

‘Forever, for everyone’:

The National Trust and environmental change

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National Trust Act (1907)

“The National Trust shall be established for the purposes of promoting the permanent preservation for the benefit of the nation of lands and tenements (including buildings) of beauty or historic interest and as regards lands for the preservation (so far as practicable) of their natural aspect features and animal and plant life.”

Conservation Principles

- Conservation as ‘the careful management of change’
- ‘revealing and sharing the significance of places and ensuring that their special qualities are protected, enhanced, enjoyed and understood by present and future generations’
- ‘We will anticipate and work with change that affects our conservation interests, embracing, accommodating or adapting where appropriate, and mitigating, preventing or opposing where there is a potential adverse impact.’







Gibson Mill, Hardcastle
Crag



