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New Family Treasure Trails within Pendle Hill Landscape

Are you planning your summer days out with the children, and looking for exciting things to do close to home? Two new family Treasure Trails based around the Pendle village of Chatburn and around the grounds of Gawthorpe Hall could be just what you are looking for!

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership (PHLP) Scheme are launching the new Trails as part of the 'Discover Pendle Hill' sustainable tourism project and these add to the existing trails developed in 2019 in Sabden and Barrowford.

Supported by Alison Cross, the Outdoor Learning Officer for the Ernest Cook Trust, Year 6s from Chatburn and 18 year 5s and 6s from Padiham schools have been working with the national Treasure Trail franchise to create family self-guided adventure trails, which provide an exciting challenge that combine mind-twisting clues with fascinating stories and local facts. The children spent several days out exploring their local area looking at heritage and places of interest and devising a series of clues that guide you to solve the 'spy mission', they even produced the artwork for the front cover.

Alison Cross, Outdoor Learning Officer said: *"Both school groups have really enjoyed learning about their local history and geography, village landmarks and how to write clear instructions and construct well thought out clues. They have learnt a lot about the area and its history too".*

Mrs Pickup at Chatburn Primary School said; *"A fantastic experience for myself and the children. It was great that the process of developing the trails linked to many of the National Curriculum links, from geography to maths and art, but also the local history we learnt through researching and exploring the village. It has been a great bonding experience and a nice treat for the year 6s too."* Mrs Rushton from Padiham Primary School added: *"Helping to develop a local Treasure Trail at Gawthorpe Hall has been an incredible and unforgettable experience for the Year 5 and 6 children at Padiham Primary School. All of the children who have taken part have been dedicated, engaged and have enjoyed every minute of the project. Thank you to Alison, Hetty and Stuart for inviting our*

school to take part in this amazing project, it has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved."

Year 6 pupils at Chatburn were asked to describe their experience of creating the trail, they said it was: *"Fun", "Fantastic", "Intriguing", "Exciting", "Great team work"*. And pupils from Padiham were asked about their favourite part of producing the trails, they said: *"we enjoyed exploring and writing the clues"* and *"working together across year groups and making new friends"*.

County Councillor Cosima Towneley, Cabinet Member for Children & Families who joined us to launch the Chatburn trail said: *"What an active opportunity for everyone, residents, visitors, young, old and in-betweens, to gain a new perspective of the neighbourhoods, their history and traditions. These trails are a delightful way to explore and there's always something new to observe beside the trail so it's always a new experience."*

All schools involved have benefited from the fully funded opportunity, with thanks to The Ernest Cook Trust and National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The Trail leaflets are on sale at Hudsons Ice Cream Shop, Chatburn and Gawthorpe Hall museum shop.

Follow the Pendle Hill Project website or Facebook page to find out where else the trails are on sale, costing just £2.50 each.

www.pendlehillproject.com/discover

IMAGES:

- Launch of the trail with pupils at Chatburn Primary School outside Hudson's Ice Cream Shop

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 National Lottery Heritage 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 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.
- For further information contact the LP Scheme Manager cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk on 07891 537835 / 01200 420420
- Visit 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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