



Fix the Fells Project Update 2015/16

Fix the Fells is a partnership project which aims to protect our spectacular Lakeland fells from erosion by maintaining and repairing the paths.

Last year Nurture Lakeland business fundraisers raised over £19,000 for Fix the Fells through the Visit Give Protect Scheme. The generous donations from visitors will be help to protect the Lake District landscape for everyone to enjoy.

Fix the Fells rangers and volunteers work year-round to protect our spectacular Lakeland fells from erosion by maintaining and repairing the paths. Over the last year they have been working on both new projects and repairs and general maintenance on the whole path network across the Lake District National Park.

Last year...

Projects in 2015/16 included: Tongue Gill, Conistoun Old Man, Honister Tramway, Carlside, Kirkfell and Black Sail.

Volunteers had an exceptional year of activity, completing 422 drain runs and gifting 1,736 upland days in total - the most successful year since the volunteer programme was launched in 2007!

Unfortunately the floods of December 2015 had a devastating effect on the upland path network, causing damage to many paths including Catbells and the Wythburn path onto Helvellyn.

The first job after the storms died down was to survey the paths for flood damage. This was a huge task and was undertaken by the volunteers during the holiday season and in some awful weather conditions.

This year...

In 2016/17 the Fix the Fells teams will be focussing on Glencoyne/ Seldom Seen, Dollywaggon, Thesthwaite Cove, Brown Tongue, and Rigghead to name but a few.

Richard Fox, Fix the Fells lead ranger says "We are so grateful to the visitors that make a donation to Fix the Fells, and to the fantastic local businesses that raise awareness of our work and fundraise for us. Your support really does make a difference!"

Thank you for helping to protect this wonderful landscape.



FtF staff and volunteers working on the Three Shires to Red Tarn path