

# LAKES MESSENGER

Newsletter for the National Park



## Julia Bradbury interview

After completing a second series of BBC's acclaimed Wainwright Walks, Julia Bradbury has told the Lakes Messenger how she'll be heading back to our hills, to walk more of her 200 unconquered peaks.

The Lake District was virtually unknown to the broadcaster of Watchdog fame, who was introduced to walking by her Derbyshire-born dad who took her to Peak District favourites and instilled a love of the great outdoors. *(continued on page 2)*



In his first message as Chief Executive, Richard Leafe says:

"It is a huge privilege for me joining the team at a time when we are rising to meet many challenges.

I will be working with our partners to make the shared vision for the Lake District National Park a reality, so it will have a prosperous economy, world class visitor experiences and vibrant communities, which sustain our spectacular landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage.

We will be making big changes through our Local Development Framework so the planning system works better. We want you to get involved so our policies reflect the needs and aspirations in your area.

The greatest challenge we all face is climate change. We need to be prepared and able to cope with the demands.

Of course, we all have our own part to play and we are encouraging everyone who lives, works and visits our fantastic National Park to consider how they can reduce their carbon foot print.

Autumn is one of my favourite times in the Lake District. I love the richness of the colours and the hints of the approaching winter.

**Enjoy!"**

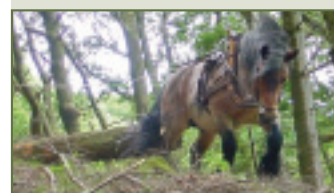
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“This was virgin territory for me and well worth the wait,” said Julia.

“I couldn’t choose just one top location; I’ve yet to return to many of my favourites – without a film crew! Castle Crag was the enchanting ‘baby walk’ as it has it all. I loved the summit, it’s truly magical. Black Sail was the best challenging route.”

“There was a certain sadness too – hanging over Haweswater, knowing what was the village of Mardale lies beneath it, but you can’t turn back the clock.”

Julia said she had recently been struck by a piece in a national newspaper.

“It said nature is no longer something to be studied from a position of scientific detachment but an experience, a relationship in which human beings are as much a part of nature as any wildlife.

“We’re becoming deprived of real sensory experiences as human beings in a modern world obsessed with technology and getting somewhere or something. Places like the Lake District allow you to truly engage with undeniable colossal beauty.”

# Brockhole the future

Our bold, dynamic plans to make Brockhole a world-class visitor experience fit for the twenty-first century have already hit the headlines.

The only decision so far is to create a truly inspirational attraction, highlighting the best the National Park has to offer. Consultation with local people will play a major part in determining what we do.

The regeneration project is a huge task – from raising funds, agreeing concepts and plans to finding the right designers to create a compelling, all year round destination. We want a centre that fires a desire to explore the beauty, wonder, history and culture of the Lake District.

Since Brockhole first opened its doors in 1966 as the UK’s first National Park visitor centre, it has welcomed over 100,000 people a year to its peaceful lakeside location. Viewed from its splendid terraced gardens, the stunning panorama over Windermere to the fells provides an unforgettable vision.

Landscaped grounds, lakeside and woodland walks, adventure playground, information centre and café combine to offer a relaxing yet stimulating experience. It was these enduring qualities that convinced us - despite the annual costs - we should continue to invest in this great asset.

We want to provide world class visitor experiences. Brockhole has so much unrealised potential for achieving this ambition.

**Martin Curry, Head of Property Services**

