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## Lake District Shortlisted for share of £50 Million Heritage Horizons Funding

We are so excited that the Lake District Foundation, on behalf of the Lake District National Park Partnership, is one of 12 organisations selected to take forward a development proposal to the Heritage Horizons Awards, competing for a share of £50 million.

Our proposal is titled:

Secured for our future – Nature, World Heritage and Farming in the Lake District

It focuses on 3 closely connected areas:

- Nature Recovery and Climate Resilience, delivering farmer and community led nature recovery, providing bigger, better and more joined up habitats, storing carbon and increasing resilience to climate change.
- Securing and futureproofing our farming heritage and culture in our World Heritage Site
- Engaging a new generation with our work and with the Lake District, which has always been a place of inspiration for the nation.

A team of 3 local leaders attended the panel interview.

Sarah Swindley, CEO of the Lake District Foundation says “This is an incredible opportunity, but there is a long way to go in what remains a competitive process. We look forward to working with partners, communities and visitors who share a love for this place. We think by working together in new ways we can do something truly transformational. We are keen to hear people’s views and ideas about this work, so please get in touch.”

Veronica Waller from The Farmer Network added “Part of the justification for the Lake District’s World Heritage Site is its unique farming system developed for over 1,000 years. Farming is facing a period of enormous change and, if we are successful in obtaining Heritage Horizon funding, this would help maximise new opportunities and retain the culture and skills of the farmers who manage this World Heritage Site landscape.”

Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park Authority, Richard Leafe, said: “This funding would give a substantial boost to improving nature in the national park and help secure a future for farming. While the Lake District may be beautiful, we know that its biodiversity has been in decline for some time. We are looking forward to using this opportunity to work with communities and farmers to build on our cultural heritage and deliver a rich, diverse natural environment, for future generations to enjoy”



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A short film was made to support the proposal. With particular thanks to Danny Teasdale and others featured. [Heritage Horizons Video](#)

### Notes to editors

The **Lake District Foundation**, registered charity number 1174201, inspires people to care for the spectacular wildlife, landscapes and cultural heritage of the Lake District and Cumbria. The LDF supports the delivery of the shared aims of the Lake District National Park Partnership and encourages partners to work together to ensure a collaborative approach. For more information visit [www.lakedistrictfoundation.org](http://www.lakedistrictfoundation.org) email [info@lakedistrictfoundation.org](mailto:info@lakedistrictfoundation.org) or call 01539 822622

The **Lake District National Park Partnership** consists of 25 organisations who have a shared interest in the Lake District. Their vision is that the English Lake District will be:

*An inspirational example of sustainable development in action. A place where its prosperous economy, world class visitor experiences and vibrant communities come together to sustain the spectacular landscape, its wildlife and cultural heritage. Local people, visitors, and the many organisations working in the Lake District or have a contribution to make to it, must be united in achieving this.*