

**KATIE READ** 

# Cumbria Tourism<sup>e</sup>

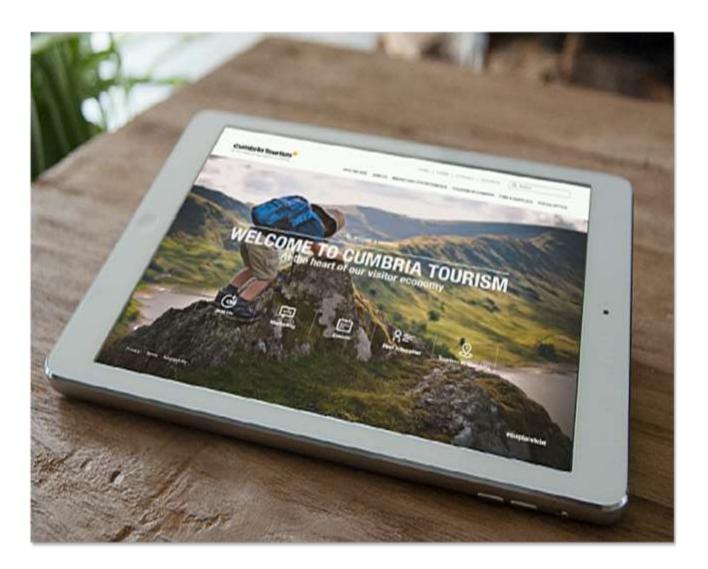
# **CUMBRIA TOURISM/ TOURISM IN CUMBRIA**

- 2,500 member businesses
- NFP 98% funded commercially
- Key activities;
  - strategic leadership & representation
  - business development
  - marketing and communications

#### **Ambition:**

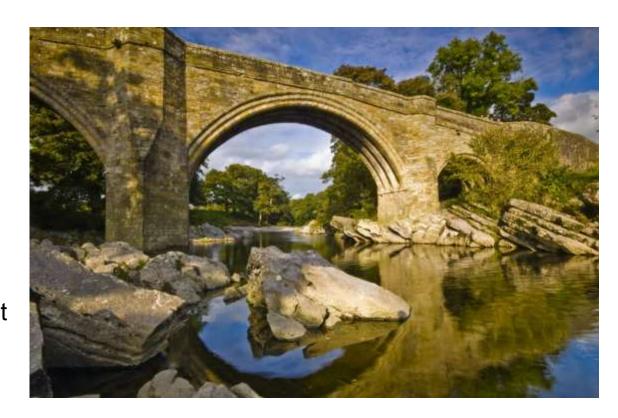
- Grow the value of tourism
- Attract and disperse
- All year round tourism

VE success is integral to our county's success. Key is how we work together to maximise this. Align resources and voices to reap maximum benefits



# **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

- 47 million visitors
- 40.7 million day trippers
- 6.6 million overnight stays
- £2.9 billion
- 37,796 f/t jobs = 20% of the county's total employment
- Biggest % increases outside core LDNP



## WHAT THE 2018 VISITOR SURVEY TELLS US

- First time visitors increasing 18% visiting for first time
- 29% had only visited new places, 47% re visiting mix of old and new
- Adventure, culture and heritage are key motivations
- Growing appetite for health/well being benefits. 93% felt better physically from visiting
- 94% felt 'very much so' or 'quite a lot' better mentally
- Small increase in younger families (under 10s) 17%
- Party size increased 3.86 in 2018.
- 15% had a dog
- Someone in the party with a disability was 18%.
- Increases in the proportion visiting the beach/coast was higher 18%
- (43%) of overseas respondents were either from America (24%) or Australia (19%).
- Those visiting heritage attractions such as castles, monuments, churches up to 40%

## LOTS MORE TO BE POSITIVE ABOUT...

• 2 x WHS 2 x National Parks 3 x AONB and a UNESCO Global Geo Park! – further raises profile as a

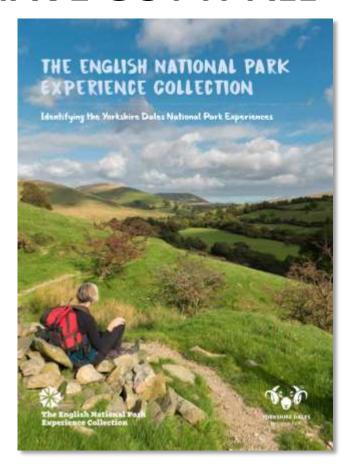
'World Class Destination'

- Opportunities to create increased awareness of wider Cumbria
- Encourage more to explore new places, stay longer and spend more
- Evidence shows it's working
- More international visitors via Northern Gateways/DEF
- Also Ireland, SE, and US via CLDA
- Confidence investments and projects within the YDNP
- Millennials and Microgappers!!
- Brexit staycation?
- Strong commitment to working together joined up lobbying; Sector Deal; digital infrastructure



# PLAYING TO STRENGTHS – DALES HAVE GOT IT ALL

- Seeking new places
- Something different
- Relaxation
- Experiences
- Adventure
- Culture & Heritage
- Food & Drink
- Quirky & Quality
- Dark Skies
- Itineraries make it simple



