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Stakeholder Workshop Report

EA, NWL & YW management staff

visit to Tynehead Fell

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Peninme PeatLIFE delivery partners



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Date: 10:30 – 15:30, 30.10.2018

Location: Garrigill Village Hall and Tynehead Fell, Cumbria

Topic: Pennine PeatLIFE restoration work and the Peatland Code

Attendees: 13 management staff from the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water Ltd and Yorkshire Water

1. Aims

- Showcase the restoration work of the Pennine PeatLIFE project
- Raise awareness of the importance of peatland restoration
- Raise the profile of the Peatland Code
- Engage potential future funding streams

2. Overview

Management staff from the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water Ltd, Yorkshire Water and United Utilities were invited to Garrigill Village Hall where they received presentations on the Pennine PeatLIFE project from Paul Leadbitter, Peatland Programme Manager, and the Peatland Code from Jillian Hoy, IUCN UK Peatland Programme. Lunch was then served and there was an opportunity for networking and discussion.

The attendees then travelled to Tynehead Fell and were given a tour of the ongoing restoration works including stone dams, coir rolls, hagg reprofiling and brash cutting and spreading. The techniques, restoration process and practicalities were discussed in detail as well as the benefits resulting from restoration.



Figure 1. Attendees with Pennine PeatLIFE staff on Tynehead Fell.



Figure 2. *Pennine PeatLIFE staff describe peatland restoration techniques.*



Figure 3. Attendees inspect restoration works on Tynehead Fell.

3. Press coverage

There was no press coverage of this event.

4. Outcomes

This event raised the profile of the NPAP restoration programme and the Peatland Code and made senior staff from a number of important organisations aware of current peatland restoration techniques and applications. This highlighted the natural flood management and water quality improvements which result from peatland restoration, encouraging attendees to fund works on future sites. The event was also an effective networking exercise, valuable connections were made which have led to useful knowledge exchange and funding for more peatland restoration sites across the North Pennines.

Several of the organisations in attendance are landowners with potential restoration sites in their ownership, so showcasing work in this way gave them a positive impression of peatland restoration and encouraged them to consider it for their own sites. In addition to being landowners, these organisations are also powerful bodies with the potential to influence leaders and other landowners and shape policy, which is crucial to peatland restoration becoming incorporated into land management practices and schemes on a national scale.