

# HERE IS HOW WE HELPED THE LAKE DISTRICT FOUNDATION IN JANUARY 2020



As a business we actively support local projects that help to protect and enhance, the landscape, wildlife and heritage of Cumbria. We feel it is our responsibility. We do this by being an LDF Business Supporter. We contribute regularly and offer a pathway to our customers to support them too. If you want to know more or donate, please follow this link to their website:

[www.lakedistrictfoundation.org](http://www.lakedistrictfoundation.org)

Here are some of the projects that have benefited in January:

## **LET'S MAKE ORREST HEAD ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL** - Fundraising target of £50,000

The view from Orrest Head is spectacular. It is said to be the view that inspired Wainright. However not everyone can get there to enjoy it because the top section of path is too steep and difficult.

We are supporting LDF and their partners to create an alternative path to this special viewpoint suitable for people with limited mobility, including people with powered-wheelchairs and families with pushchairs.



## **THE HERDWICK SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION MARQUEE**

The storm damage on 1st September 2019 caused £10,000 of damage to the, Herdwick Sheep Breeders Association marquees at the Loweswater Show. This may not sound important in global terms. However, many local and traditional events depend on their marquee. They need to raise the excess from their insurance claim. They have covered this now with a huge amount of help from LDF.

## **FIX THE FELLS**

Fix the Fells is a partnership programme between LDF, National Park, National Trust, Natural England, Friends of the Lake District and Cumbria County Council to repair erosion scars which have developed over the years, and to make sure that these scars are prevented in the future. This is a project our business knows will need to keep going for the foreseeable future. We are proud to support it.



The fells are enjoyed by millions of walkers every year but the high level paths can be surprisingly fragile and the sheer number of visitors leave a mark on the landscape. Over time grass is compacted by heavy foot traffic and dies. Heavy rainfall quickly washes away the exposed soil down the steep slopes into streams, rivers and eventually the lakes, where the increased amount of silt causes havoc for fish and other species.

The work being done aims to prevent this loss of grass and soil by designing and creating paths that are resilient to wear and tear and reduce the impact on the surrounding landscape. On steep slopes you may see 'pitching' where stone has been laid, while on less steep slopes the paths may have been repaired by a 'soil inversion' technique with the aid of a digger.

Supporting Fix The Fells means we can protect the environment, the walking paths and the heritage of this area.

That's it for this month!