

Project News

Fellfoot
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Rain and the Helm wind have lashed the area in recent weeks but a few frosts have given a white sparkle some mornings. The warm reds, yellows, and golds of autumn now glow across the landscape. The North Pennines AONB Partnership team is celebrating our natural heritage with events across the Fellfoot Forward area and getting ready to plant hedges and trees this winter.

Send us your Fellfoot Forward sounds



We would like your recordings of the sounds of the Fellfoot Forward area for a programme on Fellfoot Radio, our online broadcast which runs twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The radio channel features sounds and voices from the Fellfoot Forward area and includes live audio streams broadcasting from a rural churchyard, a cattle shed and meadow, and RSPB Geltsdale.

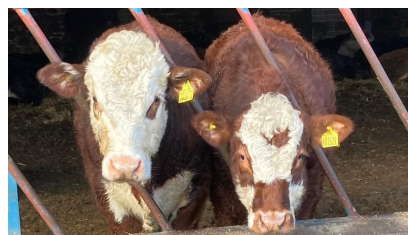
Record two minutes or more of audio using your phone or an audio recorder in the Fellfoot Forward landscape. It could be the sounds you can hear from your window, a description of a place that is special to you in the Fellfoot Forward area, a story, a tune, or memories of a person or an animal. Please make sure you have permissions of any participants you are recording, and be respectful and appropriate in what you choose to share. Email or WeTransfer your recordings to Fellfootradio@gmail.com.

[Find out more](#)

What's on



Species recovery walk at RSPB Geltsdale: 7 November



Farming on the fellside: 9 November

Join the wardens at RSPB Geltsdale on 7 November between 10am and 12pm, and discover the current work, future projects, and how you can get involved at the reserve. The wardens will share how management on the reserve benefits the recovery of key species in this dramatic landscape. Please come suitably dressed to be outside for two hours with footwear for uneven and wet ground. Refreshments at Hallbankgate Hub afterwards.

[More information and booking](#)



Slowing the flow walk: 10 November

Join Hilary Clarke, from Eden Rivers Trust, for a walk through a newly created wetland site near Croglin on 10 November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Hilary will explain how Eden Rivers Trust worked with the landowners to re-connect the Watery Gill with its pasture, creating a great wetland habitat and slowing the run-off of water down the river system. You will also learn about the wider ERT project work, and how to support and get involved with future initiatives. Open to all but booking is required. No dogs are allowed.

[Read more and book](#)



A more wooded landscape: 10 November

Join us at Hunsonby Community Centre on 10 November, 5.30pm to 8.15pm, for a presentation and talk focussing on the part trees can play as we work collectively for nature recovery across our landscapes. Simon O'Hare, woodland officer with the North Pennines AONB Partnership, will lead the discussion. The event is open to all over the age of 12, children must be supervised by an adult. Supper is included and

Join us at Heather Glen Country Hotel, Ainstable on 9 November, 5.30pm to 9pm, for an information event focusing on practical outcomes for farmers in the Fellfoot Forward scheme area. Find out about farm renewables, conservation grants and future funding, Fellside facilitation group support, farm carbon and more. Supper at 7.30pm is included. Booking required by email to [The Farmer Network](#) or phone 01768 868615.

[More information and booking](#)



Celebrating wildlife in Fellfoot Forward: 10 November

Join Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre and try your hand at identifying and recording the wildlife around you. We will also share the records submitted to and mapped from the Fellfoot Forward scheme area over the last four years. You can find out how recording and mapping data supports species and habitat conservation, and aids nature recovery in the North Pennines. This event takes place at Hunsonby Community Centre between 3pm and 5pm, booking is required.

[Read more and book](#)



Hedge planting at Gamblesby: 25 November

Volunteer with us to connect the landscape through planting hedges. Help bolster local wildlife and carbon sequestration planting a diverse hedge mix to boost the farm's biodiversity and create vital habitat highways for wildlife. The event, between 10am and 2.30pm, is suitable for all ages. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather and your lunch, snacks, drinks and a flask for hot drinks. Work gloves and tools will be

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[More information and booking](#)



Hedge planting at Croglin High Hall: 2 December

Join us at planting hedges to connect the landscape on 2 December, 10am to 2.30pm. Help bolster local wildlife and carbon sequestration, using a diverse hedge mix to boost the farm's biodiversity and create vital habitat highways for wildlife. Suitable for all ages; under 16s must be supervised by adults. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather and your lunch, snacks, drinks and a flask for hot drinks. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Booking is required.

