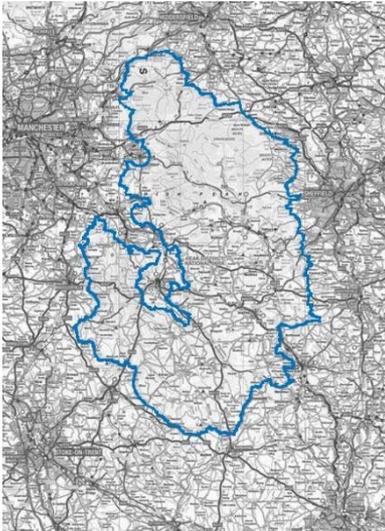


# ***Enabled by Earthlight***

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In 1951, the Peak District was the first area to be designated as a national park. By the end of the decade the Lake District, Snowdonia, Dartmoor, Pembrokeshire Coast, North York Moors, Yorkshire Dales, Exmoor, Northumberland and Brecon Beacons had all been designated as national parks.

Today there are 15 national parks in the UK and each one is looked after by its own National Park Authority. We all work together as the [Association of National Park Authorities \(ANPA\)](#).



## Our purposes

The law requires us to:

- conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage.
- promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of national parks by the public.

If there's a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes priority.

In carrying out these aims, we are also required to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the national park.

We are an independent body funded by central government via Defra.





## The Peak District in Numbers...

Area: 555 Square Miles

Highest Point: Kinder Scout 636M

Local Authorities: 9

Parishes: 125

Highways Authorities: 7

Visitors : 10 Million.

Residents 38'000 (approx.)

Planning Applications: 1036 (2013)

Access Land: 202 Square Miles

Public Rights of Way: 1'867 Miles

Offices: 21

Staff: 211 FTE plus volunteers



# Before Earthlight



- 10 Concurrent MapInfo Professional Licences
- ProViewer used widely
- Circa 150'000 Flat Files
- No public facing web mapping
- Never PAI'd
- No control, mass duplication of data
- No standardised business processes

# What has Earthlight done for us?



- Made us store data in a database.
- Presented us with opportunities.
- Opportunity to improve data quality as part of the migration process.
- Taken data management away from non expert staff. Utilise skills in the information management team.
- Given us an opportunity to develop processes & systems. E.G. Grant Management System & [The Hub](#).
- Reduced GIS related help desk calls.
- People want to use GIS.
- People more perceptive to change.

# Post Earthlight



- Spatial data sits at the heart of the organisation.
- Allowed us to develop Public Facing Mapping.
- Trust in the information management team.
- One of the tools that helps us meet our statutory targets.
- Is making us more efficient.
- Helping us improve customer service.

*'I've found Earthlight easy to use and very customisable – it's made establishing site constraints much quicker too.'* Mark Nuttall - Planner

*'The tool that has enabled putting spatial data at the centre of our information policy.'* Jeff Winston – Head of Information Management

*'Our work revolves around sites not people, Earthlight has allowed us demonstrate this point'* Darren Butler - IT Systems and Database Manager

*'Earthlight is a user friendly mapping system which allows us quick and easy access to a range of spatial information. It has enabled the Authority to access streamlined centralised datasets ensuring that consistent information is provided to our customers.'* – Penny Aitkin – Operational Support Team Manager



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# Questions?

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