

Comments from the CrowdJustice appeal

I sincerely hope you succeed, otherwise my descendants won't have a chance to enjoy what I had in the 1960s - wonderful calm in gorgeous scenery. In those days there was no sense of one class having secured all the benefit - I met people of all backgrounds. The one commonality was a love of walking.

Geoffrey

I may have donated already; but the matter is important, both in itself, and in preventing the setting of a precedent.

Roger

I despair for the future of the planet when authorities like the LDNPA do not take the right decision on a fairly straightforward matter.

Christine

I hope things go our way in the Judicial Review. Apart from the obvious unpleasantness of vehicles using these lanes in such a beautiful area; recreational driving on or off road is an anathema when our planets future hangs in the balance.

Nicholas

Let's work together for a better outcome - the tranquility of the Lake District needs better protection than it is getting at present.

Sally

The lakes are for peace and quiet not for wannabee Jeremy Clarksons

Michael

The Lake District needs protection from noise and pollution - thank you for taking on this challenge.

Nerys

Let's understand that this is not an attempt at exclusion but at very wide inclusion by preserving the landscape and communities of the National Park for everyone; recreational 4x4's are at odds with the qualities that have earned the Lake District the status of World Heritage site.

Helen

Driving recreational 4x4s and motorbikes on green lanes in the Lake District National Park, gives a short-term cheap thrill to the riders but causes significant long-term damage to the local environment and destroys the precious peace and tranquility valued by so many others. No question - ban them!

Ernie

There are many other places where people can get their "thrills and spills" without damaging this special area. The whole point of National Parks is surely to educate town and city dwellers about the beauty, tranquillity, and enjoyment of our natural wild spaces.

Jennifer

Leave the environment untouched. If you can't be bothered to walk, and you're fully able, stay at home or drive your car in your local neighbourhood.

James

..but why is saving a national park up to individual donations? Where is the governmental obligation to protect national heritage? Don't we rely on their leverage in such cases or am I being naive and they don't actually give a monkey's?

Marcia

I think that in a National Park, priority should be given to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and countryside (Sandford Principle)

Celia

I don't understand: if you are preoccupied with racing around in vehicles why not go somewhere designed for doing this rather than disturbing and churning up a place of natural beauty? Don't tell me...you like to stop and listen to the birds and admire the scenery ...really??

Tamara

Good luck with the campaign. The LDNPA must carry out its duties of protecting the natural beauty of the Lake District and helping people to enjoy it. Allowing motorised vehicles to use these quiet tracks will not achieve this.

Richard

This is such an important fight. If this battle is lost, the LDNP will be able to do much more damage, in many ways. They need to be stopped and shown that people will fight them on issues such as this. Sorry I can't pledge more.

Judith

Get motor vehicles off the tracks, let them be places of quiet enjoyment for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

Toby

It is a pity when there has to be a fight to protect natural assets.

Peter

A fabulous part of the world - no other country would let it be treated with such reckless contempt.

Jeremy

These narrow tracks are for the farmers and walkers, not for 4x4 drivers.

Ian

When I used to walk the fells I saw grass and birds, felt the wind, smelt the sheep and thyme and enjoyed the quiet times. I'm too old to walk now and miss all that. But so does everyone else when the 4x4s come noisily lurching through the narrow lanes.

Mary

From any reasonable, community-spirited view, there appear to be twisted logic and sinister forces at work here. Let's hope the courts will agree with you.

David

I fear for a society that can allow one of its few accessible places of natural beauty to be destroyed in this way

Caroline

For everyone like me whose kids and grandkids share their love of this special place.

Susy

We have seen for ourselves this despicable destruction of some of the most beautiful countryside in our country all for a few hours of excitement for a very few who care only for their own enjoyment. It has to stop.

Rosemary

What about the LDNPA's responsibility to uphold the fundamental Sandford Principle? It says that conservation is more important than public enjoyment and is the legal basis for the existence of the Lake District National Park.

Marilyn

Keep up the good work. As a rambler and landscape conservationist I very much want to see an end to this inappropriate activity.

Malcolm

National Parks are celebrating 70 years since the act was passed. This refusal by the LDNP flies in the face of their commitment to the environment, World Heritage status and their statutory duty to protect the land.

Anonymous

Good luck, this is unbelievable, our national parks should be about so much and so little to do with turning them into theme parks.

Michael

These lanes are not designed to take lots of motorised traffic and the damage they do is irreparable. The noise and pollution is very invasive to what should be a quiet peaceful landscape

Eleanor

I am a member of Pudsey & District Rambling Club and fell in love with The Lakes some 40 years ago. I support your actions all the way.

Stephen

Yes, everyone should be able to enjoy the countryside, but there's a point where the enjoyment of a tiny minority ruins the enjoyment of the vast majority!

Anonymous

I grew up living near there so I know how precious the area is, for many reasons. I really hope you can beat this violation.

Caroline

An important local and wider environmental issue. Appalled by the attitude of the LDNPA. Good luck with this necessary action.

Stewart

I am giving you my winter fuel allowance to help stop the desecration of the green lanes in the Lake District. I'm amazed at the National Park for allowing 4x4's to ruin the tranquility of the Lake District.

Jan

The motor vehicle is already king on hundreds of thousands of roads in the UK. It must not be allowed to destroy the few areas remaining where people from all walks of life can enjoy the beauty and peace of the countryside.

Jacqueline

I have worked and relaxed in Cumbria and the Lake District. 4x4's and all leisure vehicles cause irreparable damage to the fragile lanes and off-road byways. They must be kept away before we lose yet another gem from our natural environment.

Barry

The LDNP authority should be ashamed, they are letting down millions of people worldwide who love the Lake District. We have UNESCO world heritage status as a marker of the national and international value of this beautiful landscape - let's ensure it's used in a way that protects it for the future

Helen

We live a long way from The Lakes but it has a special place in our hearts and we will try to return. It is important for its charm to be retained not just for us of course but for all future visitors.

Adrian