

Quarterly Progress Report



January – March 2019 Year 1 Quarter 4



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The Environment

Restoring Traditional Boundaries

- Jessie Tearle, the Graduate Trainee, has now completed farm visits to identify farmer's priorities for hedgerow and wall boundary repairs and restoration; and digitised them on GIS to compare them with the Pendle Hill boundary priorities as identified by Rigby Jerram. This information will be used to shortlist site visits for prioritising boundary restoration work. We are now starting to identify contractors and preparing draft agreements for contractors and landowners for restoration works
- Jessie Tearle organised and ran two beginner's hedgelaying training days on 20 and 21 February at Higher Higsons Farm, Twiston, 13 trainees in total attended with trainers Joe Craig and Geoff Whitley.



The hedge laying trainees and trainers

- We also ran the annual Bowland Hedgelaying Competition on 2 March 2019 at Cockshotts Farm, Sabden in association with Dave Padley and the Lancashire and Westmorland Hedgelaying Association. The Pendle Hill team and DSWA provided project information and interpretation in the adjacent village hall for the public attending the competition. Tracy Cumberbatch, DSWA ran a walling taster activity at the hedgelaying competition where it was estimated 200+ people attended the event, with 21 competition entries
- Farmers from the Pendle Farmers Network were invited to put forward walling sites to be used for walling training activities and site visits were undertaken to assess their suitability. With advice from Philip Dolphin, Master craftsman, venues have been identified for a programme of Beginners and Level 1 training over the next 3 years, together with a venue for the 2020 walling competition (provisionally 17th May 2020 at Fence near Barnoldswick).
- A 2 day beginners walling course has been organised for 22 and 23 June at Thorney Bank Farm, Roughlee together with a People Enjoying Nature (PEN) and staff walling training day on 21 June at same venue in partnership with the Pendle Hill team. A 10 day level 1 course will also be held this summer.

Restoring Wildlife and Priority Habitats

- Final Report of the additional area Phase 1 survey (habitats and boundaries) received. We are still awaiting the GIS data layers for the habitats part of this project and also the related photographs.
- 90 metres of hedging completed by a skilled contractor at Clarion House Wildlife Discovery site as part of the implementation of the management plan for the site.

- Plans for new pond installation at Clarion House Wildlife Discovery site put on hold as owners have decided that they don't want this part of the project plan to go ahead. This is due to restrictions on insurance (they only have provision for one pond under their current insurance).
- Ongoing discussions with Pendle Borough Council over the agreed plan at Barley Wildlife Discovery site concluded with the need for a meeting due for 25th April 2019. Once this meeting has taken place, we will be able to move forward with the work on site. Plans are in place for the construction of a switch back path up through the scrubby/wooded area.
- Management plan for Worsaw Hill has been agreed with landowner and plans for four workshops have been agreed for delivery in June 2019 two arts workshops and two limestone grassland plant ID workshops.
- Re-survey of 23 heather condition quadrats on Barley Moor completed and report drafted on changes over time work completed by Hilary McGuire, MSc student on placement with AONB.
- Historic species records of Curlew collated where available for the PHLP area and used to inform wider Curlew Recovery project across the Northern Uplands Local Nature Partnership, and also linked to training for the Pendle Hill Farmer Network on recording birds for the Big Farmland Bird Count.

Creating and Managing Woodlands

- Fencing associated with woodland creation and management was completed in this quarter.
- Tree planting has been the principal activity in this quarter, with all sites completed by the end of March (Twiston 2018, Cold Coates, Barn Wood, Swardean). In total 10.6 hectares of woodland has been planted with 11,300 trees this winter
- 108 volunteer days were delivered over 20 days, and a number of specific events for schools were also held at Twiston and Barn Wood at Hillside farm in Sabden.





Tree planting at Lower and Upper Twiston Beck

Restoring Footpaths and Repairing Peatland on the Summit

- The **footpaths** to the summit have been maintained by a PEN group this quarter, and are looking in good condition despite the winter rains and spring drought, and increasingly heavy usage.
- An information sign has been produced with input from a skilled volunteer; and will be installed in May. This introduces visitors to the area and identifies points of interest. A brief for a digital app for the summit has also been issued and two tenders received.

