

## News Release

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### Conservation Grants for Ingleborough Projects

Thanks to National Lottery players, Clapham-based charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is able to offer funding for conservation projects in the Ingleborough area.

The grants are part of Stories in Stone, a programme of community and heritage projects developed by the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership, led by YDMT and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Heritage Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects that restore, celebrate or increase understanding of the area's natural, historical and cultural features.

Projects supported by previous grants include a series of walk leaflets about archaeological features on Ingleborough, restoration of historical village features, improvement of facilities for visitors to farms, interpretation panels about Ingleton's railway heritage and Settle's history and habitat conservation. Restoration work to the picturesque Thorns Gill Bridge, near Ribbleshead, has also been supported by the programme.

Chris Lodge, Project Officer at YDMT, said: "The Heritage Grants scheme provides the opportunity for residents and groups to help protect the rich historical and natural heritage of the Ingleborough area. If you have an idea for a project, I'd be happy to talk it through with you."

There are two deadlines for applications: 26 March and 21 May. For more information, contact Chris by emailing [chris.lodge@ydm.org](mailto:chris.lodge@ydm.org) or by phoning 015242 51002. Guidance and an application form can be downloaded from [www.storiesinstone.org.uk](http://www.storiesinstone.org.uk) (click on the Grants tab). All projects need to be completed by the end of the year.

Chris added: "As we're now going into the final year of the four-year scheme, this may be the last opportunity to access a grant. We expect competition to be high and we'll need to prioritise the projects that we can fund, but we'll support as many as we can."

Stories in Stone is enabling people from all backgrounds and of all ages to learn about, enjoy and help manage the stunning limestone landscape around Ingleborough, both above and below ground. The programme is delivering a huge number of projects including restoring field barns and wildlife habitats, involving people in archaeological digs, digitising archives, providing a range of training opportunities, offering new learning opportunities for local school children, improving physical and intellectual access, and delivering events and activities.

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**IMAGE:**

Thorns Gill Bridge, near Ribbleshead, after completion of restoration works (YDMT).

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For more information, please call Mike Appleton at YDMT on 015242 51002 or email [media@ydmtd.org](mailto:media@ydmtd.org)

### **About Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust:**

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is a small charity doing big things to support the people, landscape and wildlife of the Dales.

To date the charity has helped to deliver inspiring projects worth around £28 million in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas. These projects cover areas as diverse as countryside apprenticeships, supporting local communities, education and outreach, restoring woodlands and wildlife habitats, and improving access and understanding of this special place.

The Trust has recruited more than 50,000 supporters to date. Find out more at [www.ydmtd.org](http://www.ydmtd.org)

### **Stories in Stone:**

Stories in Stone is a four-year programme of community and heritage projects. It has been developed by the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players, the programme will enable people from all backgrounds and of all ages to learn about, enjoy and help manage the stunning limestone landscape around Ingleborough, both above and below ground. It will include a wide range of projects and activities such as restoration of field barns, drystone walls and wildlife habitats. It will involve people in archaeological digs, digital archiving and collecting oral history. It can support local people and groups wanting to look after their local area, provide formal and informal training opportunities, offer new learning opportunities for local schoolchildren, and deliver events and activities to celebrate the local heritage. It will also improve physical and intellectual access to the area and its heritage features.

The Landscape Partnership is led by local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT). It also includes the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Yorkshire Dales Landscape Research Trust, Natural England, Hanson UK and Tarmac Ltd. Landowners, farmers, educational establishments, parish and district councils, businesses and local history and community groups are also involved in developing and delivering the scheme.

Find out more at [www.storiesinstone.org.uk](http://www.storiesinstone.org.uk)

### **National Lottery Heritage Fund:**

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