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Dear Parish Councillors,

I am writing to thank you for your support for me, in my role as a member of the Peak District National Park Authority for the last 11 years.

It has been a privilege to serve as a Parish Member, in fact I was the first Parish Member in the country to be the Chairman of a National Park. I was also the first female chair of PDNPA, and also the first one from Staffordshire, which is amazing when you realise that this was the first Park and is 68 years old! During my tenure I also served as Chairman of the Planning Committee, and with my fellow members managed to alter some of the more difficult planning policies, for the benefit of the residents of the Park.

My main theme for much of my service has been that of "succession planning", with the emphasis on encouraging the next generation to take up the reigns of being responsible for this wonderful place. During my time as Chair I have visited most of the Park, and particularly the South West area. It is from this area that we need to select my replacement, and I would like to recommend that you consider Cllr. Caroline Waller who is Chairman of Wildboarclough Parish Council, where previously she served as clerk for many years.

A number of you will know Caroline, but for those who don't - Caroline, and her husband Marshall, run Blaze Farm, which is famous not only for its ice cream, but also for the tea rooms, pottery and nature trail. So...the next generation, a farmer and a business owner, in fact an ideal member of the Park Authority!

I wish you all well, and successful in the future, and I know you will continue to support the Parish members on the Park Authority.

Warm regards,

Lesley