

# CUT GATE

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CUT GATE PATH IS AN ICONIC 'CLASSIC' IN THE OUTDOORS COMMUNITY. LOVED BY MOUNTAIN BIKERS, WALKERS, HORSE RIDERS, FELL RUNNERS AND MANY MORE, THE PATH OFFERS A REAL EXPERIENCE OF THE WILDERNESS – HIGH MOORLAND, EPIC VIEWS, SOLITUDE - AND JUST TWENTY MILES FROM SHEFFIELD, LEEDS OR MANCHESTER.

BUT CUT GATE IS ALSO FRAGILE. THE PATH IS STRUGGLING TO COPE WITH THE AMOUNT OF USERS IT HAS. IN PARTS, THE TRAIL IS WIDENING, AFFECTING THE PEAT MOORLANDS WHICH MAKE THIS ICONIC PLACE A DESTINATION FOR THOUSANDS.

RIDE SHEFFIELD, PEAK DISTRICT MTB AND KEEPER OF THE PEAK HAVE TEAMED UP WITH MOORS FOR THE FUTURE AND THE BMC TO WORK OUT HOW TO PROTECT CUT GATE AND MAINTAIN ITS ICONIC STATUS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION.

THEIR PLAN HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY MEND OUR MOUNTAINS, THE BMC'S GROUNDBREAKING NATIONAL CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS TO PROTECT THE HILLS IN A SENSITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE MANNER. WITH THE GREAT RIDGE, CUT GATE IS ONE OF TWO PROJECTS IN THE PEAK DISTRICT AND MEND OUR MOUNTAINS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

#### **AND NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

WE'RE AIMING TO RAISE £75,000 TO DO VITAL WORK ON CUT GATE. THE PLAN IS TO ADD STONE WORK TO THE WORST AFFECTED AREAS, SENSITIVELY REINFORCING THE PATH WITH MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE LANDSCAPE AND THE CHARACTER OF THE TRAIL.

BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT YOU.

WE'D LOVE TO GET YOUR SUPPORT IN DRIVING THE CAMPAIGN FORWARD, HELPING US TO RAISE MONEY, OR ENCOURAGING YOUR ADVERTISERS TO WORK WITH US!

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Peak District MTB, Ride Sheffield and Keeper of the Peak are proud to announce that our Cut Gate project has been adopted by the Mend Our Mountains campaign, led by the BMC and working in partnership with all 15 UK National Parks.

The project aims to sensitively reinforce the path with minimal impact on the landscape and the character of the trail. We're going to raise £75,000 to complete important work on the top boggy sections, commonly known as the Bog of Doom. The path is an iconic 'classic' in the outdoors community. Loved by mountain bikers, walkers, horse riders, fell runners and many more. But it's also fragile and struggling to cope with the amount of users it has.

The trail is widening, affecting the peat moorlands which make it a destination for thousands.

Led by Moors for the Future and the Peak District National Park, Cut Gate will be one of the top projects earmarked for fundraising in the BMC's campaign. The Peak District National Park has also succeeded in getting the Great Ridge on to the list; one of only two national parks with two backed projects.

"It's brilliant to get Cut Gate backed by the BMC," says Si Bowns from Ride Sheffield. "This was an issue identified by the mountain biking community and driven forward by them in collaboration with other user groups. The mountain biking community has led this drive and now to have it picked up by the BMC's brilliant national campaign is recognition of how effectively they've done things so far."

And it's a big campaign. This year, the BMC aims to Make One Million in the Mend Our Mountains campaign and are seeking donations from individuals and companies large and small.

Access and Rights of Way Manager for the Peak District Mike Rhodes said "The Mend Our Mountains, Make One Million campaign is a fantastic opportunity for The Peak District National Park to work with partners to raise vital funds for path repair work on The Great Ridge and at Cut Gate. Just as important is working with user groups including Peak District MTB, Ride Sheffield and Keeper of the Peak, to raise awareness of the challenges of looking after the recreational landscape and foster a sense of collective public responsibility".

"It's down to us now," says Chris Maloney, Keeper of the Peak and PDMTB committee member, "We've already shown that we're realistic and pragmatic about our impact on the places we ride - now it's time to literally put our money where our mouth is and dig deep - into our pockets at first of course!

"We want to hear from anyone who can back the campaign, in any way. We want to hear from companies or individuals - anything you can do to help sensitively protect this iconic trail for future generations is massively welcome."

The groups have a number of different ways you can support the campaign, but if you want to simply donate, then please visit any of the sites below.

[www.mendmountains.thebmc.co.uk](http://www.mendmountains.thebmc.co.uk) | [www.cutgate.org](http://www.cutgate.org)

