



Lakeland Legacy

Environmental Impact Statement – Version 2 (June 2025)

1. Introduction

Lakeland Legacy is a small, independent service offering respectful ash scattering ceremonies by kayak on the lakes and coastal waters of Cumbria. This updated Environmental Impact Statement outlines the measures we take to minimise ecological harm, reflect on stakeholder feedback, and reaffirm our commitment to good faith, proportionate, and environmentally responsible practice.

2. Description of Activity

Lakeland Legacy provides:

- Solo kayak-based ash scattering ceremonies
- Typically unaccompanied, discreet, and brief
- Conducted on large bodies of deep, open water (e.g. Ullswater, Windermere, Coniston Water, Derwentwater or the sea)

Volume of Activity:

- Estimated 5 to 20 ceremonies per year
- Non-repetitive use of locations

Materials Introduced:

- Cremated remains only
- No wreaths, petals, biodegradable objects, or mementoes

3. Environmental Safeguards

3.1. Controlled Waters and Abstraction Points

No scatterings are conducted within 1km of springs or known abstraction infrastructure Reservoirs (e.g. Thirlmere, Haweswater, Ennerdale, Buttermere) are excluded entirely

3.2. Wildlife and Habitat Protection

No ceremonies are conducted in spawning zones, shallow reedbeds, or near breeding sites

SAC and SSSI areas (e.g. Ullswater, Derwentwater) are approached with caution, and feedback from relevant stakeholders informs our avoidance of sensitive margins

3.3. Biosecurity Protocol

When operating across multiple lakes, **Check, Clean, Dry** protocols are followed

Equipment and clothing are decontaminated to avoid transfer of invasive species (e.g. crayfish plague, *Crassula helmsii*)

3.4. Public Health and Amenity

Ceremonies are conducted away from public swimming zones, popular boat routes, and recreational beaches

The service is low-visibility, solo, and designed not to intrude on others' enjoyment of the landscape

4. Stakeholder Engagement

4.1. Phase 1 (January 2025)

Letters and a draft environmental policy were shared with:

- Environment Agency
- Lake District National Park Authority
- Friends of the Lake District
- National Trust
- Crown Estate
- Cumbria Wildlife Trust

Feedback received included:

Clarification of abstraction and biosecurity risks (EA)

Caution on cumulative impacts and landowner permissions (LDNPA, FLD)

Recommendations to consult Natural England, water companies, and Environmental Health teams

4.2. Phase 2 (June 2025)

Follow-up consultation is ongoing with

Natural England

United Utilities

Environmental Health (Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness Councils)

Other local stakeholders

5. Monitoring and Location Management

- We maintain a secure digital log of all scattering ceremonies including location, date, and water body
- Sites are varied to avoid ecological pressure or overuse
- Stakeholder feedback is retained and reviewed annually

6. Philosophy and Commitment

We believe our model — low-volume, respectful, and ash-only — is a safer, more responsible alternative to unregulated public scattering. With academic grounding in Geography and a lifelong respect for the landscape, Lakeland Legacy is committed to setting a high standard in this emerging sector.

7. Contact Information

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