

Moorlands: People, Places, Stories

Exploring people's experiences of the Upper Nidderdale moorland through time

What do the moorlands mean to you?



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Sharing stories – listening to the past

Everyone, young and old, has a story to tell; unique memories and experiences that would otherwise be lost over time. These personal accounts reveal much about the history of the moorlands, a personal history that is not written down.

Here we have an opportunity to preserve our moorland heritage by capturing aspects of history and experiences that would otherwise be lost, and to look at the landscape through different eyes.

Why the moorlands?

The moorlands have been influenced by humans over thousands of years, with successive generations finding different ways to exploit the area's rich resources, leaving their mark as clues for future generations.

We hope that the project will help capture the character of the moorland landscape and of the people that live, work, and enjoy them.

Join the team

Moorlands: People, Places, Stories will be delivered by a newly formed volunteer group. Training will be provided and the team will be supported by Louise Brown (Historic Nidderdale Project Officer), oral history consultant Dr Robert Light, and landscape archaeologist Dr Jonathan Finch from the University of York.

It is hoped that documents and photographs shared by interviewees might spark interest in carrying out some additional research. There will be the opportunity for those that are interested to become affiliated to the University of York in order to access online resources, as well as being able to access the archives held by Nidderdale Museum and at North Yorkshire County Council.

You can give as much or as little time to the project as you are able.

What will the project achieve?

Time	Outcome	
Ongoing	Online	Website: uppernidderdale.org.uk Upper Nidderdale wiki: uppernidderdale.org.uk/wiki Historypin: www.historypin.org/en/person/73534
Summer 2017	Moorland Festival	An opportunity for all to celebrate our moorlands.
Late 2017 / Early 2018	Publication	Highlights from the project will be brought together in a booklet with accompanying CD.
2018	Archive	The sound archive will be hosted on the Upper Nidderdale website and will be available to future researchers.

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