West Pennine Moors Lancashire County Council activity in 2013/14

As in 2012/13, Lancashire County Council activity in the West Pennine Moors continues to be limited.

Healey Nab Site Cover

The site is patrolled on Sundays by a dedicated team of volunteer rangers. These rangers report back to full-time ranger Nick Haigh. Volunteers deal with most issues that arise on their duty patrolling Healey Nab. If there are issues that they cannot deal with they contact the full-time Ranger for help or advice or pass it on to the full-time Ranger to resolve.

Volunteer activities

Volunteers carry out site checks and help interpret the site to visitors. Typical activities include:

Litter picking, checking for fires, reporting windblown trees and tree damage, checking the mountain bike trail, resolving access issues (eg walkers using the mountain bike paths and mountain bikers using footpaths).

Public Rights of Way

Maintenance of the public rights of way network is ongoing as part of the statutory responsibilities of the County Council. This is often in partnership with United Utilities ranger team. Any issues about rights of way should be reported to the public rights of way team on <u>PROWreports@lancashire.gov.uk</u>

Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership

Lancashire County Council officers supported the development of the funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme, which was unfortunately unsuccessful. The groups involved in this were extremely disappointed with this outcome, which means that activity in the area is likely to be limited to specific projects developed by individual partners (or small groups of partners) for the foreseeable future.

Lancashire County Council officers continue to coordinate an officer working group to allow information sharing about activities delivered by the various partners working in West Pennine Moors and to encourage joint working and resource sharing.