



Reconnecting Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path

We are proud to have delivered a successful fundraising campaign—raising over £100,000 to reconnect the Keswick to Threlkeld Railway Path which was badly damaged in Storm Desmond in 2015.

The campaign raised over £70,000 from members of the public and local businesses and organisations in just 6 months. The total was increased further thanks to a £30,000 grant from United Utilities and as we write, money continues to come in.

72 locally based businesses supported the campaign by making a donation, sharing information, holding fundraising events, or donating raffle prizes.



Community groups also played an important role, especially with support for fundraising events including the duck race.

As part of the campaign, we hosted our first ever charity auction night and raised over £8,600 from 40 lots. Local businesses and celebrities donated fantastic prizes including a day on the Lake District Fells with Alan Hinkes OBE; the first Briton to climb the world's highest mountains, the fourteen 8,000m peaks.

It is testament to the amazing community spirit in Keswick that this much has been raised in such a short space of time. The energy and enthusiasm of residents and visitors who miss this path so much has been nothing short of inspirational. The Lake District Foundation is proud to have played our part in this.



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