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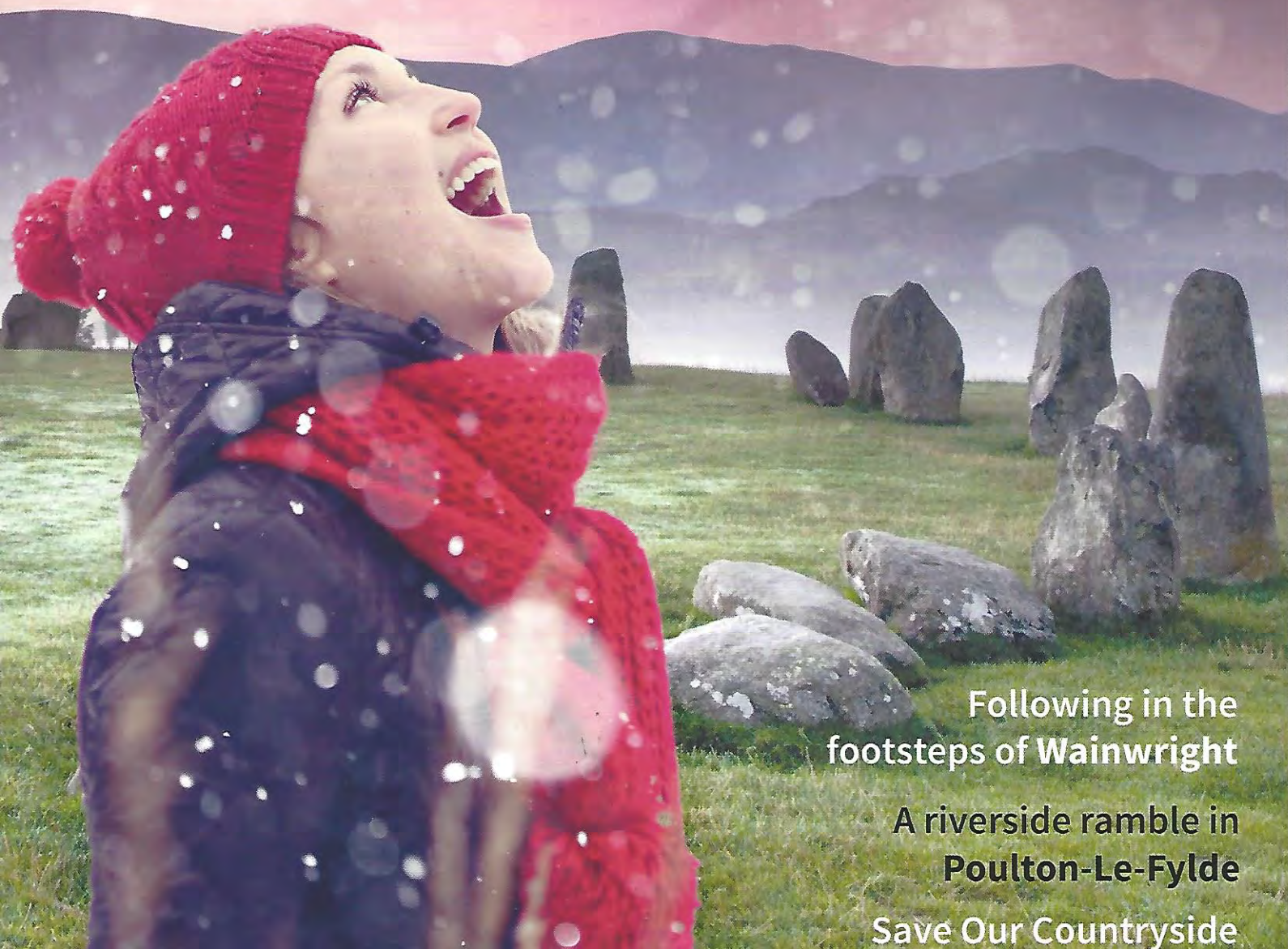
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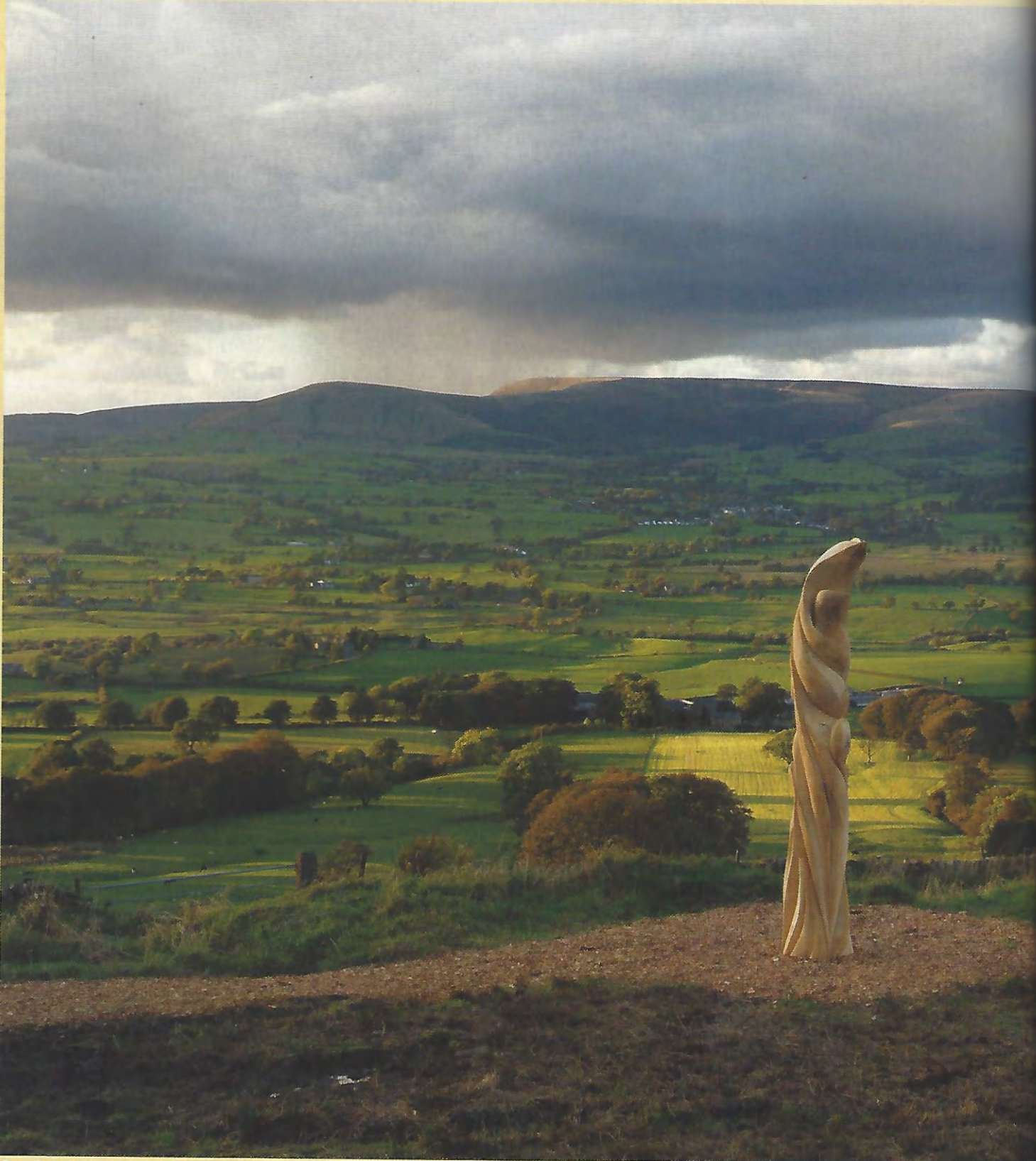
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A Landmark celebration

