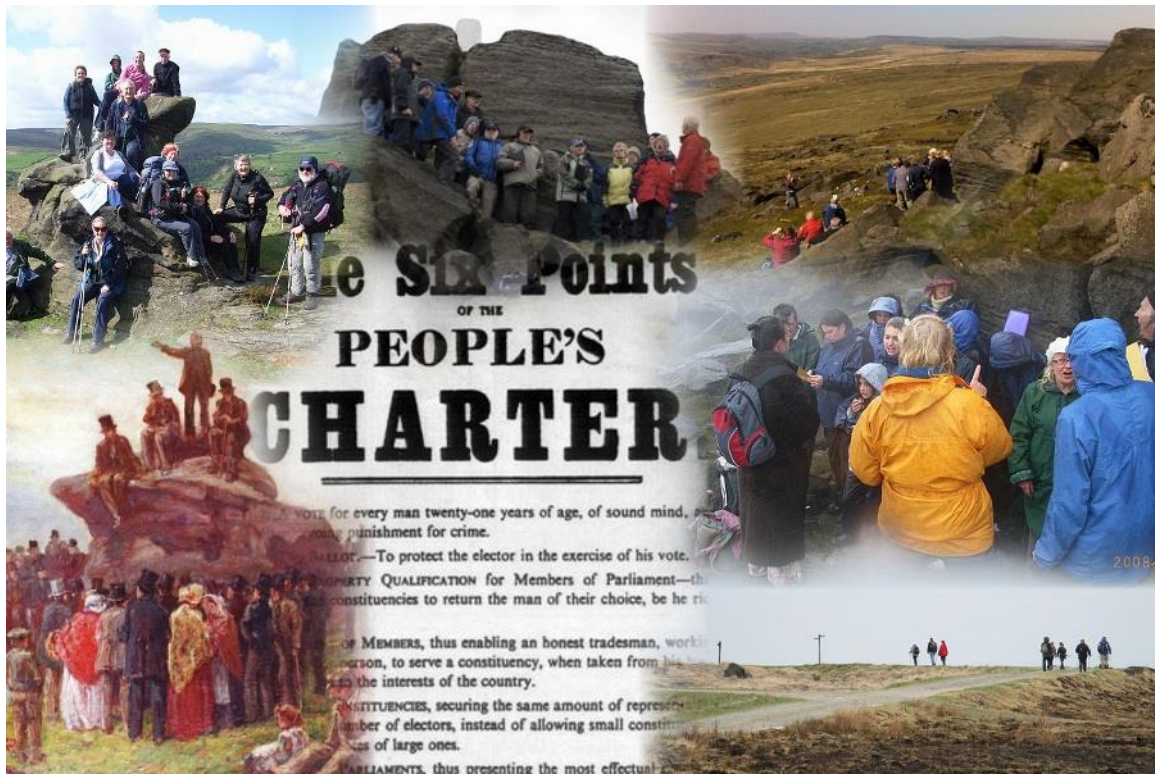


Blackstone Edge Gathering



In the 1840s the Chartists was a mass movement of political protest, demanding radical change. In Lancashire mass open-air meetings of thousands of people took place across the county. Our local one was on Denholm Hill near Brindle. 170 years ago a meeting took place on Blackstone Edge, above Littleborough, on top of the Pennines. That meeting has been commemorated for the past 10 years.

This year's gathering will be on Sunday 30 April, starting at 12.30. All are welcome. No Booking; no charge. You are invited to walk up to the rocky outcrop on Blackstone Edge to picnic and sing and remember the great Chartist gathering there. The gathering is a mix of individuals, small groups and choirs. There will be some singing of Chartist and other songs, some people may read poems, others may speak about the Chartists. You can join in or just listen. Groups and choirs may bring banners and flags. Afterwards they repair to the pub!

Visitors who would like to speak, contribute a reading or a song, or lead a walk up to Blackstone Edge from one of the valley towns or railway stations are invited to contact Gwyneth Morgan at gwyneth@blackstoneedgegathering.org.uk