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[Book a place](#)



Hedge planting at Hallbankgate: 16 December

Help to bolster local wildlife and carbon sequestration at Hallbankgate, 10am to 2.30pm. We will be planting hedges to connect the landscape using a diverse hedge mix to boost the farm's biodiversity and create vital habitat highways for wildlife. Suitable for all ages; under 16s must be supervised by adults. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather and your lunch, snacks, drinks and a flask for hot drinks. Work gloves and tools will be provided. Booking is required.

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North Pennines Stargazing Festival

The annual North Pennines Stargazing Festival runs until Sunday 5 November 2023 with lots of events on offer to celebrate the night skies and nocturnal wildlife of the North Pennines, including events at Talkin Tarn Country Park.

[North Pennines Stargazing Festival events](#)

Stargazing festival at Talkin Tarn



The Nest - Skygazing Pavilion: Meet the makers, 3 November

Drop-in at our new skygazing pavilion at Talkin Tarn between 11am and 3pm to meet the team of makers and crafts people who designed and installed 'The Nest'. You can also enjoy simple, hands-on practical activities and find out about opportunities in green woodworking and heritage craft.

[Find out more](#)



Storytelling at The Nest: 3 November

Join us at The Nest - Skygazing Pavilion for a traditional tale celebrating nature and the night sky, with the author and storyteller, Karen Sawrey. This event, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, is suitable for children of any age; children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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North Pennines Tourism Forum 2023



Tourism businesses and organisations are invited to enjoy an immersive experience in Kirkoswald, in the Fellfoot Forward scheme area, on Wednesday 29 November, 9.30am to 2.30pm. We will be highlighting ways to help visitors discover, enjoy, and connect with this distinctive landscape. We will also have an AONB-wide visitor economy update and tourism updates from our partner organisations. Tourism businesses in the Fellfoot Forward area can [email Michelle](#) for a discount code.

[Read more](#)

Oral histories from Fellfoot Forward



The Uncovering the Past project has included oral histories of past times and current issues from the scheme area. Following training by DigVentures, volunteers have been collecting stories and conversations in their communities. Older residents have been encouraged to share their stories relating to a specific topic and groups of people have gathered for informal discussions about an aspect of past practices, village life or more recent significant events. You can listen to a selection of the recordings on our website and our Youtube channel.

[Watch the film](#)

A new venture starts



Welcome to Dylan Hardy, who has joined the Fellfoot Forward Landscape Partnership Scheme as a trainee. His first involvement with the scheme was working on the build of The Nest - Skygazing pavilion at Talkin Tarn, assisting green woodworker, Shannon Berry, to teach volunteers the skills of hazel weaving and with them created the panels that clad the outside of the building.

His involvement in the building of The Nest led to him applying for the traineeship with the Fellfoot Forward scheme. A few months ago, he would not have guessed that he'd be working for the North Pennines AONB Partnership, living in Cumbria, and developing his career working on all the projects taking place in the area.

[Read more](#)

Film of Fellfoot Sounds



The Fellfoot Sounds gathering in August was a unique audio event with creativity and enjoyment apparent despite wind and rain. Into The Woods near Glassonby, St Michael's & All Angels church, and Long Meg and Her Daughters stone circle came to life with exciting workshops, entrancing walks, and mesmerising performances. A film capturing the event can now be viewed on our website.

[Watch the film](#)



Join us on Facebook

We have a Facebook group for Fellfoot Forward. Come and join our online community:

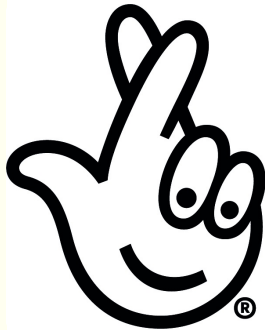
[Facebook group](#)

Fellfoot Forward Landscape Partnership Scheme stretches from the Cumbrian fellside of the North Pennines AONB and UNESCO Global Geopark to the River Eden and runs north from Melmerby to Hallbankgate, encompassing rural villages, red sandstone buildings, farming, and fellside.

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