to mark 50 years

Four spectacular sculptures in the Forest of Bowland have caused a real stir and for all the right reasons. They have even become TV stars



'Sun Catcher' by Halima Cassell in its setting on Jeffrey Hill. Photo: Andy Latham



The artists and representatives of the partner organisations in the project. Photo: Huckleberry Films

Visitors have been flocking to view the 'LANDMARKS', four striking temporary artworks sited at locations around the Forest of Bowland. Due to the huge public interest, the sculptures are staying in place until the New Year.

The installations, which were due to be removed on November 9th, were commissioned to mark the 50th anniversary of the Forest of Bowland as an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty', and are part of the wider Bowland Revealed programme of celebrations.

The artworks were filmed for BBC TV's 'Countryfile' series.

The public demand to see them was so great that they attracted the attention of the BBC, who filmed the artworks for the popular 'Countryfile' TV series.

'LANDMARKS' have been created by four artists: Blackburn based, internationally renowned artist, Halima Cassell's sculpture is at Jeffrey Hill (Londridge Fell); Geraldine Pilgrim, who has previously created work for the Royal Pavilion Brighton, English Heritage and the National Trust designed an original artwork for Beacon Fell Country Park; Pendle based Philippe Handford work is at Langden Intake (Trough of Bowland) and Lancaster artist Salina Somalya's distinctive metal sculpture is at Gisburn Forest Hub.

Halima Cassell said: 'Jeffrey Hill is one of the beauty spots that are part of my ritual to show off the beauty of the North West when I have visitors from around the globe. This is an important destination for me, giving a very clear panorama of the beautiful Bowland area. I hope the work that I have created has engaged new audiences and is exciting and uplifting for local people, regular walkers and visitors.'





'Sun Catcher' by Halima Cassell. Photo: Andy Latham

Mid Pennine Arts

MPA is a creative arts charity, established in Lancashire since 1966 to bring art, people and places together to transform perceptions and change lives. MPA operates as a commissioning agency, working through collaborations to produce high quality creative work. The organisation works in some of the most deprived communities in the UK and its 'ambitious, challenging work' has won national and international awards and has achieved profound and lasting social and economic outcomes.

Its portfolio has included newly commissioned landmarks for Pennine Lancashire (Panopticons), art commissions for heritage venues, engagement programmes with communities celebrating heritage assets (Padiham Greenway, Portraits of the Past) and creative learning projects exploring identity and place.

Bowland Revealed

Bowland Revealed is a partnership project between Lancashire County Council Arts Development, the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Ribble Valley Borough Council and is supported by Arts Council England. The LANDMARK commissions are managed by Mid Pennine Arts. The project has been awarded £62,000 from Arts Council England through its Grants for the Arts programme. Additional funding has been provided by the partner organisations.

The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty was designated in 1964 and is one of 46 AONB's in Britain. AONBs are designated in recognition of their national importance and to ensure that their character and qualities are protected for all to enjoy.

Around 13% of the Forest of Bowland AONB is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a major part of the AONB's fells is designated as a Special Protection Area under the European Birds Directive. The management of the AONB is guided by the Forest of Bowland Partnership. Lancashire County Council acts as the lead authority alongside county, district, parish, land owning and farming community representatives and environmental and recreational partners.

For latest information on LANDMARKS and how to access them, or to find out more about Bowland Revealed - Telephone: 01200 448000, visit www.forestofbowland.com/bowlandrevealed or www.midpenninearts.org.uk/bowland



'Beauty' by Gertrude Pliginsk in Beacon Fell Country Park. Photo: Frank Balbi Hansen