



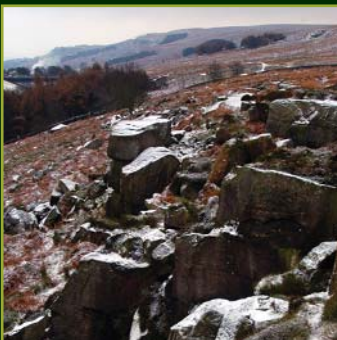
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FRIENDS OF



ILKLEY MOOR

EVENTS &
LEARNING
PROGRAMME 2011



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Ilkley Moor Events & Learning Programme 2011

The Friends of Ilkley Moor (FoIM) hope that you enjoy these events and learning activities and through them gain an understanding of Ilkley Moor. The walks and activities have been developed to cater for all ages and interests.

Inside this programme you'll find details of a wide range of fantastic events and learning activities to help you discover Ilkley Moor. The events have been developed around the themes of flora and fauna, archaeology, geology and social history to increase understanding of and to celebrate the special beauty and heritage of the moor. They include conservation issues and the wider landscape benefits of moorlands.

Help conserve Ilkley Moor by becoming a member today. To join, use the membership form on page 21, or visit www.ilkleymoore.org and get the latest on future activities and events on the moor.

The Friends of Ilkley Moor is a registered charity (No. 1126733) and therefore regulated by the Charities Commission.



Ilkley Moor has a unique natural, archaeological, geological and social heritage

It is an area of upland moorland, covering 676 hectares. It has significant nature conservation interest and for this reason it is designated as a national Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). It forms part of the upland watershed between Wharfedale to the north and Airedale to the south. It is part of the South Pennine Moors Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Conservation Area (SAC) designated under the European Union Bird's Directive for its internationally important bird populations and its heathland and blanket bog habitats.

Ilkley Moor is underlain by a succession of alternating coarse-grained sandstones and shales. The Cow and Calf Rocks and Lanshaw Delves are Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS). Since the Stone Age people have lived on the moor. The rich evidence of pre-historic settlement on the moor is recognised by the number of carved stones designated as national Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs).



Pancake Stone on the moor

Friends of Ilkley Moor (FoIM)

The FoIM is a registered charity, set up in 2008. Our aims are to restore, protect and improve Ilkley Moor, for the benefit of the environment, all those who use Ilkley Moor and those who reside in the surrounding area to encourage local schools and youth organisations to use Ilkley Moor constructively for pleasure and education and to encourage appreciation of the ecology and history of Ilkley Moor.

So far the FoIM have raised over £140,000 to improve the access on the moor and to employ a freelance project officer to help support the conservation of the moor along with enhancing volunteers' (see *page 23*), residents' and young people's understanding and awareness of it.

The membership of the FoIM costs £10 per person (£15 for a family). Membership entitles you to free events, the FoIM Newsletter, special members-only events and training opportunities - our membership form is on pages 21/22, if you would like to join.

We also undertake Private Commissions for all types of groups from a couple to a whole school and we tailor-make these events to your requirements. Please contact the Project Officer on if you would like to discuss your needs and the cost of your particular event.

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The Ilkley Moor 2011 Events Programme is jointly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the South Pennines LEADER programme (Rural Development Programme for England), which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, and managed by Yorkshire Forward in the Yorkshire and Humber region, and Pennine Prospects.



All of the following organisations and groups are running events or have helped with the programme in some way:

- Heritage Lottery Fund
- South Pennines LEADER Programme
- Manor House Museum
- The Wharfedale Naturalist Society
- The West Yorkshire Bat Group
- West Yorkshire Geology Trust
- Bradford Council
- Ilkley Civic Society
- Bradford Museums and Galleries
- The Watershed Landscape Project
- Pennine Prospects

Supported in partnership by:



Cup and Ring marked rock

Events Information and Directions

All events are free but donations are welcome and will be used to further achieve the FoIM aims. To book a place please contact Tracy Gray, Ilkley Moor Project Office - tracy@ilkleymoorg.org - or on 0785 444 7949.

Getting to Ilkley Moor

Please consider travelling by public transport to our events where possible. See www.traveline.org.uk to plan your journey. Car sharing is a more environmentally friendly approach to car use. www.liftshare.com is an online journey matching service that finds you travelling companions.

