Meeting of the Lake District National Park Partnership
Tuesday 19th August 2025 at 10:00-16:00 – Mungrisdale Village Hall & Site Visits (Carrock Fell Mine and Lower Beckside Farm)

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Partner Name	Organisation	Apologies received
Celia Caulcott	Independent Chair	
	ACT	Lorrianne Smyth Fran Richardson
Peter Frost-Pennington	Business Task Force	
Sally Lansbury	Cumberland Council	Michael Barry
Rachel Kelly	Cumbria Association of Local Councils	Sonia Hutchinson
	Country Land & Business Association	Robert Frewen Harriet Ranson
Carole Barr	Cumbria & Lakes Local Access Forum	
Rachel Bell	Cumbria Tourism	Gill Haigh
Steve Trotter	Cumbria Wildlife Trust	
Carol Holt Ellyse Mather	Environment Agency	
Jake Thompson Kevin May	Forestry Commission/Forestry England	Keith Jones Mark Holroyd
	Fresh Water Biological Association	Simon Johnson
Mike Hill	Friends of the Lake District	
Kristof Fatsar Marie Smallwood	Historic England	Catherine Dewar
Sarah Swindley Keith Ashcroft	Lake District Foundation	
Steve Ratcliffe Chloe Swift Alice Collier Hanna Latty Tim Duckmanton Tiffany Hunt	LDNPA LDNPA Member	
Veronica Fiorato Adrian Anderson	LDNPP	
Kerry Rennie	Natural England	Lucy Abrams
Jez Westgarth	National Trust	
	National Farmers Union	David Hall
James Archer	RSPB	David Morris
Jodie Mills	West Cumbria Rivers Trust	
Angela Jones	Westmorland and Furness Council	Judith Derbyshire
Kate Stark John Gorst	United Utilities	
	University of Cumbria	Helen Manns

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Observers/Speakers	Organisation	Apologies received
	Woodland Trust	Pete Leeson
Jen Cormack	Enterprising Cumbria	
Jody Ferguson	Local Nature Partnership	
Eleanor Kingston	LDNPP	
Peter Bardsley	Environment Agency (mine pollution): site visit only)	
Warren Allison	Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society (CATMHS): site visit only	

Site Visits (from 10.00) - *See also Itinerary and additional information in Appendices below*

Partners met at Mungrisdale Village Hall 09.30 for refreshments before being transported by minibus to Mosedale, ahead of the short walk up to Carrock Fell Mine.

Carrock Fell Mine

Partners were provided with background information at the mine site, including historic photographs and a history of operations at the site (from Eleanor Kingston, LDNPA). This included details of re-mediation works after the mine closed in 1981, and subsequent efforts to restore elements of the historical buildings from the WW1 era. The repairs to the mine entrance to prevent mass escapes of heavy metal mine pollution into the adjacent beck and downstream nature sites were also covered (by Peter Bardsley from the Environment Agency). Warren Allison, from the Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society (CATMHS), led two suitably equipped groups into the mine itself via the restored entrance and provided information about the workings, minerals extracted and the operation of the mine.

Partners then returned to Mungrisdale via minibus and on to Lower Beckside Barn.

Lower Beckside Farm (the Ernest Cook Trust) – Historic Barn Restoration

Partners were guided around the restored historic Cumbrian long barn, dating from the 18th century. This was restored in part from funds from the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme (FiPL). Hector Meanwell, on behalf of the Ernest Cook Foundation (the owner) explained how it had previously fallen into a state of disrepair and was facing possible demolition as its restoration was not considered financially viable compared with erecting a modern pre-fabricated barn instead. The restoration itself has now preserved an at-risk building, helped continue the traditional skills used in its repair and is also used as an educational setting for school (& other) visits.

Partners then walked back to the village hall ahead of lunch, and the afternoon business meeting of the Partnership.

Lunch 13:00 – 14:00

Meeting in Mungrisdale Village Hall from 13:30

1. **Welcome** (Chair)

- The Chair welcomed attendees to Mungrisdale Memorial Hall, including those who had arrived just for the afternoon session
- Minutes from 26th June (Bampton) were approved

2. **Historic Environment and the Partnership Plan** (Eleanor Kingston – LDNPA)

Eleanor gave an overview of the Historic Environment in the Lake District and why it is important, including actions within the current Partnership Plan. Eleanor also highlighted the Historic Environment Evidence paper and how this is helping to shape the development of the new Plan.

