



Cash Funding to make a difference



We have successfully gained special funding from the Government to enable us to support local communities to gather more and more information about their needs.

In each of the next three years we will be given £120,000 by the Treasury to support local communities to carry out detailed studies of their areas so we can collate vital information on issues such as housing and employment needs. The funding will also help train our staff to interpret what the statistics are saying, so we can give you, the public, quicker and better planning decisions.

According to Community Development Manager Bob Sutcliffe it's always going to be a careful balancing act when trying to determine the future needs of somewhere like the Lake District.

"It's hard for any rural community to develop because the need for any development must outweigh the harm it

may cause to our precious countryside.

And obviously this issue is emphasised if you live in a special area such as the National Park.

"But our partners and ourselves are keen to work in new innovative ways which will

overcome these obstacles for the good of the National Park itself, and for the people who live and work here. If we have clear evidence of need, then it will help everyone understand what has to be done to meet those needs."

And Bob urges everyone to get involved in undertaking these local surveys when they begin in their particular community.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us all to develop this wonderful area in a way we can all be proud of. As a local resident myself, I realise this is a chance to make a positive difference," he adds.



Brockhole and Beatrix before the blockbuster.

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The Gaddums - wealthy silk and yarn merchants from Manchester who created a lavish home on the shores of Windermere in the 1890s - had strong ties with the woman who took the Lake District to her heart.

Edith Gaddum, a first cousin of Beatrix, was a Potter until her marriage to William and the families remained close throughout their lives.

Speaking from his home near Macclesfield, Anthony Gaddum revealed how the author used to write to William and Edith's two children Jim and Molly at Brockhole and that he had seen a letter to Molly based on Jeremy Fisher, complete with illustrations.

"Beatrix Potter always referred to Jim as Walter and sent him charming toy pictures with a number of creatures which moved about," said Mr Gaddum, who has written a book Gaddum Revisited.

"I understand she was very close to the children and although the National Trust were the main beneficiaries in her will, Jim and Molly were her heirs."

According to letters left by William Gaddum, Beatrix Potter and her husband drove over to Brockhole in 1936 to share in his golden wedding anniversary celebrations. It was the last time she wore the family jewels she had inherited.

"By then she had put on a certain amount of weight and was apparently wearing a dress with many buttons down the back. When she got home was unable to remove her clothes and had to sit up in a chair all night, until her housekeeper Mrs Rogerson arrived the following morning," said Mr Gaddum.

Photographs of the Gaddum family at Brockhole can be seen around the visitor centre.

The film Miss Potter will be released next year.

Photograph of Beatrix Potter Courtesy of NITPL



David's father holding forth

Like grandfather, like father, like son...

Three generations of the Bulman family have been involved with the National Park Authority. David Bulman, (South), explains more:

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he became one of the first volunteer wardens in 1954. His duty was to pick up litter in the Langdale car park, next to our family home at New Dungeon Ghyll Hotel.

Ten years later my father John joined as a volunteer and then warden. When I was a young boy, it was great going out with him to burn brush and use the Allen scythes – a machine with a vicious cutter bar which probably

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wonder if our baby daughter Lucie will follow in the family footsteps and one day become National Park Officer!"

As a teenager I worked with highly skilled and passionate field workers during my summer holidays. My Dad led

the restoration of Scarth Gap, Buttermere, where we used railway sleepers to cross the washed out gulleys and stop erosion.

In 1985 my first job as an estate worker was to make a track from the Brockhole car park. For a free lunch in the café, I did drystone walling demonstrations. I now manage a team of gardeners and field workers, and feel very lucky to

have worked throughout the Lake District. My wife Alison also works for the Authority, and we

TICs in and around the National Park



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