



PARISH ENGAGEMENT



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A word from our General Manager:

Claife:

Moss Eccles Dam repairs project is ongoing, and we are working on final designs with the contractor. We will have some images that show how this will look and would like to share these with the Parish Council over the next couple of months and if wanted we can organise a site visit. If the pc would like us to come to a meeting, please let us know.

Coniston:

Gondola has a new timetable for 2025 introducing a shorter morning cruise which is a lower cost for visitors.

We would be happy for the PC to come along on a sailing if you would like. Please contact Seonag or Julian Blatchley to organise this.

High Oxen Fell was relet at the end of 2024 and new tenants will be moving into the farm in 2025 – they will initially move into the refurbished holiday cottage while works to the main farmhouse are completed. The tenants will also be running what was the National Trust holiday cottage at High Hallgarth which has been closed for a couple of seasons.

Hawkshead:

Following on from the successful testing of using the former Gallery (now Main Street Studio) for the exhibition in summer 2024, and the Christmas fair we have a working group to try and put together a programme of events in the building for 2025.

A word from the Countryside:

Simon Hill attended the Bathing water meeting, and we are keen to continue working with the community and the PC on making improvements.

National Trust is currently working with other stakeholders including the Lake District National Park, Westmorland & Furness Council, Cumbria Tourism, and the Police on area action plans to support our visitor management around Cathedral Caves, Slaters Bridge, Hodge Close and Harrowslack. We are in the process of developing a long-term vision for Harrowslack to be shared and consulted on later in the year.

Other News:

Head to Hill Top this year for 'Mischief in Miniature', which brings to life the nostalgia of Beatrix Potter's tale featuring the mischievous mice, Hunca Munca and Tom Thumb. This enchanting experience is designed to delight visitors of all ages with miniature scenes from the book, along with other 'acts of mischief' that the pair might engage in at Hill Top. As though they have jumped from Beatrix's pages, tiny mice can be discovered in various nooks and crannies throughout the property, illuminated by small candles and lanterns that add an extra touch of magic to the visitor experience. Visit the website for opening dates and times: [Mischief in Miniature | National Trust](#)

We would be happy for the PC to visit Hill Top if you like. Please contact Seonag to organise this.

We are currently refurbishing 2 Thornthwaite Cottage at High Wray. (Claife)

We are working hard to secure central funding for the refurbishments of Far End House in Coniston and the previous holiday cottage at Low Hallgarth in Little Langdale. Once refurbished both are to be re-let on residential tenancies. (Coniston)

Little Force Cottage on Vicarage lane will be advertised on Rightmove within the next few weeks. (Hawkshead)

Gondola is in her mid-Winter maintenance season, which this year involves a major engine overhaul. Thickness testing of the hull has just confirmed that Gondola remains in excellent structural condition, and we will be back in service on 3rd April.

Please contact Seonag Porter with any feedback
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