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Celebrating 70 years of our National Parks

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Campaigns update

Dear Knowstone Parish Council,

England's National Parks are home to some of our finest, and most celebrated, landscapes. From the iconic dry stone walls of the Yorkshire Dales, to the peaceful glades of the New Forest, and the wide skies and open water of the Norfolk Broads - our parks contain a wealth of diversity and are destinations for millions of people each year. And these areas will continue to be treasured for years to come, thanks to the passing of legislation to create National Parks 70 years ago.

The 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act means that our most beautiful countryside enjoys the highest level of protection, and can continue to offer tranquillity, space for nature, and recreation for us all.



Discover National Parks

To celebrate the 70th anniversary, 6-21 April is Discover National Parks Fortnight - a two-week timetable of festivities to encourage everyone to get out there and experience the best of our National Parks this Easter, no matter where you live.

Find out what's on

To help mark the occasion, we joined the Campaign for National Parks (CNP) and many others, including BBC Countryfile's Matt Baker, in the Peak District to renew our pledge to protect and improve them for everyone. CNP led us on a special walk from Castleton, and we recreated some of the historic photos from the original campaign to protect these landscapes.

See the photos from the day

Support our final push for a litter-free future

We are in the midst of the government's consultation on the design of England's deposit return system - if done right, this will be the most effective way to put a stop to the littered bottles and cans polluting our countryside, streets, rivers and oceans. This is our last chance to convince the government to go for a **world-leading system**, not the limited one that drinks companies and packaging and waste industries are calling for.



More than 15,000 of you have already signed up to our Golden Rules, which set out our recommendations for how the new system should work - a HUGE thanks to all of you! And if you'd like to add your name, you can still do so here:

Take action for a litter-free future

With just a few weeks to go before the consultation closes, we're assembling all our evidence to make the most compelling case we can for an all-in system. We can't afford to fall at the final hurdle. If you haven't already, please donate today to help us kick littered bottles and cans out of our countryside for good:

Make a donation

One million homes on brownfield

We took a look at the latest figures from councils' Brownfield Land Registers and discovered that there is suitable space to accommodate more than one million new homes on brownfield - land that has previously been built on and now sits derelict or



vacant. Prioritising this land, which councils have shown is ready and waiting to be redeveloped, would not only help to transform run-down areas, and provide more homes, but also prevent the unnecessary loss of precious countryside and green spaces.

[Find out more about our analysis](#)

OxCam – local opinion

There has been much talk over the major development plans for new housing and an expressway as part of the OxCam Arc project. But we wanted to know what residents within the area thought to the proposals - so we asked them.



While there is support for some new housing across the Arc, the majority of residents (59%) do not support the scale of house building proposed (last year we highlighted that an area of countryside greater than the size of Birmingham would be lost to development). And three-quarters (74%) believe that major new development across the region will lead to damage of the local countryside and environment.

[More on our new public polling](#)

Stand up for your countryside

Local authorities influence many of the issues we care about at CPRE. We depend on their decisions for vital services that keep our towns and villages thriving. With the local elections approaching, we want to remind you how local democracy affects our countryside and why it's so important to get involved. **Watch our film:**



Thanks for supporting our work and helping to make the countryside even better.

Best wishes,

Kat Stansfield
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