

CARE AND CONSERVATION IN THE LAKES

Many organisations are involved in caring for and conserving the English Lake District. Alliances between them make for stronger partnerships and more effective collaborations. Though there are too many to list in full, here are some of the professional and volunteer organisations directly involved in the appreciation, conservation, ecological protection and environmental care of the Lake District:

Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA)

Visit: <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk>

LDNPA presently collaborates with many organisations (including National Parks UK) in the Lake District National Park Partnership to deliver a 'Vision For The National Park In 2030'. Partners represent public, private, community and voluntary sectors working together in the best interest of the National Park, its environment, communities, economy and visitors. The LDNPA website provides links to its partners and other associated professional conservation and landscape management organisations. The LDNPA's vision and strategies for the ongoing management of the Lake District National Park is defined within the current 'Partnership's Management Plan 2020-2026'.

Lake District Foundation (LDF)

Visit: <https://lakedistrictfoundation.org>

LDF is a charity formed to fund, collaborate and promote constructive action to support nature, heritage and people in resolving urgent challenges facing the Lake District involving access, climate, inclusion and water.

Fix The Fells (FTF)

Visit: <https://www.fixthefells.co.uk>

FTF organises practical work projects, using skilled rangers and volunteers, to repair and maintain the Lake District's constantly eroding mountain paths, with support and funding from donors and partners. FTF provide people and materials to mend upland paths plus their surrounds in ways that enhance Nature and improve everyone's experience.

Friends Of The Lake District (FLD)

Visit: <https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk>

FLD are an independent charity dedicated to protecting and enhancing Cumbria's landscapes. It takes action to protect Lakeland's natural environments in ways that benefit local communities, visitors and wildlife. FLD define the value of healthy vibrant natural and cultural landscapes through its manifesto 'Why Landscape Matters; a Landscape Charter for Cumbria and the Lake District'.

Cumbria Woodlands (CW)

Visit: <https://www.cumbriawoodlands.co.uk/working-with-partners/woodland-creation/cumbria-coastal-community-forest/>

CW works in partnership with local communities, businesses and academic researchers to plant and manage community woodlands, particularly around urban centres across the county. It provides expertise and advice through a woodland advisory service. CW is part of the national Community Forests network.

Raise: Cumbria Community Forest (RCCF)

Visit: <https://www.raisecumbria.co.uk>

RCCF is a collective of science-led foresters, ecologists and woodland experts plus academics and artisans. It collaborates with local communities, landowners, policy makers and artists in creating, establishing and managing new plantings (from single trees to large woodlands). RCCF leads the Cumbria Community Forest initiative.

The Wainwright Society (TWS)

Visit: <https://www.wainwright.org.uk>

TWS was inaugurated in 2002 to uphold the fellwalking traditions encouraged by Alfred Wainwright and to introduce a wider number of people to fellwalking and caring for the fells. It advocates on issues that benefit the Lake District. Membership is open to anyone with similar shared interests.