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- Peat restoration works continued for two weeks in February 2019 as follows:
 - ✓ Heather brash cutting was undertaken, with the majority of the brash immediately spread onto bare peat haggs and re-profiled areas of peat. 10 bags of brash were taken up to the summit area for use on the volunteer days planned for 7th and 8th April 2019.
 - ✓ 21 timber dams were installed on Barley Moor within the three main gullies running parallel to the flag path. These will help in slowing the flow of water off the hill in high rainfall events and will also create new pools which will be colonised by upland invertebrates and aquatic sphagnum species.
 - ✓ These dams will also help in the development of a self-guided peat restoration demonstration site. We have ensured that examples of all the different structures used in the peat restoration project can be found close to the most accessible areas of the summit, so that they can be used in the future to show how peat habitats can be restored, and why the work is undertaken.
 - Plug plants of common cotton grass have been planted into the bare peat closest to the summit, and these will be supplemented by more planting on the volunteer days due for April 2019.



Heather brash spread on the re-profiiled gullies

• **The Summit stones** were delivered and displayed at In Situ for people to view them before installation during February half term and received many positive comments. They are to be installed at the beginning of April when the ground is much less likely to be frozen.





The Economy

Enhancing Visitor Gateways and key routes to Access Heritage

- Discussions have been held with Downham Local History Group for their input into interpretation panels for **Downham Information Centre.** Ribble Valley borough council and Mid Pennine Arts will also input to the information and refurbishment at the information barn and toilets.
- Pre-planning advice sought and received by Ribble Valley Borough Council for Downham information centre improvements. Downham estate have approved the advice and are now happy to take things forward. A planning application will be lodged in due course, works to take place this Summer.
- Pre planning advice received by Lancashire County Council Planning department relating to proposals for **Spring Wood Information Centre**. Discussions held with Liverpool School of Architecture for a 2019 summer school to draw up designs for the Information Centre, and discussions with Lancashire County Council Sites Manager for their proposals for the centre.
- There have been a number of issues raised by local residents about heavy visitor use and parking congestion in Barley. We plan to meet with the parish, county and borough council to identify the role the LP can play, which will probably be limited to re-designing the car park (for partners to then implement), providing information to visitors and guidance on behaviour in the countryside. In the meantime the LP partners are minimising the number of events held in Barley.
- The Chatburn to Downham concessionary bridleway has been delayed due to a request by the planning department for us to carry out archaeological and tree surveys. These have now been produced, at a cost, and a revised planning application has been lodged with a variety of mitigation recommendations. The main issue will be to have an archaeologist on site during the section of works close to and crossing the Roman Road. As a result new tender documents have also been prepared, and it is expected that quotations for the work will also increase. We will discuss with HLF the possibility of utilising contingency funds to cover these additional costs. We hope works can take place in the Summer.
- Two people counters are to be installed at Pendleside and Hookcliffe plantation quote in preparation including installation costs and annual licencing fees.
- Promoted route volunteers have started to monitor routes in the PHLP area and have provided reports of works required. A package of works is currently being prepared, some of which can be carried out by volunteers, some contractor.
- Discussions and planning for a new promoted route from Worston are in the early stages of preparation.
- An expression of interest for a grant has been submitted to Lancashire Environment Fund to support costs of renovating the Barley to Thorneyholme footpath, and the return route via Heys Lane; plus the provision of a Tramper vehicle to be hosted by local businesses. This grant if successful will be available for Year 3 delivery.

Offering Apprenticeships

- LP and AONB staff have been in liaison and held meetings with Mysercough staff and attended an Upskilling Lancashire networking event to meet other college providers
- Met with 2 potential employers, one of which looks promising to take on an apprentice farm hand, a third placement is also in discussion with a local bioenergy company.

Sense of Place and Sustainable Tourism

- A brief for the **treasure trails** work has been produced and a consultant has been selected to produce 2 treasure trails by July 2019. The Outdoor Learning Officer will be running 3 workshops with 3 different primary schools alongside the consultant during May and June, the content for the workshops is linked to the curriculum.
- A brief has also been produced for the **Sense of Place** work, which involves compiling a toolkit for tourism businesses including photography. This work will be carried out during summer 2019 and disseminated with businesses in early 2020. Early consultation for the project has been carried out by the AONB, at a number of public events and volunteering days, and also via Facebook.