By Train Ilkley Moor is close to two train stations - Ilkley and Ben Rhydding, with trains every half hour from Leeds and Bradford and every hour on Sundays.

By Bus There are good bus services to Ilkley from Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Skipton and Otley.

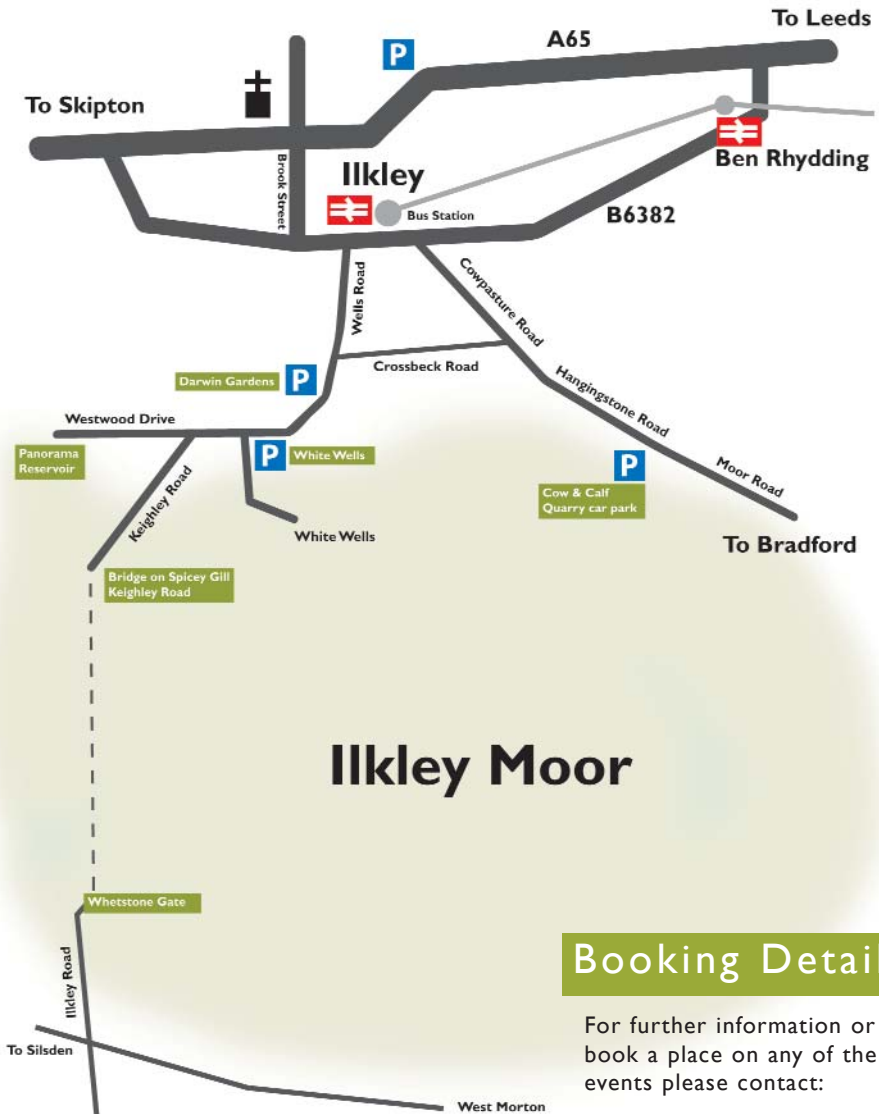
By Car There are car parking facilities at the Cow and Calf Rocks (not the pub car park, but on the opposite side of the road) and near Darwin Gardens (see map over).

The nearest toilet facilities are in Ilkley town centre (behind WH Smith). Please wear sturdy footwear and waterproof clothing.

Help to protect the moor's heritage:

- Staying on defined footpaths helps to protect the adjacent habitats and species which depend on it.
- Please keep dogs on a lead during ground bird nesting season (March 1st - July 31st).
- Sheep are only permitted to graze on some areas of the moor, so please close gates
- Many plants and animals are now rare and endangered so please don't pick wildflowers.
- Please remember to take your litter home.

