

Agenda Item 8

Email received from Mr. J. Starkie



The Pendle Hill Fund is a community grants scheme, which supports small scale landscape and heritage activity in the PHLP area.

One of the successful bids to the Fund has been a project to renovate some of the finger posts within the area.

History: over the last 10/15 years, well-known historian Duncan Armstrong has produced finger posts, signs and arms, in several styles, for many of our villages, funded from various pots, including Parish Councils. The condition of them is now mixed. Many have fared better than others and it has to be said that regular maintenance is the key to their ongoing smart appearance. They are a key feature of our area and it is vital that we attempt to keep them looking their best.

I have been involved with Duncan, both as a past Roughlee Parish Councillor and past Pendle Borough Councillor. I was also a member of the AONB committee and I have now agreed to be the coordinator for this project. He and I have toured the area and have established that there are about a dozen of the ones he did, as well as several older, unrenovated ones, that would benefit from some attention. Plus, there is at least one that is missing (Barrowford Toll) and needs to be put on the list, as well as a handful of other locations that Duncan has in mind for a total rethink. Pendleton centre being one.

I hope you agree with the idea and wonder whether your Parishes would get involved; initially by asking your Lengthsmen to give them a quick wash and brush up so that we can establish exactly what needs doing?

It is hoped that costs for further works would be split 50/50 between Parish Councils and the Pendle Hill Fund.

I have a local contractor to assist with this, and am working with a company who will be able to produce new arms in a non-degradable material.

In conclusion, to move the project on and to establish contact, could I ask that all Councils get in touch with me and we can then decide on a plan of action for each of your signs.

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