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Outstanding Week 17-25th September 2016

An Outstanding Week in September!

September has always been an **outstanding** month in our countryside, with harvests being brought safely home, trees and meadows taking on their autumnal colours, skies offering a full palette of hues, musky bonfires lingering in the evening air and a welcoming calmness for visitors.

September this year, however, promises to be even more **outstanding!**

The AONB Family has worked together to organise a week (and a bit) long programme of events to help people enjoy and be inspired by Britain's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). Starting on Saturday 17th September and continuing through to Sunday 25th September, the events can be found on www.landscapesforlifeevents.org.uk

As NAAONB's Jill Smith, explains

"Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are some of the most beautiful, cherished and outstanding landscapes in the UK. They are vibrant and dynamic and offer a wealth of opportunities for people to enjoy our countryside.

"**Outstanding Week** shows people how to get involved and get out into our AONBs' **outstanding landscapes** to enjoy country shows, dark sky discovery nights, walking festivals, archaeology walks, wood fairs, foraging and local food festivals, wildlife walks, coastal and marine days, thatching courses, drystone walling competitions, charcoal making, bioblitz, inspiration through art and music and many, many other activities. Whether you are looking for an outstanding view, intending to reward yourself with a cream tea or trying to kick start a new health regime, you can't fail to have a great time in one of our Britain's 46 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. They are **Landscapes for Life** in so many different ways".

See www.landscapesforlifeevents.org.uk and
Twitter @naaonb & @aonbfamily #outstandingweek
for new events to enjoy each day.

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Editors Notes

1. Outstanding Week will take place from Saturday 17th September – Sunday 25th September. Details of events can be found on www.landscapesforlifeevents.org.uk and Twitter @NAAONB and @AONBFamily
2. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) are some of the UK's most outstanding landscapes and belong to an international Protected Landscape Family. There are 38 AONBs in England and Wales, and a further eight in Northern Ireland. For further information about the AONB Family visit www.landscapesforlife.org.uk
3. The National Association for AONBs (NAAONB) is a charity that provides a strong collective voice for Britain's AONB Family. Its objectives are to promote the conservation and enhancement of AONBs, advance the education, understanding and appreciation by the public of AONBs, and promote the efficiency and effectiveness of those promoting or representing AONBs, other Protected Areas and those areas for which designation might be pursued. It does this by taking a collaborative and partnership based approach to working with our membership and other organisations at a national level to achieve shared goals. For more information see
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