



IYA LUV! Northern Gathering

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YooHoo! We're off t'Lake District ✨

Ey up duck, lets extend the summer and harvest all that we've sown in this Cockermouth based northern gathering.

We'll spend a week at a new venue, held by stunning lakes, enchanted woodlands, gorgeous stars and each other.

This is an opportunity to consolidate the roots and networks you've been growing over the summer and brew your tinctures of love and connection that will get you through the winter.

We dream of co-creating space that supports and elevates faeries with diverse, overlapping identities (e.g., race, gender, class and ability). We welcome your tender heart in all of its magical manifestations.

We encourage you to reflect on the value of a mindful, present, conscious, intentional substance free gathering and what possibilities this might bring for deep, authentic connection.

💛💚💜 Buttercup, Free Range, Kestrel, Light Fountain, Paris, Yellow



Gathering dates & location

Dates: 6 nights - Monday 31st August - Sunday 6th September

Location: Pardshaw Quaker Centre, Cockermouth CA13 0SP

Capacity: 20 indoors and 5 camping



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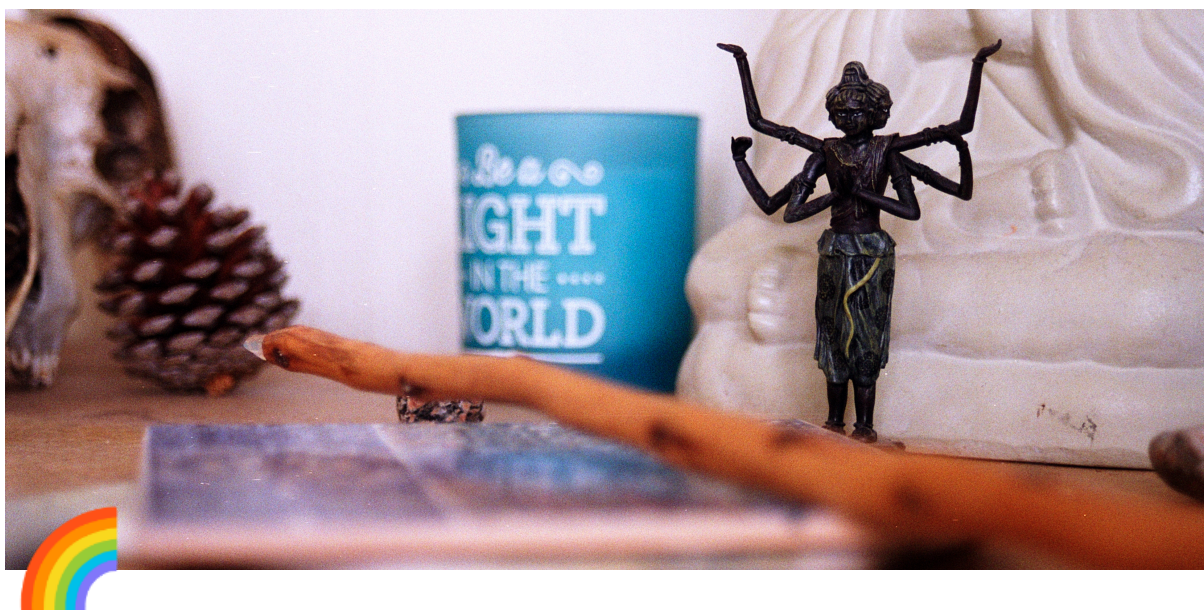
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What to expect

This is a brand new Northern gathering and we're excited to see what we can create together!

There will be lakes, we can promise you that.

We are group of queer beings getting together, co-creating a space of living radically and alternatively.

Gatherings are **co-created** and you will be invite you to contribute but it's optional.

Each gathering is unique and a creation of the individuals that are there, but there are a few things that are certain:

Heart circles

A special opportunity to share and listen from the heart.

These circles are the foundation of Faerie communication, connection and self-exploration.

These are co-created, confidential spaces in which Faeries are able to speak 'from the heart' about whatever feelings are coming up for them.

Other Faeries in the circle do not reply to the speaker, or engage them in conversation, but simply witness the beautiful authenticity of their sharing & self-discovery.

Joining a Heart Circle is optional, but they are great places to get a deeper understanding of what's going on for other Faeries, or explore aspects of yourself.

[Read more about Heart Circles](#)

Food



Two large cooking pots in front of an open window, one has a wooden spoon resting on the rim.

Each day we will cook together and share delicious meals prepared in the kitchen. Different teams will take on the task of preparing lunch and dinner each day.

If you would like to be the head chef for a meal, or just want to help chop the vegetables, there will be plenty of opportunities.

