

## Friends of Hutton Roof Common

The Friends of Hutton Roof Common is a new charitable group set up by villagers to promote practical conservation, sustainable access, enjoyment and heritage of Hutton Roof Common through volunteers, for the benefit of the Parish of Hutton Roof and the public. Also, to educate the volunteers, parishioners and public in the principles and practice of conservation.

The group has been registered with TCV, the Community Volunteers Association which offer lots of support and guidance to conservation volunteers and has enabling the group to obtain public liability and volunteer insurance.

The group will undertake practical conservation work on the Crag, in the area within the parish. The aim is to restore lost habitat to promote biodiversity and restore access to the world class limestone features.

The group would like to involve as many people as possible and to raise some money to help with the start up and on going costs, (e.g. the insurance premium was £350). You are invited to join as a member, have a say in the organisation and vote at the AGM. You will also be first to know about interesting talks and events organised by the group.

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### Membership Application

Please support the conservation work of Friends of Hutton Roof Common by becoming a member. You will receive a regular newsletter and will be entitled to vote at the AGM. Funds will be used for necessary expenses including insurance, tools, training, communications and any other items agreed by the committee.

#### **Data Protection**

The information you provide in this form will be used solely for dealing with you as a Friend of Hutton Roof Common. The Data Privacy Policy is available on application to the secretary. Your data will be stored and used in accordance with this Policy.

Name	
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	

Annual membership is £10 for adults, payable in March, by cheque or bank transfer. Please make cheques payable to: Friends of Hutton Roof Common and send, together with your completed form to Eve Simpson, Treasurer FoHRC, Holly Grove, Newbiggin, LA6 2PN

For bank transfer the details are: Account Name: Friends of Hutton Roof Common, Sort Code: 30-95-96, Account Number: 26675868.

A scan or picture of the form is acceptable by email, please send to [eve.c.simpson@gmail.com](mailto:eve.c.simpson@gmail.com)

I wish to become a Friend of Hutton Roof Crag. I accept the data protection policy. I accept that my email address (if provided) will be used for communications. I enclose/will transfer

Annual subscription for the current financial year .....£10.00.....

A donation of .....£.....

Signature.....Date..... PTO

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## How did we get here?

As you know, the fell race route on the crag has been cleared every spring for about 35 years. Last year villagers were approached by Peter Standing of the Landscape Trust to help with the Landscape Trust event last September. Routes and features that featured in the guided walks were cleared and the Village Hall hosted and catered the event.

Hutton Roof Crag is a world class example of Karst Landscape but the great views of the limestone have been lost over the years since grazing ceased. Peter Standing produced a paper "Restoring the Rakes" which he presented to the Parish Council back in autumn and gained their support for the project. A survey carried out in the 70s found Hutton Roof Crag to be in the top three for biodiversity. Stephen Ward, who was one of the authors, lives in Arnside and Peter got him involved too. Stephen has been coming along and advising the group on what to remove and what to preserve as well as doing some of the work himself. Another driver was a wish by Fell Race Organiser, Stuart Williams, for the Fell Race to put something back into the area.

The crag is a SSSI and any work has to have permission granted by Natural England. Peter Standing applied for permission to do the work, to make a start on Restoring The Rakes and this was granted by Natural England and counter signed by the Commoners Association. Peter's Hutton Roof and Farleton Geotrail booklet launched last September has raised £200 for the cause. The Commoners are the farmers who have "gates" on the Crag, that is the rights to grazing etc. The Commoners also have an agreement with Natural England for certain works to be done and the groups will be working together.



## Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer please consider adding gift aid to your subscription and any any donations and complete this form.

As the membership payments do no more than secure membership of the charity and do not secure a right to personal use of any facilities or services provided by the charity, gift aid can be claimed on the membership fee and on donations.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

### **Gift Aid declaration to Friends of Hutton Roof Common**

I (title):.....(name):.....

of (address):..... Postcode:.....

would like all donations I make to the Friends of Hutton Roof Common from the date of this declaration to be treated as Gift Aid donations. I understand I must be paying UK income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the amount being reclaimed by the group. I understand I can cancel this Gift Aid declaration at any time.

**Signature of donor** ..... **Date**.....

Notes:

- You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying The Friends of Hutton Roof Common.
- You must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that FoHRC reclaims on your donations in the tax year (currently 25p for each £1.00 you give).
- If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration
- If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
- Please notify us if you change your name or address.

The Friends of Hutton Roof Common is registering with HMRC as a charitable organisation.