Experience a different side to Cumbria

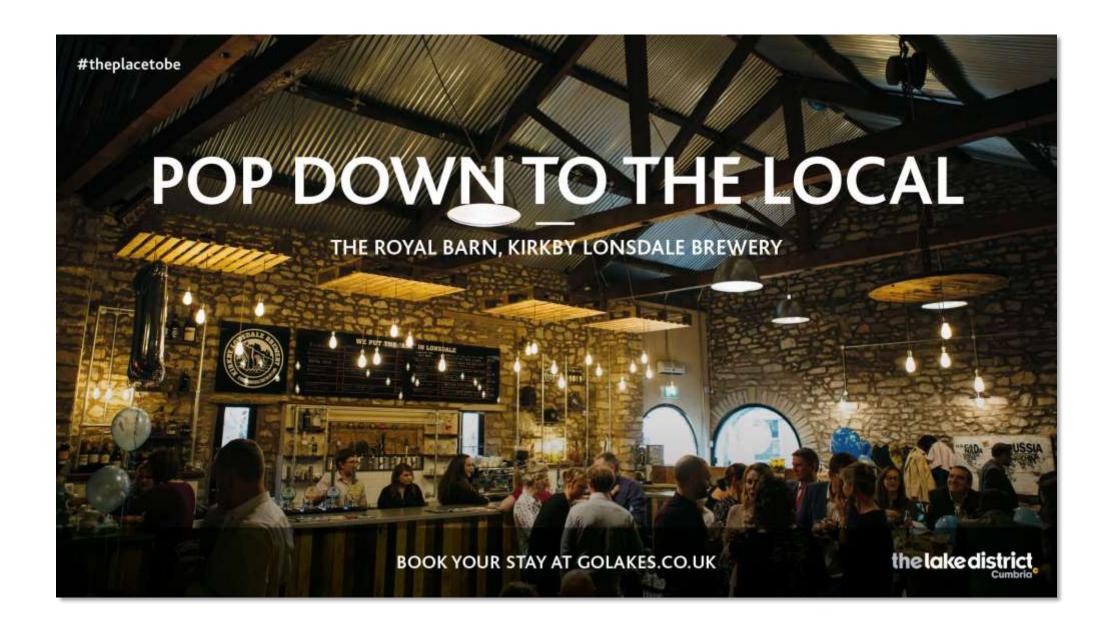
# MARKETING WITH ONE CLEAR MESSAGE & VOICE

- CT marketing reach significant
- Working together adds strength
- Duplicating dilutes
- www.golakes.co.uk 5m visitors
- Customer database 105k+
- Themed segmented databases
- Social media audience of 300k
- 600,000 publications
- National Campaigns #theplacetobe; Winter (32m); Rail



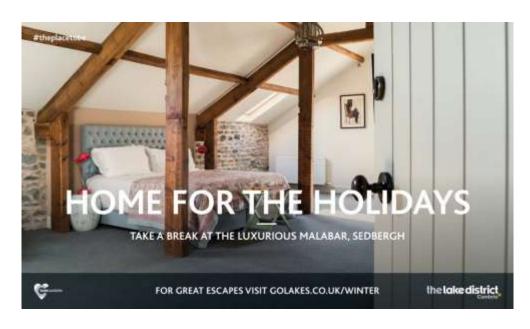














### **Cumbria Tourism**

# **DESTINATION PR**

#### NATIONAL COVERAGE INCLUDES

- THE TIMES
- GUARDIAN
- TELEGRAPH
- MIRROR
- BUSINESS TRAVELLER MAGAZINE
- COUNTRY WALKING MAGAZINE

#### INTERNATIONAL COVERAGE INCLUDES

- o USA
- o INDIA
- o AUSTRALIA
- o CANADA o AUSTRIA
- o RUSSIA

o SWITZERLAND

o GERMANY

o BRAZII



#### Targeting Millennials and Internationals

- Where's Mollie (Sept 2018) blogger/influencer part of a wider VisitBritain campaign
- Australian influencers Emily and Jason (around 2m followers online, combined)



# INTERNATIONAL MARKETING



- MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY
  US
- NATIONAL PARKS EXPERIENCE COLLECTION GERMANY & AUSTRALIA
- NATIONAL TRAILS HADRIAN'S WALL & THE PENNINE WAY - GERMANY, NETHERLANDS & US
- ENGLAND'S NORTHERN WORLD HERITAGE COLLECTION US & IRELAND
- UNITED STATES AND INDIA

# TAKING CUMBRIA ON THE ROAD



















# OVER 220 OFFERS AVAILABLE

# MyCumbria

1,600 CARDS IN CIRCULATION





4000 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS





# Cumbria Tourism Awards 2019 deadline strictly Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March!





# **WORKING TOGETHER**

- Time is right
- Opportunities now for private sector, strategic partners, public sector support, to align even more strongly with a clear brand that sits under and benefits from the Lake District
- Delighted to be partnering with SLDC, YDNPP & Eden, as well as other partners to grow the value of the visitor economy for this beautiful part of the world
- Urge businesses to be part of CT. The greater prominence and success of CT the more it can achieve a win, win for all"