ACTION: Share slides with Partners in follow up email (complete)

3. **Ambitions + Objectives** (paper – Partnership Manager)

Veronica gave an update on the Ambitions, explaining the minor changes that had been made since Partners last saw these. She reminded Partners that the Ambitions and Objectives will not be finalised until after the public consultation but that we are aiming to test our current thinking through this process. A discussion followed:

- Split Ambition 7 into 2?
- Emphasise clean and plentiful water, and THEN water pollution
- Objectives show lots of ambition, but does the Partnership have the capacity to implement?
- Some objectives are multi-faceted and may need to be split out for clarity
- Clarify meaning of regenerative tourism
- There was some discussion around the '2051' date being too late for action, but it was clarified that progress would be made significantly before this
- Strengthen reference to the 'built environment'
- Suggestion that the ambitions should not be a numbered list, but find a different way to show equal importance (diagrammatic perhaps)
- Strengthen 1 and 2 for greater focus on the natural environment
- Ensure accurate language, particularly around adaptation and resilience
- Ensure World Heritage is prominent in the Plan documentation
- Understand the Lake District's role in food security (is it national? Regional? Etc)
- Document needs to be readable and not too long
- Access and access quality (rights of way etc) needs to be referenced

DECISION: Partners agreed that the ambitions and objectives were appropriate to go to public consultation, delegating any further minor changes that may be necessary ahead of consultation to Celia (Chair), Steve Ratcliffe and Peter Walter (Chair of LDNPA Park, Strategy and Vision Committee and Plan Coordination Group)

Partners were advised they would see a revised version of the consultation draft ahead of public consultation.

4. **Vision** (paper – Chair/Partnership Manager)

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Veronica gave an overview of the revised Partnership Vision statement (see paper), noting the feedback from the Bampton Partnership meeting (and others) had led to several minor changes to strengthen the text. This included greater emphasis on the economic important of the Lake Distrct, a fact welcomed by Peter Frost-Pennington of the Business Task Force who thanked the Partnership for listening to previous feedback. There was further discussion about specific wording (e.g. nation) and the how the importance of visitors is reference, and Partners agreed (**DECISION**) to sign off the draft Vision and delegate authority (as above – to CC, SR, PW) for any further amendments that may be necessary ahead of public consultation.

5. **Next Steps** (Partnership Manager)

Veronica outlined the timescales (as currently understood) for the public consultation and Plan 'go live'. These are of course contingent on securing sign-off from appropriate bodies (Partners, LDNPA & UNESCO).

ACTION: share timescales slide with follow up email (complete – with revised timescales)

Break

6. **Workshops** - further work on measures of success for the Objectives and developing the 2-year Action Plan (All, Partnership Manager and Facilitators)

Partners divided into groups around the Plan themes and discussed appropriate measures of success/targets for objectives, and the development of the action plan for the first two years of the Plan.

Output was captured and will be fed into the Plan development process. Notes from the workshop sessions are available to Partners on request.

7. **AOB**

LDNPP Task and Finish Group (Sustainable Funding Options for Sustainable Transport)

Adrian briefly updated Partners on the factual process of this work and timescales. The report, when finalised will need to go back to the T&F group for review and consideration of next steps, including dissemination to Partners. Michael Carter continues to chair this work until the delivery of the report to the Partnership.

REMINDER: Next Partnership Meeting: **26th September 2025 (10.30 – 12.30, ONLINE).** Agenda and papers to follow, session focused largely on the next LDNPP Plan.

The Chair thanked Partners, and those involved in organising, for a fascinating pair of site visits and subsequent productive meeting/workshops.

Appendix 1 - Partnership Meeting itinerary, Mungrisdale, 19th August 2025 *(times are approximate and subject to adjustment as required)*

09.30	Tea/coffee available, Mungrisdale Village Hall (**CA11 0XR - WTW** ///vibes.panthers.unspoiled
10:00	Transport (minibus/pool car) to **Carrock Fell Mine** (///burns.grins.watchdogs) including walk up to mine site from parking area
10:25	Introduction to the site and scene setting **Meet:** Warren Allison – **Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society (CATMHS)** – leading underground tour Eleanor Kingston – **LDNPA (Historic Environment)**
10.40	Group 1 – Underground Mine Tour *(note details of who is in which group will be provided following review of Partner registration for mine tours)* Group 2 – Surface mine tour and interpretation
11.10	Group 2 – Underground Mine Tour Group 1 – Surface mine tour and interpretation
11.40	Return to **Mungrisdale Village Hall** (walk to parking area, and mini-bus/pool car transport)
12:00	Comfort Break
12:10	Walk to **Lower Beckside Farm** (///tutorial.squares.spend)
12:20	Visit historic barn - Interpretation and overview of barn restoration work (led by Eleanor Kingston LDNPA)
12:50	Return (walk) to **Mungrisdale village hall**
13.00	**Lunch (provided) and networking**, followed by tea/coffee
13.30	Partnership Meeting (see separate agenda) **Mungrisdale Village Hall**
16:00	Approximate meeting close

Appendix 2 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: LDNPP Meeting 19th August 2025 (Mungrisdale)

Weather/Access
We will be outside in the morning and there is no wet weather plan so please do come prepared with appropriate clothing and footwear for the Lake District. If you are booked to go underground you are advised to wear waterproofs including waterproof trousers and wellington boots as the mine adit is wet.
We will be walking short distances on uneven footpaths around the mine, but nothing too challenging.
The walk to the historic restored Barn (Lower Beckside Farm) is on level public road, with a slight slope down into the farmyard itself.

Carrock Fell Mine Visit (///burns.grins.watchdogs)
Only those who have signed up to go underground will be able to do so and numbers are limited to 2x parties of 15.