Meeting Points and Car Parking



Ilkley Moor

Booking Details

For further information or to book a place on any of the events please contact:

Ilkley Moor Project Officer
projectofficer@ilkleymoorg.org
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Events Diary 2011

Events Key



Suitable for young people



Conservation activity



Sorry, no dogs



Learning activity



Guided walk

All events are free but some require advance booking - see page 20 for details of how to book, meeting points and car parking.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS! We are organising regular monthly volunteer days - see page 23 for more information

Moorland birds

A guided walk to provide an awareness of the wide variety of birds that the moor sustains.

Saturday, 7th May
9am - 11am

Leader The Wharfedale Naturalist Society

Equipment A few pairs of binoculars will be provided, but please bring your own if you have them.

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Unsuitable



Exploring the Bed Rock of Ilkley

A guided walk looking at the importance of the local geology in the creation and character of the built environment.

Saturday 7th May
2pm - 4pm

Leader Gavin Edwards, Archaeologist

Meeting Point and Parking Cow and Calf quarry car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Footsteps in the Stone Age

A moor walk for children 7-11 years. Children will follow the story of how hunter-gatherers lived on Ilkley Moor 8,000 years ago. This is a fun activity and will include the opportunity to handle replica stone tools.

Saturday 21st May to 10am - 12 noon

Leader Pippa Rochford (Kidz Archaeology)

Meeting Point and Parking Cow and Calf Rocks - quarry car park

Booking Essential. *Children to bring a drink and snack. Bring waterproofs or apply sun protection depending on the weather*

Walking Grade Moderate
Dogs Not suitable



Moorland Bats

A bat walk to provide greater awareness of the main varieties of British bats, those found on the moor and/or immediate surrounding areas, how they use sonar, habitat requirements and conservation issues.

Saturday 21st May to 9pm - 11pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer
Meeting Point and Parking Darwin Gardens

Booking Essential
Equipment Bring a torch
Walking Grade Moderate
Dogs Not suitable



Heritage Walk: Woodland Way

The walk winds in and out of the woods that form the lowest slopes of Ilkley Moor.

Sunday 22nd May 2pm - 4pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer
Meeting Point and Parking White Wells car park
Booking Not required
Walking Grade Moderate
Dogs Welcome



Heritage Walk: White Wells Moorland

This walk takes you from the edge of the town on to the high moor.

Saturday, 4th June
2pm - 4pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer
Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Not required

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Identifying past mineral extraction sites

A geological activity to identify and explore past mineral extraction sites and the geology of the moor.

Sunday, 5th June
2pm - 4pm

Leader West Yorkshire Geology Trust

Equipment Provided

Meeting Point and Parking

Cow and Calf Rocks, quarry car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Bracken Control

A conservation activity to undertake bracken control through 'bracken bashing'. Learn about balancing the negative and positive aspects of bracken. Negative issues: invasive species destroying diversity of habitat; positive issues: habitat for a variety of birds and other species.

Tuesday, 7th June
10am - 1pm

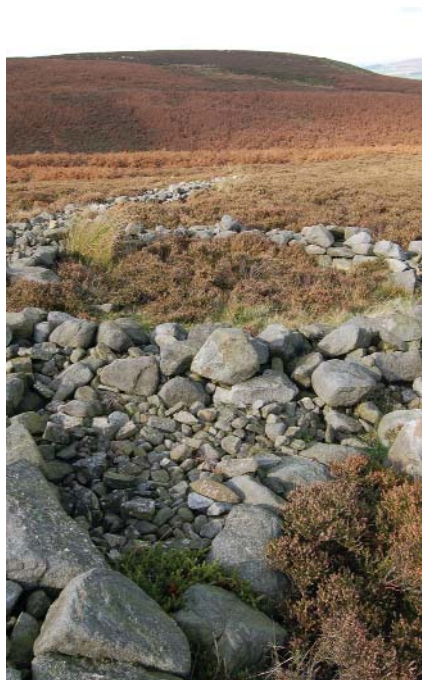
Leader FoIM Project Officer
Meeting Point and Parking

Darwin Gardens

Booking Not required

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Unsuitable



Moorland Flowers and Plants

a two-hour guided walk to explore the flowers and plants of Ilkley Moor.

