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Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty A National Perspective

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Changing times



'an Arcadian retreat for moral contemplation ...very much the aristocratic vision of an ideal world: rural tranquil and ordered, complete with humble but happy peasants'

Richard Wilson
Snowdon from Llyn Nantlle
(1765-6)

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46 AONBs

8000 square miles



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Salmonby - Lincolnshire Wolds

Photo: Lincolnshire Wolds AONB

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Dry stone walling - Cotswolds

Photo: Cotswolds Conservation Board

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Isle of Wight

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Higham and River Stour - Dedham Vale

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Llyn

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Rhossili Bay - Gower

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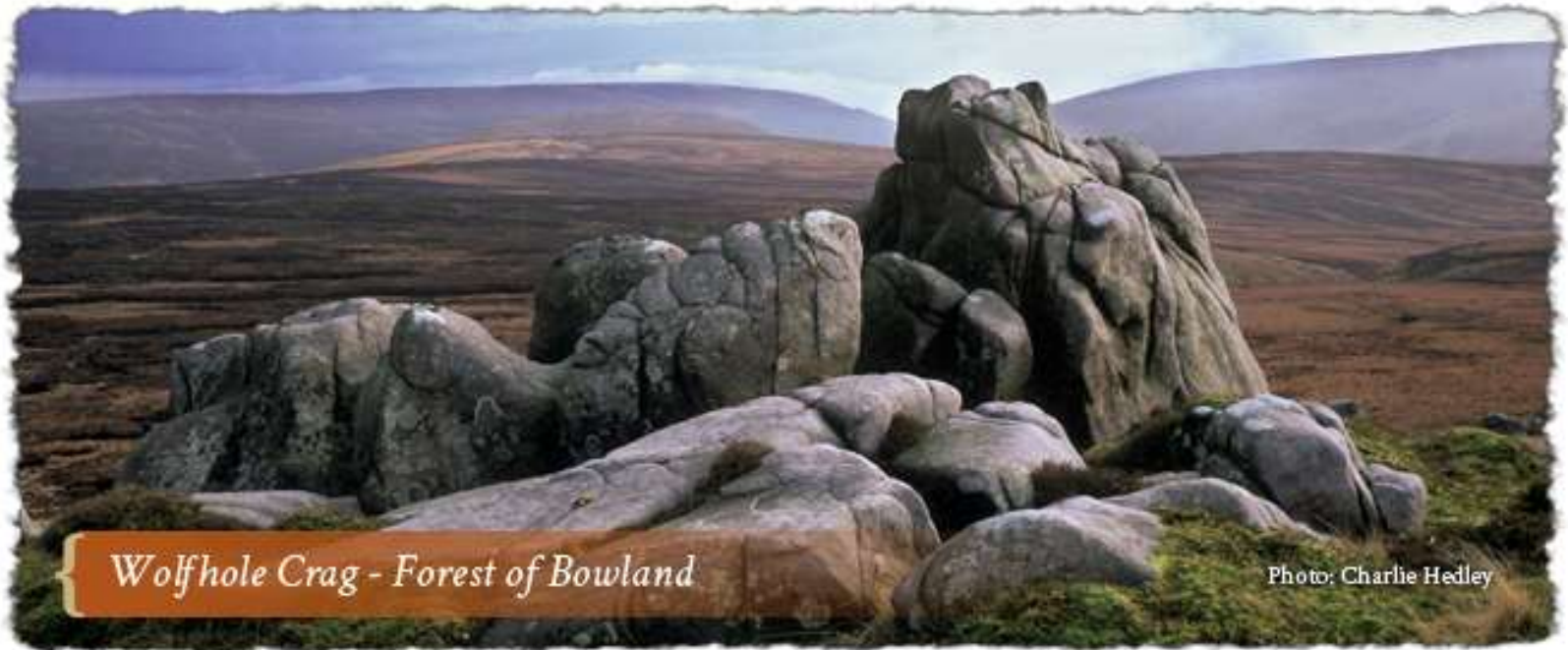


Rathlin Island - Antrim Coast and Glens

Photo: NI Environment Agency

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Wolfhole Crag - Forest of Bowland

Photo: Charlie Hedley

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Mousehole harbour - Cornwall

Landscape and landscape scale



- Landscape is not just Environment
- Meeting ground between people and place
- Landscape is an integrating framework

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“...I hold consistently and with passionate conviction that the social and ethical dimensions of land are essential elements in any mature encounter with place. And the practical consequence of this is the difficult business of encounter with the human societies who have inhabited a location – those who have lived there over centuries and whose existence is written into the cultural landscape, as well as those who live there now”.

Father Dorian Llywelyn, - The Picturesque, Arian Byw/Live Culture, 2004

All landscapes change



- AONBs are dynamic places valued by the nation
- They invoke deep passion – we hold them in our hearts
- AONBs are about managing positive landscape change

A future role for landscape?



- The landscape approach
- inter-disciplinary approach that emphasises the integration of humans and nature
- Can accommodate social and economic connectivity

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And protected landscapes



- The role of the landscapes
- The role of the designation
- The role of the partnerships / teams

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Of vital importance - let's keep it that way



Panoramic views - Arnside & Silverdale

Photo: Adam Donaldson