

Subject Follow up to Friends of the Lake District Contact in 2022 re Common Land

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Dear Parish & Town Councils,

You may recall that last year, your Parish or Town Council responded to our request for support in standing up for Common Land.

I can only apologise that it has taken until now for me to follow up on this. Amongst other reasons, we have been considering how best to take this forward given that we had only a limited response, hearing from just 8 parish and town Councils. All 8 responses were from parishes in the west of the county.

Amongst those that did respond however, there was a clear appetite for more information about Common Land but also about other areas of Friends of the Lake District's work and how we might more closely work together for the mutual benefit of both the Parish and Town Councils, and Friends of the Lake District. This included specific requests for training and information about Common Land, information about the landscape grants we offer, information about our planning work (including how parish and town councils can more effectively respond to planning applications), and information about our dark skies project. We have also recently had other separate requests from parish and town councils for similar information unrelated to the request we put out last year about Common Land.

As a result, we have decided that it could be worthwhile to hold a special event (or events) this year for parish and town councils at which we can fulfil these requests for more information as well as discuss how we might work more closely with you for mutual benefit.

- As one of the parish or town councils that responded to our email last year, would such an event be of interest to you?
- If so, are there any particular aspects of our work you would like us to cover other than common land, dark skies, landscape grants and planning?
- What general location(s) do you think might be best to hold such an event to ensure that as many parishes as possible can attend? Or would an online event be helpful?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

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