



£5,000 donation makes it even easier to get on your way in Ullswater

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The Lake District National Park is thrilled to receive a generous donation of almost £5,000 for essential path restoration work on the popular Ullswater Way.

With New Year's resolutions still forefront of many people's minds, this is a great route to do as one 20 mile walk or as a series of shorter walks over a few days or weeks.

This fantastic donation from the Lake District Foundation charity and Ullswater Steamers will fund surfacing and drainage projects between Pooley Bridge and Gowbarrow Fell to improve ground conditions.

Lake District National Park rangers will carry out this work over the coming months. Dylan Jackman, Project Ranger said: "We have identified a number of sections of the Ullswater Way which are in need of improvement and are continually seeking funding for works to make the route an even greater success. The generous support of Ullswater Steamers and Lake District Foundation allows us to continue to improve areas, meaning that this special area remains accessible and enjoyable for visitors."

The £5,000 donation is the result of visitors to the area and local residents digging deep and donating to the Lake District Foundation. The money has been raised mainly through visitor giving on Ullswater Steamers coupled with wider donations from the local community since Storm Desmond in 2015.

The Lake District Foundation raises funds for projects that care for the spectacular landscapes, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Lake District and Cumbria. Sarah Swindley, Chief Executive of the charity says: "We are delighted to be able to award funds to this fantastic local project. And we are so grateful to the generous visitors and residents who love the Lake District and have made a donation. We have some exciting plans to raise more funds for the path in the spring so watch this space."

Rachel Bell, Marketing Manager for Ullswater Steamers echoed these sentiments. She commented: "We are pleased our visitor giving donations will contribute towards vital repairs and upkeep of the Ullswater Way footpaths. This will look after our landscape for future generations to enjoy."



Photo shows: Sarah Swindley, Lake District Foundation, with Dylan Jackman, Project Ranger for the Lake District National Park and Rachel Bell from Ullswater Steamers on a recently improved section of the Ullswater Way.



Photo shows: Family walking the Ullswater Way at Gowbarrow, taken by Val Corbett.

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Notes for editors

For further information please contact the Communications team at the Lake District National Park on 01539 724555.

1. More information about the National Park can be found on our website www.lakedistrict.gov.uk
2. In July 2017 the Lake District National Park was awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status in the cultural landscape category.
3. The Lake District is one of 15 National Parks. The others are: Brecon Beacons, the Cairngorms, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Loch Lomond and Trossachs, Northumberland, North York Moors, Peak District, Pembrokeshire Coast, Snowdonia, the Yorkshire

The Lake District Foundation was established as a charity in August 2017. Prior to this, under the name Nurture Lakeland, the organisation had been working for 23 years to raise funds from visitors and the tourism industry.

To find out more, to make a donation, or to apply for funding visit www.lakedistrictfoundation.org

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