

Curriculum vitae

Graham C Barrow BA(Hons). MSc. MPhil. MRTPI.

An environmental planner with over 30 years experience of environmental and heritage conservation, development, planning and research in the public, voluntary, academic and consultancy sectors

Academic qualifications:

- BA(Hons). Geography** (University of Liverpool, 1970) Upper Second Class.
- MSc. Conservation** (University College, London, 1971)
- MPhil. Urban Design and Regional Planning** (University of Edinburgh, 1980)
Thesis: Conservation and Recreation Planning in Canada and Scotland.
- MSc. with Distinction. European Environmental Policy and Regulation** (Lancaster University, 1997). Thesis: Local Agenda 21 in the North West of England.

Professional bodies and Societies Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute
Deputy Chairman, Bollington Civic Society

Work Experience

I have been working in the field of conservation, sustainable development and community development planning since 1971, based in Scotland and England. I have also traveled widely in North America, Australia/NZ and Europe. My experience spans work in education, for local and central government, in the private consultancy field and as a director of a non-governmental organisation based at a University. I helped to establish the Centre for Environmental Interpretation (CEI) as a nationally renowned non-governmental organisation. In 1997 I completed a Masters degree at Lancaster University on European Environmental Policy and Regulation. My dissertation was an investigation of sustainable development and Local Agenda 21 in the North-West of England. In June 1997 I established *Graham Barrow Research and Consulting Ltd.*

My main areas of work experience can be summarised as:

- Field studies teaching and lecturing
- Development control advice to local authorities concerning the impact of developments in the countryside
- Planning and feasibility studies for new recreation and tourism developments
- Project management and administration
- Recreational carrying capacity and visitor management at heritage sites
- Feasibility planning for environmental and heritage interpretation and education
- The design and delivery of training courses, seminars and conferences
- Community based facilitation for local heritage audits and development plans
- Research into sustainable development and Local Agenda 21
- The preparation of submissions and bids for research and consultancy contracts
- Marketing, promotion and management of a non governmental organisation
- Management advice to environmental, heritage and community organisations

Employment record

- 1971-73** **Geography Tutor, Brathay Field Studies Centre**, Ambleside, Cumbria. Teaching and Research in the Lake District.
- 1973-77** **Assistant Planning Officer, Countryside Commission for Scotland**. Development control advice, research on protected landscapes, coastal management issues and upland footpaths
- 1977-78** **Development Officer (Countryside) Lothian Regional Council**
Strategic planning for countryside recreation, Pentland Hills Regional Park planning.
- 1979-83** **Senior Consultant, Anderson Semens Houston (ASH) Environmental Design Partnership, Glasgow**. Feasibility plans for recreation and tourism developments. Environmental impact assessments for skiing and road developments.
- 1983-96** **Director, Centre for Environmental Interpretation, Manchester Metropolitan University**. Responsible for promotion, marketing and coordination of consultancy operations. Feasibility plans for heritage based tourism developments and site/regional interpretation planning.
- 1996-97** **University of Lancaster, Postgraduate Student**, European Environmental Policy and Regulation. Obtained Distinction.
- 1997 -** **Director, Graham Barrow Research and Consulting Ltd.**

Main career achievements

- Established the Centre for Environmental Interpretation (CEI) over a ten year period as a nationally recognised centre for advice, consultancy and training
- Researched the practical application of recreational carrying capacity theory to countryside recreation management
- Achieved Distinction in MSc Degree in European Environmental Policy and Regulation at Lancaster University in 1997 (thesis on sustainable development)

Other relevant experience and hobbies

- I was a volunteer leader and ex trustee of the Brathay Exploration Group and have organised and led some 12 youth expeditions to China, Tibet, Equador, Canada and remote islands of Scotland.
- I was one of seven Trustees of the Peak District Tourism and Environment Fund. The Fund experimented with ways of raising income from tourists and businesses for the management of the countryside in the Peak District.
- I am Vice-chairman of the Bollington Civic Society and chair and write regularly for *Bollington Live!* , a quarterly local magazine
- Chairman - local Heritage Lottery Fund countryside and heritage project.

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