

THE LORDSHIP OF BOWLAND

RISE, FALL AND RENEWAL OVER NINE CENTURIES

Browsholme Hall, 4 October 2011

Before the lordship

- Rheged
- Northumbria
- Amounderness
- Bowland



Origins of the lordship

- Domesday
- Lords of the Fells
- Honor of Clitheroe
- Earldom of Lancaster



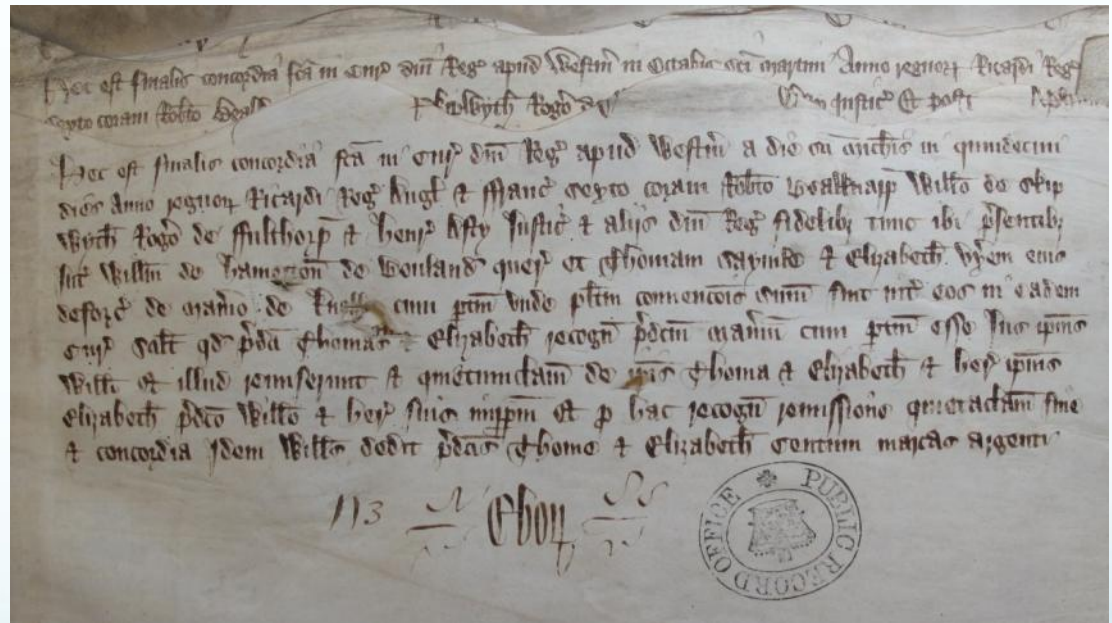
Forest and Liberty of Bowland

- Black Death
- Duchy of Lancaster
- Liberty of Bowland
- Lord King's Court
- Forest Courts



The ten manors of Bowland

- Slaidburn (Newton, Grindleton, West Bradford)
- Waddington
- Bashall
- Mitton
- Knowlmere
- Hammerton
- Dunnow (Battersby)
- Leagram
- Withgill (Crook)
- Easington (Higher and Lower)



Lord Kings, Master Foresters



- Sir Walter Urswyk, 1372-1403
- Sir Richard Shireburn, 1554-1594

A forest of dukes

- Albemarle, 1661-1688
- Montagu, 1692-1790
- Buccleuch, 1790-1835



Decline and fall

- Fifty years of rapid change
- Roman Catholic Bowland
- 1885 Towneley Estates Act
- Disappearance of lordship



The last of the Bowbearers

- Uchtred de Bolton, 1157
- Nicholas Tempest, 1537
- The Parkers, 1662-1832
- Thomas Lister Parker, 1858
- Richard Eastwood, 1871



The dissolution of Bowland

- Stocks Reservoir, 1932
- Duchy of Lancaster, 1938
- Lord Clitheroe, 1945, 1950
- AONB, 1964



Rediscovery of the lordship

- Charles, 4th Lord O'Hagan
- Lordship revived
- Bowbearer revived
- Chief Steward revived





To All and Singular to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Know you that
1, **William, 16th Lord of Bowland**, do grant unto **Robert Michael Parkinson** of
Clitheroe in the county palatine of Lancaster Esquire our most especial favour
hereby commending to him the protection and preservation of our **Forest of Bowland**
and do hereby declare him **Chief Steward** of our most ancient courts, woodmote
and swainmote, and do require that at our pleasure from this day forth he shall attend
upon our person as **Chief Steward** of the said courts as it shall seem meet and
requisite for our service in this our **Forest of Bowland**. In witness whereof we have
hereunto set our hand this thirty-first day of May in the sixtieth year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth the Second by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories
Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith in the year of our Lord Two
thousand and eleven.

The future of Bowland

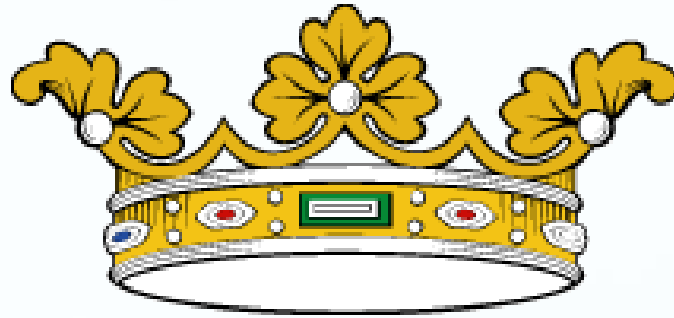
- “Nostalgia for the future”
- Perambulation
- Marketing opportunity
- AONB



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