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The principal plants of the moor include ling, bell heather, cross-leaved heath and bilberry. In the wet flushes and boggy areas, sphagnum moss and cotton grass are common and bog asphodel and the insect-eating sundew may be found. Where the habitat is in good order, adders and lizards are found as well as mice and voles that provide food for predatory birds. On Ilkley Moor there are larger mammals such as foxes and badgers and occasional deer that have strayed up from the surrounding woods.

But heather moorland is not a natural habitat, it is the product of human intervention. It is a semi-natural environment that needs continuous maintenance if it is not to revert, first to scrub and then to forest.

It is not just nature that makes the Moor so special. It is also one of the world's foremost archaeological sites with a greater concentration of rock art and ancient evidence of settlement than is found in any other comparable area. Much of this evidence is subtle, and not easy to see, that is why we have organised educational events to enable more people to appreciate this rich pre-history. Without such events few people would realise that the trig point on Ilkley Moor stands on what may be one of the most important Neolithic burial mounds in the entire country.

The Friends of Ilkley Moor exists with the sole aim of ensuring that our area of heather moorland is preserved and conserved so that future generations will be able to appreciate its wild and savage beauty. By joining us, you can contribute to the work of ensuring that Ilkley Moor retains its unique and distinctive identity.

Founded in 2008, the Friends of Ilkley Moor have paid for the restoration of footpaths. We have allocated funds to the control of bracken. We have established an educational programme to encourage the responsible use of the Moor and we have created heritage trails to help more people appreciate the Moor. We are undertaking surveys of habitats. We were actively involved in raising funds to pay for the restoration of the fire-damaged areas and to improve biodiversity. We have done work to improve the Tarns and the paddling pool. We are involved in the consultations about the Woods (Hebers Ghyll, Panorama Wood, the Riddings, Wheatley Raikes, etc) that form part of the Moor. We have regular volunteer work parties that have, for example, helped clear the scrub that was spoiling the views from the Tarn, and the rhododendrons and other invasive species along Keighley Old Road. The list goes on and on, but most importantly, we work closely with the Countryside Service of Bradford Council and we aim to complement their services wherever possible.

If we are to continue with our work we need both the funds and the authority that comes from a mass membership. Join us and help ensure that generations to come can enjoy Ilkley Moor bar t'at.

## Friends of Ilkley Moor

Registered Charity Number 1126733



### Six reasons why you should join the Friends of Ilkley Moor:

- 1 You will be joining a democratic organisation devoted to preserving Yorkshire's most iconic open space.
- 2 You will have the opportunity to join our volunteer work parties - why join a gym when you can come and get fit for free in the open air.
- 3 You will receive regular Newsletters about our activities.
- 4 You will have the opportunity to influence our priorities and policies.
- 5 You will receive notification of our educational events - they have included bat spotting, fungus identification, mapping carved rocks, geology and archeology walks.
- 6 You will be part of a dynamic, forward looking organisation that has so far raised about £180,000 to protect and conserve our Moor.

### Why is Ilkley Moor so special?

Ilkley Moor lies above Ilkley; an urban common, a site of special scientific interest, a part of the South Pennines Special Protection Area, and much more than merely a Moor celebrated in song.

Heather moorland is one of the world's rarest and habitats. Over 75% of the world's entire heather moorland is found in Britain. Red grouse, short eared owls and hen harriers nest in the taller heather clumps, golden plover, lapwing and curlew nest in the shorter vegetation. During the winter, only a few species of birds are found on the moors. In spring the scene changes dramatically. Large numbers of waders, that have spent the winter on lowland fields and estuaries, return to breed. Some of the birds that nest on the moor, winter in this country. Others, such as whinchat and cuckoo migrate from Africa.

*\*\*\* If you are buying this membership as a gift for another person, please complete this application with their details and tick the "Gift Membership" box overleaf \*\*\**

# Friends of Ilkley Moor Membership Application Form

and Gift Aid Declaration

[www.ilkleymoor.org](http://www.ilkleymoor.org)



## Contact Details

Name <input type="text"/>	Office use <input type="text"/>	
Address <input type="text"/>	Telephone <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
	Email <input type="text"/>	

Please provide your email address to help us minimise postage costs

## Annual Membership Fees (please tick)

Family  £20    Individual  £15    Unwaged  £5    Corporate  £60    Gift  Membership

Please make cheques payable to the Friends of Ilkley Moor. If you wish to make an annual standing order, please complete the opposite page.

## Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the work of the Friends please tick the appropriate box and make cheques payable to 'Friends of Ilkley Moor':

£5     £10     £15     £50     Other

## Gift Aid Declaration

If you wish your donation to be treated as Gift Aid please tick the appropriate box:

Please treat:

- 1 All gifts of money that I have made in the past 6 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations **OR**
- 2 All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations **OR**
- 3 The enclosed gift of £  as a Gift Aid donation

If you wish your donation to be treated as Gift Aid, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration

## Volunteering

Please list any particular skills you might be willing to offer.

If you would like to be made aware of any individual or group volunteering opportunities please tick here.

Please return this form, along with your membership fee/completed Standing Order, to:

**Membership Secretary, FoIM, PO Box 286, Ilkley, LS29 1DX**

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# Regular Standing Order Form and Gift Aid Declaration

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If you wish to make regular annual membership payments to the Friends of Ilkley Moor, please provide the information requested below.

## Your name and address

Name <input type="text"/>	Address <input type="text"/>
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## Your bank details

Your Bank/Building Society's name:

Your Bank/Building Society's address:

Your Account Number     Sort Code

Please pay to:    Unity Bank, Nine Brindley Place, Birmingham, B1 2HB  
Account Name:    Friends of Ilkley Moor Group  
Account Number:    20195335  
Sort Code:    60-83-01

Amount: In figures     In words

On date  and on 1 April each year until further notice.

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Signed <input type="text"/>	Date <input type="text"/>
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