



KNARESBOROUGH FOREST DAY - 13 AUGUST 2024



KNARESBOROUGH IS STEEPED IN HISTORY,
WITH ITS GORGE, CASTLE AND ANCIENT FOREST.

THE ENCLOSURES ACT OF 1770, WHEN THE FOREST WAS DIVIDED, BROUGHT AN
END TO THE ROYAL FOREST OF KNARESBOROUGH WHICH SPANNED A VAST AREA
WEST AND SOUTH OF THE TOWN.

THE 13TH AUGUST 1770 WAS THE DATE WHEN COMMISSIONERS AND LOCAL
PEOPLE MET AT THE BOROUGH BAILIFF, (NOW THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL) IN
KNARESBOROUGH, TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENCLOSURES ACT.

THE 13TH OF AUGUST IN 2025 WILL BE THE 255TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1770
ENCLOSURES ACT - A TIME IN HISTORY WHEN THE ENCLOSURES TOOK AWAY THE
PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO ACCESS THE FOREST AND COMMON LAND.

WE PROPOSE TO MAKE 13TH AUGUST '**KNARESBOROUGH FOREST DAY**'
TO COMMEMORATE THE ENCLOSURE OF THE FOREST AND TO CELEBRATE HOW
THINGS HAVE MOVED ON - THE REBIRTH OF THE ANCIENT ROYAL FOREST OF
KNARESBOROUGH (2025 – 2020).

'**KNARESBOROUGH FOREST DAY**' WILL BE AN ANNUAL EVENT WHEN ALL THINGS
TO DO WITH OUR TOWN'S GREEN SPACES, THE FOREST AND NATURE
SURROUNDING THE NIDD AND CASTLE ARE CELEBRATED.

**AS A PRELUDE TO THE 255TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENCLOSURES ACT IN 2025,
TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST THIS YEAR 2024**

WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE FAMOUS KNARESBOROUGH FEVA FESTIVAL WEEK,
WILL SEE VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS COMMEMORATING '**KNARESBOROUGH
FOREST DAY**', REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE ANCIENT FOREST OF
KNARESBOROUGH THROUGH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY,
WORKSHOPS AND WALKS.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF LONG LANDS COMMON, AND THE OWNERSHIP OF
KNARESBOROUGH FOREST PARK COMING BACK TO THE PEOPLE, IS A POWERFUL
GESTURE TOWARDS THE RESTORATION OF CITIZENS' FREE ACCESS TO THE
LAND, AND ENJOYMENT OF THE BENEFITS OF THE 'COMMONS'.

PLEASE SEE EVENT POSTERS AND FEVA WEBSITE
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