

Press release

TRESPASS INSTALLATIONS IN HAYFIELD

Saturday 8th April 2017

The Peak District village of Hayfield is set to unveil some permanent installations in and around the village to inform visitors about the historic Mass Trespass that happened there in 1932. There will also be organised walks, and talks, stalls and refreshments in the Royal Hotel.

11am: meet at Royal Hotel.

11.15: unveiling of Station site board.

11.30 to 1.30: walk to William Clough via Snake Path, return via Bowden Bridge.

1.30 to 2.30: Refreshment break back at the Royal.

2.30: talks, stalls and displays in Royal Bistro/function room.

(If poor weather, walks can be curtailed in favour of more focus on events in the Royal.)

This project has been implemented by local voluntary organisation the Kinder Visitor Centre Group, funded largely by generous grants from the Peak District National Park (Sustainable Development Fund), with some additional financial support from Derbyshire County Council.

It means that for the first time in 85 years since this iconic event, there will be some permanent recognition of it within the village of Hayfield.

Details of the Trespass Trail Project.

- There is a large interpretation board for the car park and former railway station site. This explains the importance of the railway in bringing in hikers to Hayfield in the early

decades of last century, and the part it played in bringing in the hundreds of trespassers from Manchester on 24th April 1932.

- In the village centre there is to be an interpretation board and notice board on the pharmacy frontage. These will explain the importance of the trespass in securing the right to roam, as encapsulated in legislation to set up National Parks and long distance footpaths.
- And at the beginning of the Snake footpath on Kinder Road, there is a plaque to commemorate the arrest and subsequent jailing of the trespass leaders on their return to the village.

A “Trespass Trail” walk is being promoted as a permanent visitor attraction for the village. It will link the three sites above with two other important sites: Bowden Bridge car park, where the trespassers rallied and were addressed by leader Benny Rothman before setting off; and William Clough, where the trespass occurred on the western slopes of Kinder Scout. There is already a plaque celebrating the trespass at Bowden Bridge, and an interpretation board about Kinder Scout. And at William Clough there is a National Trust board which celebrates the trespass.

By promoting the Trespass Trail walk as a visitor attraction on Peak District visitor websites it is hoped that more people will be attracted to Hayfield, to enjoy the installations, the local moorlands, and the village itself.

Kinder Visitor Centre Group (KVCG), Hayfield.

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For further background information re the mass trespass, see our website:

kindertrespass.com