

# Hannah's Story

Cultural Heritage Officer, Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership.



Hannah is qualified to degree level but applied for the apprenticeship to get work experience

Hannah studied History at Durham University. She applied for the historic environment apprenticeship at YDNPA and that has led her to work as a Cultural Heritage Officer on the Westmorland Dales Partnership scheme.

## What is a Cultural Heritage?

Hannah works in cultural and landscape heritage. She has only just started working in this role. It involves archaeology, surveying buildings and working with volunteers. She's now learning about working with contractors who work in the heritage sector e.g. archaeologists, surveyors. She is also contributing to the historic environment record, where information is recorded to help future decisions.

## Training is important

Hannah is also studying for an MA and YDNPA's flexible approach supported her to do this. Her MA is looking at the history of Long Barns and the potential link between mining and farming. She loves learning about history of the landscape she grew up in.

## An apprenticeship is a good way to start her career but she needed financial support

Working as an apprentice has given her the work experience to start her career, but it's unlikely she would have been able to afford it without the support of her parents, allowing her to live at home.

## Being a young person working with older people

Hannah sits on a panel for her work on the Westmorland Dales Partnership and is the youngest member by quite some distance. She believes she is listened to and her contributions valued.