Carrying out Sense of Place consultation during a peatland planting day on Pendle

Commissioning Research into the value the landscape offers to the economy and community services

- Further discussions held with colleagues, partners and consultants and two elements of research now agreed to be taken forward
- Carried out research into the *Ecoserve* toolkit mapping and modelling, farm scale natural capital assessment, and assessment of the impact of the landscape on health and wellbeing
- Attendance at Landscape Institute seminar on natural capital in Glasgow, NAAONB Ecosystem Services webinars (3) and concluding seminar in Birmingham
- Draft brief drawn up for the natural capital and whole farm business planning research, with a view to go out to tender in May/June and for research to start in Summer 2019.
- Letting of R&D Contract to Kirsty the Evaluator to draw up scoping paper and research options of the Health and Wellbeing research to conclude by end of May 2019

Everyone

Running a Community Grant Scheme

- Acceptance forms from 5 of the 7 PH Fund projects were received in early January from
 - ✓ Pennine Lancashire Community Farm
 - ✓ Burnley Football in the Club
 - ✓ East Lancashire Clarion Choir
 - ✓ Roughlee Parish Council
 - ✓ Community Arts by ZK
- Community Arts by ZK has begun claiming their grant, and this and other projects will be visited by the Community Engagement officer over the summer to check on progress
- The project from Higham Parish Council has had an unexpected delay, however is still ongoing and once plans have been developed further their acceptance form will be received.
- The final applicant, Brierfield Action in the Community, has undergone changes in funding and staff numbers and so did not feel they were ready to start delivering their project. This project was deferred and is now expecting to begin in April 2019.
- The next round of applications will be in late Summer

Providing Supported Activity Sessions for people dealing with mental health issues and social isolation

- Three more winter PEN sessions were delivered throughout February: making nest boxes at Spring Wood as part of National Nest Box week; viewing of the Summit Stones in Brierfield and then a walk to Higham; a Willow weaving session was delivered by Creative with Nature. 32 people enjoyed the 3 sessions in total
- Jayne Ashe has produced a Year 1 Review report for this project.
- The first activity block for Year 2 started on 28th March 2019 with a walk from Barley, over the hill to Downham.



PEN participants enjoying the willow weaving session, and reaching the summit of Pendle

Creatively Engaging People in our Radical History

- Mid Pennine Arts continue to support groups of volunteer researchers in pursuing various lines of enquiry: on our first topic, **Ethel Carnie Holdsworth**, the research team selected poems for submission to the national Poetry Archive.
- Other group sessions have focused on the visual culture of **protest banners**, working towards a large scale exhibition in October. Volunteers have also been researching the politics of the outdoors (**Tom Stephenson and Thomas Arthur Leonard**) and the work of **Sydney Silverman MP**.
- As well as training and sharing sessions at our own base, we have arranged volunteer group visits to the Working Class Movement Library in Salford and a community play at Heptonstall Church. We continue to offer talks to local history groups this quarter a second visit to the Pendle Forest group in Barley.
- In March, the Ethel poems have been recorded to professional standard, by two voice professionals in a home studio, representing the first completed creative commission for the project. The sound recordings will go public in June.





Recording Ethel's poems, and showing the banners to the volunteers

- We have supported our design partner Axis in much preparatory design work in this period towards the development of **the Radicals Trail.** Alongside the kite-marking of sites of interest around the villages, this work will also soon provide a stronger online presence for Pendle Radicals, with the introduction of a dedicated website.
- We have initiated two further creative projects which will unfold during year two. We committed some funds to ballad singer and researcher *Jennifer Reid* for her project proposal for a Lancashire dialect group, inspired by sound recordist **Paul Graney**. Jennifer has now secured £5000 of Arts Council support to help her realise her full project, and this will add extra value to Pendle Radicals.
- We have also commissioned musicians *Boff Whalley and Stephen Hartley*, collaborating with photographer *Casey Orr*, to develop **Sick of Being Normal!**, a celebration of the radical spirit carried through into the punk scene around Pennine Lancashire 40 years ago. This project will evolve towards a celebration exhibition/event in December 2019.
- Super Slow Way has invested £10,000 in our work towards the **British Textile Biennial** in October. With much hard work from our lead volunteer Faye Wetherall, we have this quarter made significant progress towards this milestone event, as we start to assemble a vivid collection of protest banners from around the UK. Faye has been working with the LP Outdoor Learning Officer and Community Engagement officer, taking the Radicals stories to new audiences including the PEN group, families and in the Spring/Summer a GCSE textiles project.