Saturday, 16th July
10am - 12 noon

Leader The Wharfedale Naturalist Society

Meeting Point and Parking

Darwin Gardens

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Water Quality Survey

an ecological/scientific activity to survey the water quality of the upper tarn. Participants will learn how to test the ph of the water and survey the invertebrates which live in the water to assess how healthy the water is.

Sunday, 17th July
12 noon - 2pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Pond Dipping

Discover the water 'mini-beasts' of the upper tarn.

Monday, 18th July
11am - 1pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer
Meeting Point and Parking
White Wells car park
Booking Essential
Walking Grade Moderate
Dogs Welcome



July



Bracken Control

A conservation activity to undertake bracken control through 'bracken bashing'. Learn about balancing the negative and positive aspects of bracken. Negative issues: invasive species destroying diversity of habitat; positive issues: habitat for a variety of birds and other species.

Tuesday, 26th July
10am - 1pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer
Meeting Point and Parking
Darwin Gardens
Booking Not required
Walking Grade Moderate
Dogs Unsuitable



Recreation on the Moor

A guided walk to explore Victorian walking routes and early 20th Century activities on the moor such as golf, cycling and game shooting.

Saturday, 6th August
2pm - 4pm

Leader Alex Cockshott, Ilkley Civic Society

Meeting Point and Parking

Darwin Gardens

Booking Not required

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Tree Identification

Activity to identify different trees and to look at the value of 'ancient' woodland.

Wednesday, 10th August
2.30pm - 4.30pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Pond Dipping

Discover the water 'mini-beasts' of the upper tarn.

Friday, 12th August
11am - 1pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome





Geocaching

An introduction to geocaching: a treasure hunting game using GPS.

Saturday, 13th August
10am - 12 noon

Leader Anna Marshall, Pennine Prospects

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Heritage Walk: Cow and Calf

This walk takes you from the popular parking place at the Cow and Calf Rocks to the quieter areas beyond.

Saturday, 13th August
1pm - 2pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer

Meeting Point and Parking

Cow and Calf quarry car park

Booking Not required

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Moorland Fungi

A guided fungi walk to identify different types of fungi which grow on the moor and immediate surrounding areas.

Saturday

24th September

10am - 12 noon

Leader The Mid-Yorkshire Fungus Group

Meeting Point and Parking

Darwin Gardens

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Geocaching

An introduction to geocaching: a treasure hunting game using GPS.

Saturday

24th September

10am - 12 noon

Leader Anna Marshall, Pennine Prospects

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Essential

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



Woodland Seeds

An activity to learn about different tree seeds and how to grow trees from seed.

Sunday

25th September

11am - 1pm

Leader FoIM Project Officer

Meeting Point and Parking

White Wells car park

Booking Not required

Walking Grade Moderate

Dogs Welcome



South Pennines LEADER Programme Update 2011

South Pennines LEADER has now allocated all of its £2.4m to projects across the South Pennines and the fund is now closed to new applications. There are some really outstanding ongoing and proposed projects in the programme and much has, and will, be achieved as projects progress to their conclusion in March 2014.

Major heritage initiatives such as the Watershed Landscape Project continue to deliver some exciting activities in the Ilkley area. Ongoing community projects such as the Community Building Energy Efficiency project are now seeing physical improvements being undertaken at a number of halls around the area with associated reductions in energy bills. Investment in the potential to promote our area for outdoor recreation has seen the launch in Ilkley last year of the South Pennines Walk & Ride Festival and www.walkridesouthpennines.co.uk. Our focus on artistic interpretation of the landscape sees LEADER funding going into the forthcoming Stanza Stones project.

This is just a taste of what is being achieved with LEADER funding. For more information please visit the Pennine Prospects website at www.pennineprospects.co.uk.



Watershed Landscape Project Update

Ilkley Moor is located at the most northerly extent of the South Pennines and continues to benefit from the Watershed Landscape Project. Promoted and managed by Pennine Prospects and part funded by LEADER, this is a wide ranging project that aims to enhance and protect the unique character and appearance of the South Pennine uplands and will help to ensure that the moorlands continue to provide a healthy and thriving landscape that is relevant for today's society by encouraging greater understanding and enjoyment of this unique landscape through improved access, interpretation and engagement.

