



PRESS RELEASE

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Pendle Hill in the Past

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership are hosting their first Community Archaeology Forum on Tuesday 23rd April at Clitheroe Castle, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Pendle Hill in the Past will look to bring together the Community Archaeology project with other local archaeology and history groups to explore research that has already been carried out and to discuss future ideas for archaeological exploration on and around the hill.

Beginning at 2pm, four speakers will draw on their experience of archaeology. We will be accompanied by UCLan's Senior Lecturer in Archaeology Rick Peterson, chairperson of Pendle Archaeology Group Catherine Rousseau-Jones and local archaeologist and historian Brian Jeffrey. Then from 5pm there will be opportunities for visitors to find out more information about what archaeological and historic research is currently going on in the area, and how they can get involved.

This event is open to everyone, and no prior archaeology knowledge is needed. The event will be supported by local historians, local history and archaeology groups, UCLan archaeology department and Lancashire Museums.

Booking is essential for the talks from 2pm – 5pm. The event from 5pm is a drop in session, so visitors are welcome any time.

For more information call 01200 420 420 or for more details and to book your space visit www.pendlehillproject.com/pendle-hill-past.

Image 1: a Community Archaeology training session

Image 2: Volunteers and student digging on the Malkin Tower excavation.

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.
- 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 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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