



Since moving to Bleasdale 25 years ago, Jean has variously been a primary school head teacher, community leader, fundraiser, volunteer ranger, historian, archivist - and an eternal optimist! Her ceaseless efforts, working in this unique part of the Forest of Bowland AONB, have ensured that the sense of history and community that is embedded in the landscape and families of Bleasdale is accessible to everyone.

Contribution to the AONB

- Jean has helped research and document the history of the dispersed community of Bleasdale, being instrumental in raising funds and opening a small 'heritage room' at the local Parish Hall
- Jean has been a volunteer ranger for Wyre Coast and Countryside Service for a number of years, helping to organise events and guided walks, including an 'Environment Day' event in Bleasdale
- Jean arranges regular fundraisers and local history days, where people are encouraged to bring artefacts and photos that have a link to the area. Jean raised funds for - and helped create - a wildlife and sensory garden at the Parish Hall for both the primary school and local community
- Jean collaborated in a book of old photographs of the area and in 2007 worked with a local researcher to write a book on Bleasdale during the war

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Jean has worked tirelessly to develop and deliver a whole suite of projects which have helped to cement the ties between the landscape, history and community of Bleasdale; making an extraordinary contribution to the area and demonstrating inspiring community leadership in the true spirit of the AONB.

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