All of the food provided for the event is vegetarian, with vegan options where possible and we hope to buy local, seasonal and organic food where possible.

If you have any special dietary needs we'll do our best to accommodate them. We particularly welcome people with dietary requirements to contribute to food preparation.

Let us know about any dietary restrictions on the booking form and make sure your needs are listed on the board in the kitchen at the event itself. If you'd like to bring any special foods please be aware there is very limited fridge/freezer space.

Various tasks that need to be done every day such as; washing dishes, setting tables, sweeping up, chopping wood etc. A great mantra is “if you see something that needs doing, why not be the one to do it (or pass the message onto someone who can etc)!”

K’no’w Talent Show

This is a fun, non-competitive evening where anyone gets the chance to perform to their community.

You need absolutely zero talent to be in the show - all contributions get a warm welcome! If you need music for your act, please bring it with you.



A large bay window looking out onto a field with a drape hanging in the centre featuring a glamorous diva wearing a red split skirt and nipple coverings, she is singing into a microphone with one hand in the air.

The Auction

At every gathering we hold a goods and services auction. Faerie gatherings are non-profit making and the money from the auction is used to support low-income Faeries through NOTAFLOF (No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds).

We invite you to bring things to sell at the auction. Ideas might be clothes, crafts, plants, or services like massage or tarot readings. If you donate items with cultural significance (such as a tribal mask) please make sure you can accurately describe the origins of the item.

Love Temple

The Love Temple is a space to enjoy intimacy, play, touch and consent.

It is a play space that welcomes faeries of all adult ages, gender-identities, sexuality and anatomy.

It will be opened with a ceremony with the concept of boundaries & consent, and help break the ice if you're feeling timid or nervous.

The Love Temple requires a team of Faeries to set it up, keep it tidy and take it down at the end of the event. You can volunteer for this team on the booking form.

Donations of cosy soft furnishings such as pillows, throws, wall hangings are also very welcome!

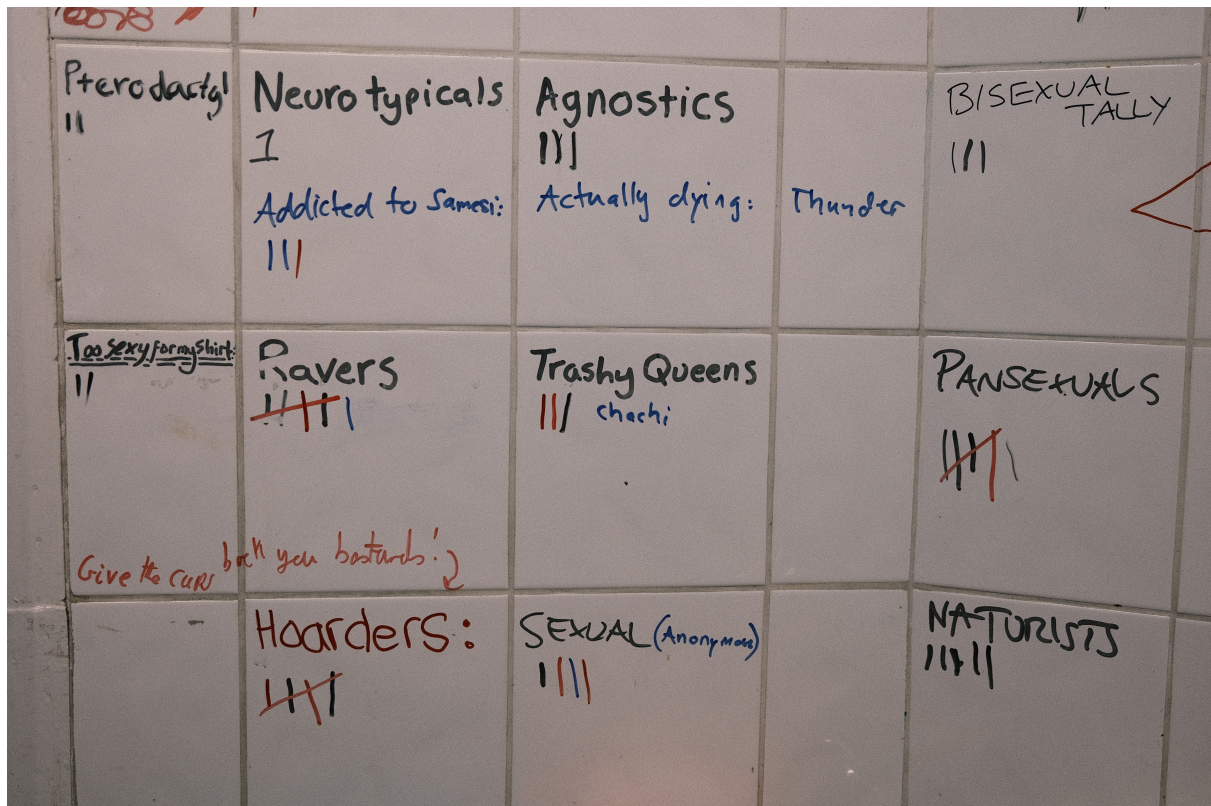


Nudity and sex

This gathering is a sex-positive, body-positive space. This means Faeries are welcome to be naked inside the building, and you may witness Faeries connecting with each other sexually at some point.

