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PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP FOODIE FORAY

Local produce in the spotlight again as Landscape Partnership prepares for an autumn feast of food and foraging

HARD on the heels of another highly successful Clitheroe Food Festival, the team at Pendle Hill Landscape partnership is preparing to celebrate the best of the area's local produce in a special event aimed at foodies on both sides of the hill.

The Pendle Hill Foodie Foray is a celebration of local food producers and the distinctive local dishes found at the foot of our landmark hill. Starting on **Saturday, October 13**, the four-day programme includes walks, talks, foraging and feasting.

A programme of walks and talks, which explore the landscape and the wild and cultivated foods found within it, will be backed up by some mouth-watering feasts at some of the area's most popular eateries.

Events are still being added to the programme, but highlights include:

- A food to fork foraging lunch at Gazegill Organic Farm
- A 'Summit Safari' linear walk linking two local gastropubs
- Unique set menus at participating venues
- A celebratory autumn feast showcasing the best seasonal local produce

The Landscape Partnership's sustainable tourism officer Hetty Byrne said: "This exciting new event is a celebration of the landscape, producers, chefs and local delicacies that originate in the communities that nestle beneath Pendle Hill.

"In researching the area's food traditions, we've uncovered some unusual and unique local delicacies and forgotten recipes. We're hoping to bring people from both sides of the hill together for a celebration of local food and culinary traditions."

Supported by the Assheton Arms, the Barley Mow, the Spread Eagle and a number of restaurants and cafes across Pendle and Ribble Valley, special menus and dishes will be available at participating food outlets.

Register interest at www.pendlehillproject.com – full details coming soon!

Opportunities to be involved are still available and any local business who would like to participate should get in touch with the Pendle Landscape Partnership Team on 01200 420420 or email hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk

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IMAGES: Chef image attached, please get in touch if you would like access to other images. A follow up press release will be sent in early September providing further detail of the specific events.

Notes to Editors

- 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.
- 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 on 07891 537835 / 01200 448000 see the project website at www.pendlehillproject.com or visit our Facebook page 'Pendle Hill Project' for up to date news and views.

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