The project also seeks to enhance and protect the important ecological and heritage features of the landscape for the benefit of future generations and celebrates the uplands as a place of inspiration for all to enjoy. Ilkley Moor is currently included in the exciting CSI (Carved Stone Investigations) project, which is setting out to survey the internationally important group of prehistoric carved rocks on Rombalds Moor. Working with partners, such as the Friends of Ilkley Moor, this involves the training of volunteers to record the rocks in 3-dimensions using the technique of photogrammetry.

To find out more about the Watershed Landscape Project please visit www.watershedlandscape.co.uk



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the south pennines



Heritage Walk - Cow and Calf

This walk only takes about an hour and takes you from the popular parking place at the Cow & Calf Rocks to the quieter areas beyond. It is very easy underfoot, on a good but rough path which has muddy patches after rain.

Start Begin at the Cow and Calf car park. Ahead of you is the old quarry with the Cow and Calf rocks to the right. A paved path leads up to the quarry entrance - this was the route that was originally used to extract the quarried rock. Follow this until just before the quarry entrance you take a smaller paved path which branches off left. It is worth having a look into the quarry before you continue. The path rises and after a few minutes levels out on a flat grassy area at Waypoint 1.

Waypoint 1 Straight uphill to the ridge and quarry. Turn right on the main path, pass the quarry and turn left. You'll see your path heading up the slope ahead to a low hill with a pile of stones. The path is not paved from here and so can be muddy, particularly the next 100 metres. The path soon drops slightly and you come to the rocky stream of Backstone Beck - Waypoint 2.

Waypoint 2 Several paths meet here and you need to take the one leading from the stream up towards the pile of stones on top of the cliffs (right). The path is very eroded and you'll find yourself in more of a trench than on a path. You can look over the edge of the cliff to the area below known as Rocky Valley and beyond that there are views across Ilkley and the Wharfe Valley. You soon reach the pile of stones (Waypoint 3) before the rise with another pile of stone on the top.

Waypoint 3 Turn left here on to a well made path. This is known as Dick Hudson's path as it leads to Dick Hudson's pub about two hours away. If you follow the path to the right it takes you to White Wells where you can get a cup of tea if the flags are flying, but it is a long way down and back. The path crosses open moorland and ahead you'll see the moor stretching into the distance. For a few hundred metres the path rises gently and then drops to a small stream at Gill Head - Waypoint 4.

Waypoint 4 10 yards before the stream (Backstone Beck) turn left and follow the stream down. You'll pass a ruined hut which was part of the water works, gathering water for Ilkley's supply. Pass cup and ring stone at SE 127 463 to the left of the path. At the crosspaths turn right down to the canalised stream. Continue on this path and after 400 metres you arrive back at the stream crossing at Waypoint 2. If necessary you can make a quick return by the same path as earlier but it is much more interesting to cross the stream and follow the path which goes down on the right hand bank.

The stream drops into a small gorge past the Crocodile Rock and you'll see a splendid variety of ferns and other shade loving plants on the cliffs on the far side. After 150 metres the path swings right up a rocky bank and you find yourself looking into the end of Hangingstone Quarry at Waypoint 5.

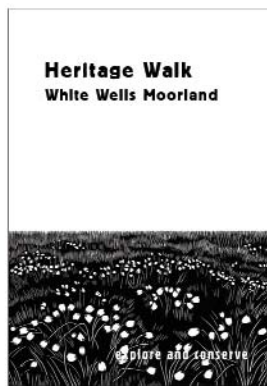
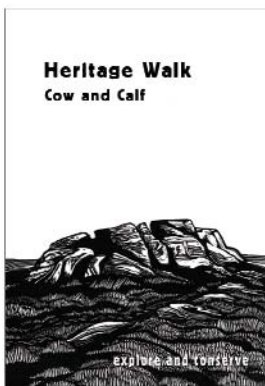
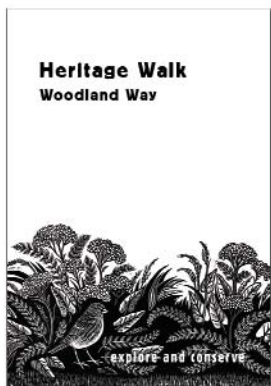
Waypoint 5 The quarry covers a large area but is quite shallow. There are several paths to the right most go in the right direction but the best is to drop down slightly and follow the upper edge of the trees. After 100 metres you reach the old entrance to the quarry - an old cobbled path leading downhill to your left. At this point you need to go up to the top of the quarry or you find that you have to drop down below the Cow & Calf rocks. At the top you find an area of flat rock covered in carvings at Waypoint 6.