You are invited to be mindful of the Faeries around you if you engage in sex or nudity at the gathering - this might be by taking sexual connections to the designated Love Temple, for example, rather than shared spaces or bedrooms.

We will have an open discussion around these topics at the beginning of the gathering. Consent is a key aspect of the care we show for one another in Faerie space - **always ensure you have consent before any physical touch, sexual or not.**



Tiled wall with multiple hand written tallies in marker pen e.g. neurotypicals I, Trashy Queens III

Bring your own magic!

As well as that there will be an assortment of happenings... that may or may not include:

- Workshops
- Rituals
- Dancing
- Drumming
- Theatricality
- Music
- Art
- Sexuality
- Sensuality
- Card games
- Rumpuses

- Drag and fancy dress
- Silence
- Solitude
- Serenity
- Chaos
- Noise
- Drama
- Whatever else happens, we can guarantee that there will be magic!



Want to host something yourself?

You are welcome to bring any event to the gathering, just scribble it on the schedule once you get to the gathering!

A substance free Gathering

This will be a substance free gathering (no alcohol, mind altering substances & drugs).

The venue has a strict no alcohol and drugs on site policy and we also would like to ground in the intention to be present with each other at this gathering.



What to bring

Essentials

- Sleeping bag
- Pillows
- Bed linen
- Whatever toiletries suit you, plus towel, toothbrush, toothpaste etc.
- Towel (***the venue does not supply towels***)
- A flash-light (*and batteries if needed*)
- Weather is unpredictable: clothes ready for sun or rain, heat or cold!
- Likewise with footwear, especially if you like country walks
- Earplugs and eye-mask (Especially if your sleep is easily disturbed)
- A flask or personal water-bottle is usually very handy.
- Food is provided but if you like/need special items, please bring those

Nice to have it if you have space!

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- Clothing, accessories and make-up for the dress-up space to share temporarily, swap permanently and gift with love
- Decorations for the gathering (*fabric, lights, art, soft furnishing, etc*)
- Uplighting/ soft lighting (*the over lights are harsh grrr*)
- A book to read
- Games to play
- And slippers (or similar) for inside the house.
- Don't forget your medication / allergy tablets if needed

- Items/services for the auction (*such as clothes, crafts, plants; or services like massage or tarot*)
- Cash (*for items in the auction & if you are paying for the gathering with cash*)
- Bed time comfort items (*teddies, comforters, etc*)
- Offerings for the gathering altar (*items of personal significance you wish to honour*)
- Safer sex supplies for the Love Temple (*e.g. lubricant, condoms*)
- Art supplies (*we welcome supplies that we can share to play with together*)
- If you plan performances, the music that needs to be played (*on a device/memory stick*)
- Make up, nail art supplies, accessories, shoes, etc.
- Your favourite musical instrument
- Little musical accompaniment instruments (*Kalimba's, shaking eggs, etc.*)
- Similarly, you might like to bring your own special mug
- Make a checklist of what you bring, so that you can collect up scattered possessions easily when you leave.

Pets and dogs

Please contact us if you wish to bring your pet/dog with you to the gathering.

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We're welcoming any well behaved pets to the gathering.



The venue



Indoor space with several large wooden benches



Indoor classroom with several chairs and five rear windows with light flooding in

Indoor spaces

In the main meeting room is the communal sitting area which has a wood-burning stove surrounded by a number of cozy chairs. We keep a basket of logs by the woodburner and additional firewood in the stables. The meeting room has a large dining table, pews, and some additional tables and chairs which are normally kept folded away.

The small meeting room is adjacent to the main meeting room and contains a number of pews and a music stand.

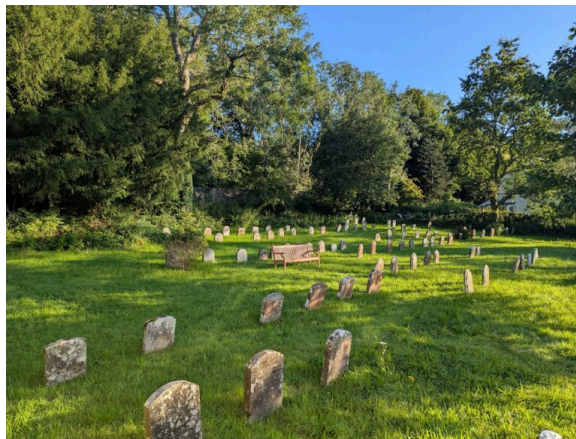
Sleeping



The venue is organised so there are no separate bedrooms, we will all sleep together across the two larger and one smaller rooms.

