

The Sheffield Rambler



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at the heart of walking

AGM Speaker

**Sheffield Group AGM:
Thursday 13th November, 7.30pm**

Apart from our vital general business we will have a speaker, Simon Wright, who is the Lead Area Ranger, High Peak Vision, of the National Trust. Simon will give a presentation on the "Vision for the High Peak" for the next 50 years and beyond. His talk will cover Kinder, Bleaklow, Alport, the Upper Derwent and all the moorlands under the ownership of the National Trust. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the future of "our" moorlands, the ones we all love and enjoy. There will be time to ask questions.

Not to be missed.

**Terry Howard
Chairperson**

A sunny day at Sheffield beach



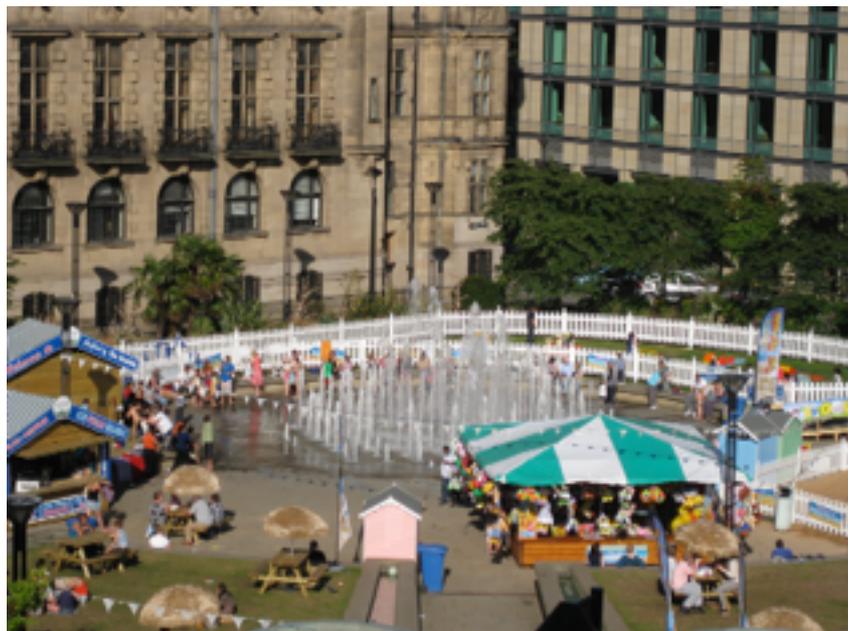
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South Yorkshire and North-East Derbyshire

A Celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act in the Peak District 'The Right to Roam'

Saturday, 27th September 2014
**At the Moorland Discovery Centre, the Longshaw Estate,
Fox House**

All groups in SYNED are invited to attend the above celebration event by walking to the event from various locations of their own choice, arriving at the Centre between noon and 12.30 for a picnic lunch (bring your own).

Lunch will be followed by a few short reflective speeches before Groups are welcome to continue their walks.

Allen Pestell, Area Chair, will act as MC of the event:

Roly Smith, Area Vice President, will talk about the early access campaigns.

Terry Howard, Area President, will talk about recent campaigns leading up to the Right to Roam.

Cath MacKay, Area Vice President, will present a 'roll call' of access campaigners, past and present.

Nicki Speakman, Area Council member, will take the access campaigns into the future.

Groups can have "information space" in the Centre if they want to show others what their Group is doing.

Suggested starting locations with some car parking space are as follows:

Redmires Reservoir, Fulwood, Ringinglow, Upper Burbage Bridge, below Stanage Edge, Hathersage, Surprise View, Grindleford Station, Nr. Grouse Inn, Curbar Gap, Totley.

Buses from Sheffield: 272 and 65 and Trains to Grindleford or Hathersage.



SCAM (Sheffield campaign 4 access to moorland) Email Bulletin No 2. July 2014

Big changes in the Burbage Valley and surrounding moors

Cattle are to be introduced onto the moors at the end of July to help manage and "change" the moorland vegetation for the better. Sheep have been reduced in number by a half. The cattle are considered to be fairly docile and will only include heifers and steers with no calves or bulls. They will only be on the moors for a few months each year. However, this will mean fencing in places (Ringinglow Road) and other areas where replanting is going to take place or areas considered vulnerable. Fencing is mainly going to be temporary (Ringinglow Road may be an exception) but with improved access over and through such areas.

The conifer plantation in the Burbage Valley is going to be greatly reduced with the timber being taken away. This work will commence in a few weeks time and will last a few months (all dependant on suitable weather conditions). As a result the lower part of the Green Drive, which will be used for timber extraction, will be closed during the week but opened on weekends. An alternative path will be available throughout so as not to inconvenience walkers too much. When this work is completed, moorland restoration will take place with some tree-seeds being planted (taken from the remnant ancient woodland under the rocks in Upper Burbage). This will have a temporary fence around it with several access points put in.

Further moorland management and enhancement will take place on the surrounding moors of Hathersage Moor and Houndkirk Moor which will include the rewetting of blanket bog, gully blocking and reduction of bracken cover. This is an exciting approach to managing our moorlands for the long term future. It is being carried out by the Sheffield Moors Partners, Sheffield City Council and the National Trust. SCAM as "stakeholders" in this initiative are fully behind the project believing it will render this iconic moorland landscape wild

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sheffieldcampaign4accesstomoorland once more and offer long term opportunities to explore these moors within the City boundary.

Mike Hodson

<http://sheffieldcampaign4accesstomoorland.wordpress.com>

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this is if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

W.H. Davies (1871 - 1940)

Here's a hillside outside Grenada to stare at, free from care.