Waypoint 6 Some of these carvings are recent but some are very old Bronze Age (BC 2500-750). Their meaning is unknown, although there are many theories. Perhaps they are star charts or maps, perhaps they are rock art. and of unknown meaning, and there are many much younger! Below you to your left are cliffs and so follow the path round. You'll pass the top of the main quarry and arrive back at Waypoint 1. From here it is just two minutes down to the car park and a cup of tea, or three minutes to the Cow and Calf Hotel across the road.

This walk is one of a series we have produced with the support of Pennine Prospects.

- Woodland Way
- Cow and Calf
- White Wells Moorland

To download free copies of all three, which include useful maps of the walks, go to our website at www.ilkleymoor.org.



Original woodcut prints - Angie Rogers, 2010

Friends of Ilkley Moor

Membership Application Form

and Gift Aid Declaration

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Contact Details

Name	Telephone	Date
Address	Email	
	Please provide your email address to help us minimise postage costs	
	Office use	

Annual Membership Fees (please tick)

Family £15 Individual £10 Unwaged £5 Corporate £50 Other

Please make cheques payable to the Friends of Ilkley Moor.

Donation

If you would like to make a donation to the work of the Friends please tick the appropriate box and make cheques payable to 'Friends of Ilkley Moor'.

£5 £10 £15 £50 Other

If you wish to make an annual standing order, please complete the page opposite.

Gift Aid Declaration

If you wish your membership/donation to be treated as Gift Aid please tick the box:

Please treat all gifts of money as Gift Aid donations.

Reasons for visiting

<input type="checkbox"/> Archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering	<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walker
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Volunteering - please list any particular skills you might be willing to offer.

To be kept informed of any individual or group volunteering opportunities please tick here.

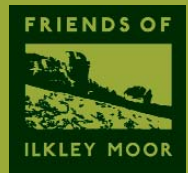
Please return this form, along with your membership fee/completed Standing Order, to:

Membership Secretary, FoIM, PO Box 286, Ilkley, LS29 1DX

Regular Standing Order Form

and Gift Aid Declaration

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If you wish to make regular annual membership payments to the Friends of Ilkley Moor, please provide the information requested below.

Your name and address

Name

Address

Your bank details

Your Bank/Building Society's name:

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Your Account Number

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Unity Bank, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HB

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To be paid on _____ (please insert date) and 1 April each year after until further notice.

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Signed

Date

Ilkley Moor Volunteer Days 2011

Ilkley Moor Volunteer Days will be held on a regular day - the first Saturday and the third Tuesday of every alternate month.

February 5th - Saturday
March 15th - Tuesday
April 2nd - Saturday
May 17th - Tuesday
June 4th - Saturday
July 19th - Tuesday
August 6th - Saturday
September 20th - Tuesday
October 1st - Saturday
November 15th - Tuesday
December 3rd - Saturday

Meeting point Darwin Gardens car park, near the old band stand, Ilkley
Time 10am - 1pm

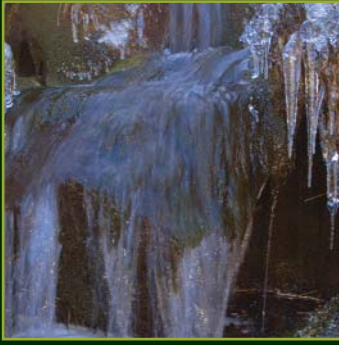
The Friends of Ilkley Moor (FoIM) have organised a series of volunteer days for the local community to carry out conservation activities on Ilkley Moor. The FoIM endeavour to offer worthwhile volunteering experiences to build peoples understanding and skills in the conservation of upland habitats.

This year, in partnership with Bradford Council, will be carrying out woodland conservation, upper tarn restoration, access creation and restoration, bracken control, vegetation clearance, stone wall building and much more. Check our website for details of activities for each volunteer day. Please note that it essential that people book a place on any volunteer day so that we can manage numbers and health and safety issues.



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