout the year.

You might like to **try something new** like **stone carving, rugmaking, felting or printmaking**. If you would rather watch the experts, come along to learn how drystone walls are built, see traditional knitting brought to life, or have a chat to Mrs H in the Victorian kitchen about washday, dairying and preserving.

There's also the chance to **meet a Yorkshire Dales National Park Ranger** or find out about the wildlife of the National Park. Catch the red squirrels at nearby Snaizholme on our squirrel cam!

Look out for seasonal treats and check out our full listing at www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk.



05 April to 21 May

FLORA AND DALES

Gill Kirk uses print, mixed media and stitch to illustrate the fascinating complexity of plant life in hay meadows.

26 May to 16 July

SPEAR

Follow the creation of the stunning Semerwater Spear installation in 2016 (pictured below) and artist David Murphy's response to the prehistory collections and Bronze Age spearhead displayed at the Dales Countryside Museum.



The Spear on Lake Semerwater created by artist David Murphy and (above) the original Bronze Age spearhead in the Museum collection that inspired the installation

Refuel and relax at the **Firebox Café**.

Stage 1 Cycles, which runs the café, is also a **bike shop, cycle training, hire and activity centre**. It was established as a result of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Depart which passed through the town.

The café's name refers to the firebox on a steam train which not only fuelled the engine but was also where the crew prepared their bacon and eggs!



Beyond The Bridge
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19 July to
02 October

LUCY PITTAWAY

The up and coming artist of the year 2016

shares her love of nature and landscape through a striking use of pastel.

04 October to 22 December

VOICES FROM THE LAND

Through photos, audio recordings and writings, this exhibition shares the lives and practices of Dales farmers today. What does it take to work this harsh land? What has changed in the last 50 years? Collected by Rob and Harriet Fraser and a team of volunteers from farms, shows and sales and shown alongside items from the Museum's collection.

Sedbergh, Dentdale & The Howgills

Nestled beneath The Howgills - a dramatic spread of high, rounded hills described by walker and writer Alfred Wainwright as looking like a 'herd of sleeping elephants' - is the delightful market town of Sedbergh.

Sedbergh offers boutique shops, second-hand bookshops and cafés, and on the edge of town is the restored Victorian woollen mill, Farfield Mill Arts & Heritage Centre, a hive of creativity with galleries, artists' workshops and craft demonstrations.

Nearby, the dramatic waterfall of Cautley Spout crashes down the side of the Howgill Fells. It is reached from the Cross Keys, a 400-year-old temperance inn now owned by the National Trust.

The area is central to the history of the Quaker movement. You can visit Fox's Pulpit, the hillside spot where George Fox preached in 1652 - thought of as the start of the society - and the supremely peaceful meeting house at Brigflatts.

Walkers will delight in the low level walks on The Dales Way by the Dee and Lune rivers, as well as the higher routes and summits of The Howgills.

The River Dee flows down the glorious limestone valley of Dentdale where you can find a real sense of tranquillity. High on the valley side is Dent Station - the highest mainline station in England at 1,100 feet - which is on the spectacular and historic Settle-Carlisle railway line.

The cobbled streets of Dent village are home to the award-winning George & Dragon pub with its own micro-brewery, and the town's centrepiece: a memorial fountain to its most famous son, Adam Sedgwick, considered to be the founding father of modern geology.

The Dent Village Heritage Centre is packed with artefacts explaining the history of the dale and its people, including the mining of the black Dent marble and the story of the 'terrible knitters of Dent'.

There are also hidden surprises such as John Cooke's art gallery, blacksmith Lucy Sandys-Clarke, the Meditation Centre and Sophie's Wild Woollens.

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The eroded Swine Tail footpath on Ingleborough (above) and after the restoration work (left)

This amazing amount of money meant that we were able to get on and repair this popular trail which has really suffered because of the numbers of walkers who use it every year.

The existing cobbled setts were difficult to walk on, resulting in people stepping off route and creating an ever widening scar across the vegetation.

The work saw the setts replaced with around 700 solid reclaimed stone flags,

Work to improve footpaths on Ingleborough was given a boost of more than £12,000 this year thanks to the BMC - the country's leading organisation for mountain-loving people.

It launched its 'Mend our Mountains' crowdfunding campaign to raise at least £100,000 for environmental projects put forward by national parks within the UK.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority project was to renovate the Swine Tail network of paths. Two hundred and sixty-six generous backers took it past its own £10,000 target - reaching £12,460 by the time the crowdfunding finished.

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Our Three Peaks Project aims to create a sustainable source of both practical and financial support that will help protect and enhance the area and the rights of way network into the future. Since its

launch, many of the charities that regularly use the Three Peaks for sponsored events have donated towards its upkeep.

We've produced merchandise to celebrate walking one, two or all of the peaks and launched the Friends of the Three Peaks for those who love the area and want to give something back.

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136 pallet-loads airlifted in by helicopter. In total, 460 metres of footpath were repaired - including 90 metres that were not originally planned using additional flags and extra funding.

"To get to the site it was a two hour round trip", explained Three Peaks Ranger Josh Hull. "Some days would be frustrating - if the weather was bad we might only lay 15 flags, but some days we could lay up to 45.

"It's been very rewarding. A lot of positive comments from walkers and runners, combined with some cracking weather, creates a pretty nice office. It's amazing to see the work finished and the difference revegetating has made."

The work took seven weeks spread out between August and October and involved rangers, Dales Volunteers, and young people staying locally on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

The results of people's generosity will be seen and felt by thousands of walkers every year and we say a big 'thank you' to everyone who pledged.

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