



We are having a great year – come and enjoy!

VALLEY NEWS

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Our New Warden

John Salisbury has now taken over as the new Camp Warden. He is looking to build on the good work done over the years and has ideas for developing more activities as well as improving the accommodation for Leaders who come up to help.

He is keen that the Site remains basically as a Campsite, with a range of activities, NOT an activity centre with camping as a secondary consideration.

We also welcome a new Assistant Warden

Matt Rush

Matt is a Leader at the 37th Rochdale and has very involved with Network working weekends on the site

We have had a number of “big” events this year, including County Cub Day, SE Lancs Brownie Day, and Pennine District “Big Camp”

All went well and were a credit to the Leaders who took on the organization.

We are members of the Association of Scout and Guide Centres (ASGC). We have 12 reviews from previous campers which are all excellent. Have a look!

A very big thank you to the following Groups who have helped over the last few months

Pennine Network have been up working on the site on numerous occasions. In June they organized a big work day and some 40 people came along. As a result a lot of cutting back was done in the valley, which is now more usable. In addition 2 new gateways have been put up, and general painting, grass cutting and hedge trimming undertaken **Craig Pullan (ADC)** for renovation work on the altar fires

Any young Leaders who want to get involved should contact Hannah Pullan (07944786272)

Did You Know? (1)

The site was a working farm until the mid 1990’s and camping only took place in the Valley and on the bottom (Hurst) field.

The Staff ran the campsite from a number of wooden buildings around the camp centre. When the tenant farmer retired it was decided to have the whole farm as a Campsite.

Some of the old wooden buildings were taken down and the new garage put up. Many of the old stone farm buildings (dairy & shippon) were redeveloped as washrooms, toilets, shop, offices and stores

Management Committee

The management Committee consists of Reps from the training sections in Pennine District as well as other people actively involved with the running and development of the Site. Currently they are looking at improving the Duty Warden, Service Team and Staff accommodations. A dipping pond and out door archery ranges are also being considered

The new central heating in the Ranch House (funded by a grant from the Masonic Movement) is much appreciated by visitors

Did You Know? (2)

The Ranch House is in fact the second building on that site. The original, a beautiful wooden building with a long veranda (hence the name), was built in the mid 1980’s. Sadly it was burnt down by vandals within six months. It was replaced by the current building, but the name stuck