1. **Register to visit the mine (UNDERGROUND & SURFACE VISIT)**

2. **Register to visit the mine (SURFACE VISIT ONLY)**

Helmets and torches will be provided, and it is strongly recommended that those entering the mine wear waterproofs and wellies.
Partners will be transported to the mine site (10 mins drive) either by mini-bus or LDNPA Pool vehicles
It is important to note that the mine owner (Dalemain Estates) has given permission for access but accepts no liability for visitors to the mine. However, the tours will be undertaken by a mine specialist with full insurance and risk assessment provision. The visit is being led by Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society (CATMHS) and they have insurance to take groups on visits down mines through the National Association of Mining History Organisations (NAMHO). See below for background history of the mine.

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Barn Visit (Lower Beckside Farm) ///tutorial.squares.spend
It is envisaged that Partners will walk to the nearby Barn from the village hall, on level public road. See below for more information about the barn's history.

Refreshments
Coffee/tea will be provided at Mungrisdale Village Hall on arrival (09.30 for 10am start) and again at lunch (which is also provided).

Parking
There is free parking opposite Mungrisdale Village Hall (**CA11 0XR - WTW** ///vibes.panthers.unspoiled

Toilets
Mungrisdale: there are free-of-charge toilets at the Village Hall.
Site Visit: there are no toilets at or near the mine or barn visit

Mobile phone reception
Mobile reception is mixed (**see here for network specific details**) and reception cannot be guaranteed for all networks.
WIFI will be available in the village hall

Contacts on the day
If you need to then please call/text Veronica on the day: 07990 603830/07504 004220. During the visit, please speak to Veronica or Adrian with any issues or concerns.

Carrock Fell Mine History

Carrock Fell tungsten, lead, copper, and arsenic mine is located on either side of Grainsgill Beck and its tributary Brandy Gill in the Mosedale valley. There are several associated features including an early 20th century tungsten mill, adits, stopes, open cuts, shafts, spoil heaps, machine beds, trackways and a dam. Documentary sources indicate that a little lead and copper mining was periodically taking place in the Brandy Gill area during the 16th and 17th centuries.

It was in 1852 when F. W. Emerson began mining for lead and copper, but a dispute over ownership of mineral rights forced him to abandon these workings and instead turn to a wolfram vein - a mineral of tungsten. It is the only example of a tungsten mine outside of Cornwall. The mine was worked intermittently throughout the 20th century, notably during the world wars when the value of tungsten in the growing armaments industry was recognised. The mine was closed in 1981. In 2011, a project to re-open the mine entrance was completed. In 2012, Higher Level Stewardship scheme-funding secured conservation of the tungsten mill, and an interpretation panel was erected in 2014.

Lower Beckside Farm Historic Barn History

The building is a long barn constructed of slate stone random rubble walls and a Westmorland blue and green slate roof which is laid in diminishing courses with decorative stone ball finials at either end. Built in the early 18th century, the main barn is a single storey with an open vaulted roof with an eastern extension of similar date which contains an intermediate timber floor. To the north side of the barn there is a lean-to extension built in the 21st century.

The barn is a typical example of the Cumbrian long barn separated into three spaces. At the west end of the barn, there is a large flat slate stone central to the room which would have been the threshing floor. Several slit ventilation holes are indicative of prior use of the other two rooms for a byre and stabling. There have been buildings on this site since 1589 with records indicating a long

house/barn where this barn currently is. It is unknown the exact age of this barn, but likely to be early 1700s and the oldest building on the site.

The building has been subject to a number of repairs and alterations including rafter and purlin replacement and enlargements of previous openings. Much of the previous repairs can be attributed to the significant lateral movement of both the north and south elevations, along with washed out bedding mortar causing the round cobble stones to become unstable.

The farm was purchased in 2021 by the Ernest Cook Trust following the closure of Newton Rigg college. Remedial works to the building means that the barn can continue to contribute to the working farm as well as resume its use for educational purposes, whilst preserving the cultural heritage of the steading. The works were carried out by Roland Hill, with contract management from Lewis Surveying (both Cumbria based).

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General list of acronyms used at Partnership meetings:

AES	Agri-Environment Schemes
BA	Breakthrough Actions
BDUK	Broadband Delivery UK

BTF	Business Task Force
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CLS	Carbon Landscapes Scheme
CHF	Community Housing Fund
CLT	Community Land Trusts
CLH	Community-led Housing
CW	Cumbria Woodlands
CWT	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
FC	Forestry Commission
FLD	Friends of the Lake District
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
FTTP	Fibre to the premises
FTE	Full time equivalent
GS	Gain Share
HLS	Higher Level Stewardship
LCA	Landscape Character Assessment
LDNPA	Lake District National Park Authority
LEP	Local Enterprise Partnership
NCA	National Character Area
NE	Natural England
NERC	Natural Environment Research Council
NFM	Natural Flood Management
NFU	National Farmers Union
NT	National Trust
SOTP	State of The Park Report
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
TAG	Technical Advisory Group
TOR	Terms of reference
TVGM	Tactical Visitor Management Group
UU	United Utilities

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