Delivering Community Archaeology sessions and related training

- One training session was delivered in February at The Garage, Brierfield, and was attended by 6 participants. Entitled *'From Conception to Completion'*, this session focused on giving volunteers advice about how they could proceed to set up their own research project or activity i.e. identifying funding streams, landowner permissions etc.
- We also started to plan for the first *Community Archaeology Forum* to be held on Tuesday 23rd April at Clitheroe Castle.
- We have received confirmation of a year 2 summer intern from UCLan and so started to plan activities and groups for them with a community and youth engagement focus. This outreach project may also be supported by an artist in residence through The Gatherings project, and utilise the Pendle Mobile Hill.

Threads

Supporting Volunteering and Learning opportunities across the scheme

Schools

- We delivered 3 tree planting school trips with the Ribble Rivers Trust, as part of the WINNS project. The 2 primary schools (29 children per school, from year 3 and 4) had an hour tree planting with RRT and 1 hour with the ECT Outdoor Learning Officer learning about trees. The 8 year 10 students from Bowland high school, planted over 100 trees and learnt about the ecology of the local habitat, the age of trees, river restoration and the legacy of the project.
- The outdoor learning officer has had meetings with 6 primary schools that are within the PHLP area. These schools were chosen based on their community make-up, physical location and deprivation area status. These schools have been given the opportunity to have assistance in embedding outdoor learning within their school. Processes are now in place to allow these schools to have educational trips within the LP area, or in the school grounds.
- 3 schools have been identified to get involved with the Treasure Trail scheme, as part of the Discover Pendle Hill project. Dates for the delivery of the project and school trips are now in place.

Family Events

- During February half term we ran 4 free family nature events:
 - ✓ Two of them were owl pellet dissection events held at the Clarion House, which were both fully booked at 30 children per session, with the majority turning up on the day. The event also included a nature walk, and land art.
 - The other family event had a bird theme, which saw 40 children attend with 20 adults. This was held at Whitehough Outdoor Centre. The event allowed families to learn about local birds, nest building and to be inspired how they could make their own bird feeders at home.
- To coincide with the summit stones being on display at The Garage, we held a family event linked to the themes of the 8 stones created. Throughout the day, 20 adults and 38 children participated in activities such as stone rubbings, seed planting, and weaving. The feedback from the session was positive, with lots of people learning new things about the landscape, their heritage and local flora and fora.



Family event – making nests; Primary school pupils measuring trees at Sabden

Get into Volunteering

- We delivered 2 sessions for Lancashire Police Cadets in January and February. Cadets from the Burnley and Pendle units came out to do some tree planting in January and cadets from Hyndburn and Ribble Valley unit came out in February. Supported by the Ribble Rivers Trust, the cadets planted around 1000 trees altogether at Cold Coats in Wiswell. Other sessions are planned to get more cadets involved over April and May.
- We also delivered a session tree planting near Ogden Reservoir for the Good Life project.
- Further developments have been made with identifying other local groups. Jayne went to visit a local ESOL class, who are keen to come out in the summer to do an activity. Jayne was also visited by Carers Link, and have plans to get both their Young Carers and adult carers involved in different sessions over the summer.

Pendle Hill Volunteers

- 2 volunteering sessions were cancelled due to severe weather warnings.
- 5 Pendle Hill Volunteer sessions were held at Ogden Wood to carry out woodland management and tree planting.



