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## **National Volunteers' Week with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership**

Come and join the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership as they deliver a week of activities and events for National Volunteers' Week from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The new Heritage Lottery Funded scheme, which will involve lots of different activity over the next four years, is inviting members of the public to get involved throughout the week and find out more about the volunteering opportunities on offer between now and 2022. The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership will include a range of different projects focusing on heritage, landscape and community engagement.

Different activities will include a family friendly bushcraft session on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June and wildflower planting on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, both at Spring Wood, Whalley. A 6 mile walk will set off from the picturesque village of Downham on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, and follow a route through this wonderful part of the landscape. The Pendle Hill Volunteers' will be getting stuck in with practical path repairs on part of the Pendle Way which leads up Pendle Hill from Barley and they are calling for new volunteers to come along to find out what it's all about – no experience needed! There will also be an evening 'Get Into Volunteering' drop in session in Nelson, which is open to all members of the public who would like to know more about getting involved in the scheme either volunteering as an individual or bringing groups out to volunteer in our beautiful area.

For more information about the events and activities and to book your place please visit [www.forestofbowland.com/pendle-hill-lp](http://www.forestofbowland.com/pendle-hill-lp), search Pendle Hill Project on Facebook or Pendle Hill LP on Twitter. Equally you can call the AONB office on 01200 448000.

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Photo 1 shows volunteers at the summit of Pendle Hill

Photo 2 shows volunteers after a tree planting session on United Utilities land in Barley.

### **PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

#### **EDITORS NOTES**

- The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is led by the Forest of Bowland AONB.
- The partnership aims to:
  - I. restore, enhance and conserve the heritage and landscape of Pendle Hill
  - II. reconnect people with their past and their landscape
  - III. bring the two sides of the hill together
  - IV. create a sustainable future for the environment, heritage and for visitors' experience of Pendle Hill
- The scheme was awarded a National Lottery grant of £1.8million by the Heritage Lottery Fund in January 2018. These funds will be delivered from 2018-2022 and will be matched with a further £1m raised locally.



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- The scheme is made up of a dozen projects which safeguard the area's wildlife and heritage and improve people's access to this popular countryside area. We will do this by providing opportunities for training and volunteering; by supporting research and devising creative and digital interpretation to inspire a new generation about our heritage; by restoring important landscape features, and by working with communities to re-tell the stories of radical Pendle people. The scheme will increase pride in this special place and raise aspirations amongst communities, and it will bring in new investment to support the environment and the economy.
- The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is supported by National Lottery players through the Heritage Lottery Fund and by the Forest of Bowland AONB. Partners include representatives of parish councils, the landowning and farming community, Pendle and Ribble Valley Borough Councils, Lancashire County Council, statutory bodies, tourism businesses and volunteers.
- Projects will be delivered by the AONB team, plus local delivery partners including In –Situ Arts, the Dry Stone Walling Association, Mid Pennine Arts and Ribble Rivers Trust.
- The Pendle Hill LP covers 120 square kilometres, stretching from Gisburn down to Whalley, and from Clitheroe across to Nelson and Padiham.
- The Hill is well known as a beauty spot and is heavily visited by residents of the local towns: it is a perfect place for walking and cycling. The area's heritage is dominated by the story of the Pendle Witches, but there are lots more stories to tell including the founding of the Quaker movement, non-conformists and radicals, Roman and Bronze Age settlers, medieval farming systems and early industrial developments. The network of dry stone walls and hedgerows give the area a distinctive feel, and the landscape is also important for its wild moorland, rare birds and woodlands.
- For further information contact the LP Development Officer [cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk) on 07891 537835 / 01200 448000 see the project website at <http://www.forestofbowland.com/Pendle-Hill-LP> or visit our Facebook page 'Pendle Hill Project' for up to date news and views.

### About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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