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About the PDGLA

The **Peak District Green Lanes Alliance** aims to bring offroading in the Peak District to an end.

So far, we are supported by the Ramblers Association, Friends of the Peak District, the Campaign to Protect Rural England, the Forum for Ancient Byways (representing parish councils in the Peak District), the British Horse Society, Peak Horsepower and Rocking the BOAT.

What we are doing

- Publicising the damage to green lanes and fighting claims to make them into byways open to all traffic.
- Pressing the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) and the highway authorities to use traffic regulation orders to protect green lanes.
- Pressing the police and the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute illegal offroading.
- Pressing for effective signage so that offroaders and everyone else knows exactly where offroading is illegal.

What you can do

- Write to the Chief Executive of the PDNPA, to complain about the danger and damage caused by offroading and the PDNPA's failure to prevent it in the Park. Address: PDNPA, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell, DE45 1AE.
- Write to your MP, to your Councillor if you live locally, and to Members of the PDNPA.
- If you see illegal and/or dangerous offroading, report it to the local Police. In Derbyshire call: 0345 123 3333; Staffs: 0300 123 4455; South Yorks: 0114 220 2020. Try to note vehicle registration numbers and ask the Police for an incident number.
- Join the Alliance. and find out more by visiting www.pdgla.org.uk



Help save our Green Lanes

At the moment motor vehicles can drive legally on many lanes and tracks in the countryside, if in the past, they were used by horse-drawn carts.

4x4s, motorbikes and quad bikes use this ancient legal right to drive along green lanes throughout the Peak District, regardless of the damage they do to the countryside or the danger and nuisance to walkers, cyclists, horse riders and residents.

The Peak District National Park and the highway authorities have the power to put an end to this destruction. They need support, encouragement and, where necessary, pressure from the public to help them do so.

Join the Peak District Green Lanes Alliance

What are green lanes?

A green lane can be a byway open to all traffic (BOAT) or an unclassified road. What they all have in common is that they are 'unsealed' – they have no tarmac surface. They are often simply grassy or peaty tracks.

The problem

Motorbikes and 4x4s can legally use any green lane which is a BOAT, even in a National Park.

They also use unclassified roads because the legal status of these routes is unclear, which means drivers cannot be prosecuted for driving on them.

In the Peak District there are many BOATS and hundreds of unclassified roads being used by motor vehicles. Many offroaders also drive illegally on bridleways, footpaths and restricted byways.



The damage

Offroading is putting enormous pressure on green lanes and creating a public nuisance. The Peak District National Park is particularly badly affected.

Offroading is causing:

- Serious damage to the environment
- Danger for walkers, cyclists and horse riders
- Erosion of the peace and tranquillity of the National Park
- Disturbance to wildlife
- A growing repair bill for local tax payers
- Damage to the reputation of the Peak District as a visitor destination.



The solution

- In the long-term, a change in the law
- More use of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to close lanes to vehicles
- The Peak District National Park Authority should seek to limit all offroading in the Park on safety grounds and on the grounds that offroading destroys quiet enjoyment of the Park and is environmentally damaging
- Firmer action by the Police against illegal offroading. We believe they should train more officers, seek more prosecutions and buy the right equipment for the job.