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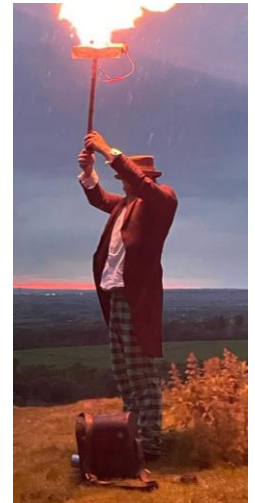
The Emperor Hadrian lights Jubilee Beacon in honour of The Queen



To celebrate 70 years of Her Majesty’s glorious reign, local citizens of Ravenglass and the Parish of Muncaster were amazed when His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Hadrian himself arrived by chariot to pay homage to Britannia’s longest reigning monarch. Hadrian lit a beacon on the hill between Muncaster Castle and the village of Ravenglass as part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Thursday evening at exactly 10pm.

Majesty before the skies lit up with a brilliant firework display from Cumbrian pyrotechnician, Lord Foppletwig.

Hadrian’s trusty bodyguard Maximus fired Muncaster Castle’s cannon to salute her



Citizens of Hadrian’s northern frontier gave a rousing three cheers to her Majesty and were warmed by the blazing beacon and various Roman Goddesses dispensing that marvellous Roman introduction to Brittainia; mulled wine.

The Emperor Hadrian himself commented; *“It is a great honour for me to be able to return and command the citizens of my northern frontier to pay homage to their Queen who has served this Kingdom United most regally and brilliantly for 70 fabulous years. It was pleasing to see the love and respect the populace gave most readily to Her Majesty.”*

As well as being within the Lake District National Park World Heritage site, Muncaster Parish is recognized as being at the start of the Frontiers of the Empire World Heritage site. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is even more significant as it falls in the same year as the Hadrian 1900 festival, commemorating Hadrian arriving in northern Britain to supervise the building of his Wall in AD122.



The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons and associated activities was conceived and organised by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek, and his dedicated team.

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*The Queen's
Platinum Jubilee
Beacons*



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Notes for editors:

1. For press enquiries please contact Peter Frost-Pennington on 01229 717614
2. Muncaster Castle has been the ancestral home to the Pennington Family since at least 1208 when ownership of the land was confirmed through a charter from King John.
3. The castle sits majestically in 77 acres of wild, woodland gardens with breathtaking views of the Lake District Fells, including Scafell Pike, England's highest mountain. The castle is home to fabulous collections of art, antique furniture & textiles.
4. Muncaster is home to the Hawk & Owl Centre which presents the amazing World of Owls flying display at 11.30am each day followed by the dramatic Sky Hunters display with free flying owls, eagles, falcons and vultures at 2pm. The wild herons are fed daily at 4pm.
5. General Muncaster opening times can be found at <https://www.muncaster.co.uk/plan-your-visit/opening-times/>



To find our more information on the Hadrian' Wall 1900 Festival visit :



<https://hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/hadrianswall1900>

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The 150-mile Hadrian's Wall frontier area runs from the western Roman coastal defences at Ravenglass, through Whitehaven, Workington and Maryport to Bowness-on-Solway, along Hadrian's Wall through Carlisle and Hexham to Newcastle, Wallsend and South Shields. Along the wall there were around 80 milecastles and 160 turrets, a ditch to the north and the great defensive vallum earthwork to the south. 2022 is the 35th anniversary of the inscription of Hadrian's Wall on the UNESCO World Heritage List, one of the first World Heritage Sites to be created in the UK. Today the Hadrian's Wall frontier is part of the transnational World Heritage Site - Frontiers of the Roman Empire - which includes the Antonine Wall in Scotland and the roman defences across Europe from the Dutch coast to the mouth of the Danube . This represents the borderline of the Roman Empire at its furthest extent in the 2nd century AD. It stretched from the west coast of northern Britain through Europe to the Black Sea and

from there to the Red Sea and across North Africa to the Atlantic coast

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Hadrian's Wall 1900 celebrates the 1900th anniversary of the beginning of the construction of Hadrian's Wall. It will commemorate 1900 years of history of the UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS), recognised locally, nationally, and internationally, as a cultural and historical asset of Outstanding Universal Value to humanity.

Throughout 2022, a programme of events and activity which celebrates 1900 years will be presented by local societies, interest groups, community and arts organisations, creatives, local authorities, visitor attractions, venues and individuals. This will be across the length of the Hadrian's Wall Frontiers of the Roman Empire UNESCO World Heritage Site, from Wallsend to Ravenglass (73 miles/118km of Wall, and 140 miles/215km in total).

From community events to high profile arts commissions, Hadrian's Wall 1900 will provide opportunities for everyone to celebrate and find their connection to the World Heritage Site whether it be Roman history, dark skies, the natural environment, cultural diversity, food, music, the arts and more. Over 1m people live and work in the regions of Hadrian's Wall WHS.

Hadrian's Wall 1900 is a huge opportunity to unleash the recognised economic potential of Hadrian's Wall's cultural and heritage capital, and to spring back stronger after Covid-19.

The Festival will be made up of activity presented by local societies, interest groups community organisations, arts organisations, local creatives, local authorities, visitor attractions, venues, and individuals.

Hadrian's Wall 1900 is coordinated by the Hadrian's Wall Partnership in collaboration with local organisations, communities and individuals.

The Hadrian's Wall Partnership is a voluntary body made up of organisations responsible for the UNESCO World Heritage Site status of Hadrian's Wall.

Find out more about the partnership via [Hadrian's Wall Management Plan | Visit Hadrian's Wall \(hadrianswallcountry.co.uk\)](https://hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/hadrians-wall-management-plan)
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