

RUSLAND & SATTERTHWAITE
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AUTUMN LEAVES

MOSSES VISIT

(Rusland Mosses SSSI - Proposed Restoration Plan by Natural England)

As most of you will know Natural England (NE) would like to make significant changes to the Rusland Mosses (as detailed in the November 2011 edition of the newsletter).

In summary, NE would like to create an environment where Rusland Mosses return to a favourable condition. This means raising the water level on the domes of the Mosses so that sphagnum moss could grow. In order for this environment to be created this could potentially result in the following taking place on Rusland Moss:-

- felling and removal of large numbers of trees
- large earth works
- blocking of peat cuts
- changes to watercourses

"So what?" I hear you cry - "Isn't that great news?" It might be, but any work carried out to Rusland Mosses will impact on the following:-

- Indigenous Red Deer herd that lives on the mosses
- Red Squirrels - currently a project is underway to promote their survival in the valley
- Bird community - Buzzard, Spotted Flycatcher, Wood Warbler, Tawny and Barn Owls.
- Insect and arachnid populations on the mosses
- Butterflies and rare plants including carnivorous plants
- Wetting / flooding farmland and local area. Some residents have voiced their concerns about possible flooding of their properties.

Based on the feedback at the public meeting, along with views gathered from locals, these potential changes have not been received positively by the community, as NE are unable to provide information on how the potential changes will impact on the existing environment and have not yet formed a clear view on how these potential changes should be implemented.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

In order to bring to life the potential restoration work at Rusland Moss, NE have agreed to run through the restoration works that have already been carried out at Foulshaw, Meathop and Roudsea Mosses by taking interested parties round the Mosses on Saturday 13th October. The day will then conclude with a walk across Rusland Mosses so that NE can talk through what the potential changes will be.

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MOSSES VISIT *continued*

If you are interested in having a say on what goes on in the valley and you want to understand what potential changes might take place, then please come along on the 13th October. In order to ensure that the day goes smoothly, please can you inform Antony Meanwell if you would like to attend.

TIMETABLE FOR SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2012

9:30 am - Meet at Foulshaw Moss then onto Meathop Moss.
12:00 - Lunch - Café Ambio, Motor Museum, Haverthwaite
1:30 pm - Roudsea Moss then onto Rusland Moss

Further details can be obtained from Antony Meanwell.
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Letter to: - The Syke, Rusland, LA12 8JT

THE GREEN DOOR STUDIO'S ART TRAIL

Chris Benefield, Tina Balmer and Angie Flynn will be showing their recent work at

JANE MEADOW, HIGH DALE PARK

On Friday 5th October, 12-5, Saturday 6th 11-6, and Sunday 7th 11-5

Light lunches and teas available at a modest charge

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB COFFEE MORNING

The Coronation Hall, Ulverston, Thursday 15th November.
Cakes, Bric a Brac and Book Stalls

Any donations for the stalls would be very welcome.

Bring a box full to a film or drop it off at Carol's at Oxen Park or Jane Chaloner (861283) can collect anything and store, so please make this an opportunity to have an autumn clear out before Christmas!

LEVEN VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

Due to popular demand the Support Group proudly present "AN EVENING with VOCE" the male voice quartet, The Café Ambio, Lakeland Motor Museum, Backbarrow 12th October 2012 at 7.30pm.

Tickets £7.50 to include refreshments. Raffle.

All proceeds from the evening will go to St Marys Hospice. Tickets available from Dorothy Crabtree- 015395 30132, Sylvia Chadwick- 015395 31685, Marion Wilson -015395 31779

SPRING SHOW

Let us all plan for a bright and colourful Spring. Now is the time to plant your Pots and Bowls or any container with all your favourite Bulbs.

So get cracking and let's make a wonderful Show for everyone!