Woodland management at Ogden Wood

Holding the Gatherings and annual events to engage new audiences

- In-Situ have been continuing to manage Kerry Morrison's peat residency which this quarter has included a number of visits to the hill and with other practitioners
- On 21st March In Situ hosted a day conference 'Embedding Art into Landscape Partnerships' about artists and practitioners working together in landscape scale projects, and we were able to taste the first peat pies and peat puddings produced as part of Kerry Morrison's work helping to spread the understanding of why peat restoration is so important. The event was attended by 45 delegates from England and Scotland, including 5 or 6 other landscape partnerships, statutory agencies and around 20 artists. The event illustrated, via a number of conversations, how embedding artists into projects from the start can enrich, engage and educate. The feedback from the day was very positive, with a number of delegates feeling inspired to go back to their own work and follow our methodology. The event was filmed and streamed on Facebook Live here https://www.facebook.com/insitupendle/



Serving Pendle pies for lunch, and the audience at the seminar

- Appointment, contracting and management of Pendle Hill Mobile Hut commission: Architect Nick Wood of How About studio has been researching, drafting and designing the trailer vehicle which will be unveiled at the Gathering event on 25th May. The mobile hill has to conform with legal and safety requirements as well as being functional and aesthetically pleasing, so it has been a challenge.
- This quarter has also seen the conclusion of the project management of artist Henrietta Armstrong, with the delivery and exhibition of her Summit Stones exhibition at The Garage, Brierfield 16 23rd Feb
- The first annual Gathering (of the Delivery phase of the LP) is being planned to be held on 25th May to bring all partners, volunteers and projects together and to showcase them to the public.

Co-ordinating Interpretation and Publicity

- A film documenting scheme activity for Spring 2019 has been produced the film provides a snapshot of a day of activity taking place across the different projects. It includes updates on the following projects WINNS, Wild, Traditional Boundaries and Volunteering and Learning. The film can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFKpwxzGAOo
- Production of an interpretation panel for the foot of Pendle Hill see Summit report above.
- A branded A-board with Scheme contact details has been produced, which can be taken along to events to highlight the day's activity, along with key contact information to encourage people to find out more.
- 2 x pop-up banners have been produced for the Traditional Boundaries project with a call to action for volunteers to get involved. They were used at the hedge laying competition in March to inform people about the project.
- A Scheme postcard has been produced including contact information and a call to action for all the different projects. The postcards feature 3 different photos, selected via a Facebook competition, to encourage people to share their photos via the website.
- The scheme website and social media continue to offer information, news and views of the projects. Partners social media is regularly shared and we are getting great engagement figures.

https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/2019/02/04/ethel-the-poet/

https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/2019/02/27/pendle-radicals-blog-11/

https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/2019/04/04/pr-blog-15/

http://pendlehillproject.blogspot.com/

• We have also had 2 or 3 radio interviews this quarter on Ribble FM and BBC Radio Lancashire, plus good press coverage including:



Online press coverage of the 2 March Hedgelaying competition by the Lancashire Telegraph <u>https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/17432178.hedgelaying-grand-prix-comes-to-east-lancashire/</u>

https://www.clitheroeadvertiser.co.uk/news/tree-mendous-valley-pupils-pick-up-spades-and-create-new-woodland-1-9557853?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

https://bowland.atctrust.org.uk/year-10-community-day-tree-planting/

Staffing and Programme Management

- The Dry Stone Walling Association appointed Susan Manson as Traditional Boundaries Project Coordinator for the Pendle Hill Project, starting work on 7th January 2019.
- Baseline evaluation of Volunteering & Little Saplings was carried out to establish who our audiences are, and how we can look to widen and increase participation. Useful report produced by Kirsty Rose Parker, many recommendations are now being taken forward by the LP team
- All project staff undertook basic (if required) and a full day project based training in the use of GIS. This was arranged with Patrick Reynolds of Manchester University Geography department. Patrick has also supported us in a re-organisation of the data we hold; introduction of new systems of storing and saving data; development of a 'Monitoring Map' to record spatial data about scheme activity; and researching potential for using GIS in the field
- Two members of staff also attended 'Interpretive Writing' training to assist with the creation of new interpretation panels for the Access for All and other projects

• Our Outdoor Learning officer attended an education conference, our graduate trainee joined a EUROPARC conference for young people working in the environment, other staff attended one day seminars in natural capital and ecosystem services; and two learnt how to use the I-Record app for species recording.

We have experienced considerable delays in acquiring a replacement laptop to host our GIS software, but this was finally delivered in late April. Similarly our plans to take on a lease hire van via the County Council have been seriously delayed, but we hope to rectify this and have one ready for late May when the mobile Pendle Hill trailer will be requiring a towing vehicle.

As we are at the end of year 1 we have devised a GIS monitoring map to illustrate the distribution of activity; an outputs recording system for all projects to input to; and we will update our 'dashboard' of key financial information for the LP Board meeting in May. We have also begun to consider how the scheme will be evaluated at mid-term, and will facilitate a Board discussion on this in the summer. We'd like to explore how this might be carried out in a creative and consultative manner, possibly with an artist working alone or alongside an evaluation specialist.

Events and Activity Log

PROJECT	About the Session						About the Participants	
	Date	start and end times (10.30- 13.45)	duration (hours)	Activity type	Location	Total Adults	Total Children or students	
Pendle Radicals	09/01/2019	10.00- 16.00	5	Training	WCML Salford	5.00	1.00	
Pendle Radicals	16/01/2019	19.00- 21.00	2	Activity session	Village Hall Barley	14.00		
Pendle Radicals	29/01/2019	14.00- 16.00	2	Activity session	MPA Burnley	4.00	1.00	
Pendle Radicals	19/02/2019	15.00- 17.00	6	Training	MPA Burnley	6.00	1.00	
Pendle Radicals	02/03/2019	19.00- 22.00	3	Activity session	Heptonstall church	6		
Pendle Radicals	25/03/2019	14.00- 16.00	10	Event	MPA Burnley	10	1	
Archeology	27/02/2019	10.00 - 16.00	6	Training session	The Garage, Brierfield	6.00	0.00	
PEN	14/02/2019	13.00 - 16.00	3	PEN session	Spring Wood	13.00	0.00	
PEN	21/02/2019	13.00 - 16.00	3	PEN session	The Garage, Brierfield - Higham	8.00	0.00	
PEN	28/02/2019	13.00 - 16.00	3	PEN session	Higham Village Hall	11.00	0.00	

Vol&learn	15/01/2019	9.30- 11.30	2	school trip	Twiston Beck	4	29
Vol&learn	16/01/2019	9.30- 11.30	2	school trip	Twiston Beck	3	29.00
Vol&learn	23/01/2019	10.00- 11.30	1.5	Little Saplings	Spring wood	10	10.00
Vol&learn	23/01/2019	1.30- 3.00	1.5	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	13	13
Vol&learn	07/02/2019	10-2.30	3.5	school trip	Twiston Beck	1	8
Vol&learn	13/02/2019	10-11.30	1.5	Little Saplings	Spring wood	17	24
Vol&learn	13/02/2019	1.30- 3.00	1.5	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	4	5
Vol&learn	19/02/2019	1.30- 4.00	2.5	free family nature events	Clarion	19	27
Vol&learn	21/02/2019	10- 12pm	2	free family nature events	whitehough	20	40
Vol&learn	21/02/2019	1.30- 4.00	2.5	free family nature events	Clarion	15	31
Vol&learn	27-Feb	10-11.30	1.5	Little Saplings	Spring wood	24	17
Vol&learn	27/02/2019	1.30- 3.00	1.5	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	4	5
Vol&learn	27-Mar	10-11.30	1.5	Little Saplings	Spring wood	18	25
Vol&learn	27/03/2019	1.30- 3.00	1.5	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	7	7
The gatherings	16 - 23/02/2019	10.00- 3.00	40	Summit Stones Exhibition	The Garage, Brierfield	161.00	73.00

The gatherings	21/03/2019	10am	6	Embedding Arts into Landscape Partnerships symposium	The Garage, Brierfield	45.00	
Traditional boundaries	20/02/2019	9am – 3.30pm	6.5	Training for volunteers	Higher Higson Farm BB7 4DB	6	
Traditional boundaries	21/02/2019	9am – 3.30pm	6.5	Training for volunteers	Higher Higson Farm BB7 4DB	7	
Traditional boundaries	02/03/2019	9am – 4pm	7	Other activity (Hedgelaying competition competitors & public attendees)	Cockshotts Farm, Sabden, BB7 9EH	161	
	02/03/2019	9am – 4pm	7	Other activity (Public taster walling training session)	Cockshotts Farm, Sabden, BB7 9EH	5	
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