Most faeries can sleep on foam mattresses spread across the two large rooms - one of which has the main kitchen in the corner. There are three raised beds in one of the smaller rooms for those with access needs. Everyone will need to bring your own sleeping bags, bed linen and pillows.

Camping



Grassy outdoor area with several old gravestones and trees

There's space for camping in the burial ground with a limited number of flat areas between gravestones. The venue suggests that at most 5 people camp, bringing the total maximum overnight occupancy to 25, but that will reduce the outdoor space available.

We're asking faeries if possible to avoid coming in vans/campers as parking is limited with space on a small lay-by at the side of a single country road - ideally we'll reserve this for cars so we can easily go on day trips!

The kitchen



Kitchen with white oven and hob, brown cupboards and a checkerboard brown floor.

The main kitchen is in the corner of the main meeting room and contains an electric cooker and hob, kettle, microwave, fridge, and freezer. We provide crockery, jugs, cutlery, pots and pans suitable for groups of up to 20. The schoolroom also contains a small kitchen with a kettle for making hot drinks.

There is no wifi on site. Mobile phone coverage can be variable.

There are two toilets on site. One is ensuite to the schoolroom, and the other is a short walk across the burial ground from the two meeting rooms. There is one shower in the stables.

After staying at Pardshaw Quaker Centre, please ensure you leave all the indoor spaces clean and tidy ready for the next group. We provide a clearing up checklist to help you make sure all clear-up tasks have been done.

Phone signal/WiFi

There is no wifi on site. Mobile phone coverage can be variable!

Parking

We are encouraging faeries to ride share or travel by public to this gathering due to the limited parking.

Parking space for up to four small cars is just off the main road, and right outside the front door.

There is a charging point for electric vehicles, with a 13A plug (you will need your own adaptor). If you are charging your vehicle, please make an additional contribution to cover the cost of the electricity you use.





Safe space

Faeriespace is not a 'Safe Space'. While we strive to make it as inclusive, tolerant, welcoming, healing and safe as possible, this is work in progress and we are yet to get it right.

We may never get it right, because Faeries are people, we are growing as a tribe, and we welcome all who want to come.

This includes people who you may find challenging and situations you may find difficult, and while we do our best to help anyone who needs it, we can't take responsibility for anyone else.

We welcome all energies working towards creating Safe Space, but we cannot guarantee it. Please consider very carefully whether coming to a gathering will be right for you.

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Prioritising gender minority and global majority

We're committed to reserve 6 spaces for faeries who identify as being from a gender minority or the global majority.

The radical faeries has been doing the work in the recent years of becoming a community of a radical openness and inclusivity as well, not only honouring diversity but actively pursuing it. This is towards a goal of decentering the historically culturally dominant groups within our community, which has been primarily of white, cis gay males.

In line with this intention, we'd like to explicitly welcome and encourage participation by faeries who are:

- of a queer gender minority, that is, who are transgendered, non-binary, afab, intersex, or, put more generally: not cis gay males.
- of the global majority, so who are of the global south, poc, indigenous, or more generally: are not white.

(This warm welcome extends to every aspect of co-creating our spaces and activities within the Albion Faeries, recognising it's invaluable and essential to have your participation during organising as well. Glad to say our gathering is also partly trans- and poc-organised).

Practically, this would mean that as registration opens, these places will be kept available so in case we'll reach capacity, you should still be able to claim one of them. You'll have the opportunity to do this on the registration form by self definition, without needing to prove you're of these groups. We'd like to ask you to please still register early if you're able, so we can better plan ahead. Our preliminary survey of interest shows we'd likely reach capacity quickly, and shortly before the start of the gathering, we might still fill up all remaining spaces.

At our gathering, we're extending our radical inclusivity to class as well, and with that we'd also like to welcome low income faeries from the north. As these

are less definable categories, organisers will consider this when allocating places as a priority.



Getting here

Where is the venue?

Pardshaw Quaker Center

Cockermouth, Cumbria

CA13 0SP

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National Grid Reference: NY 10378 25463.

Getting here on public transport

The best way to get there on public transport is to get a train to Penrith, and then the X4/X5 bus to Cockermouth (about 1 hour 15 minutes). Pardshaw is about 4 miles south of Cockermouth, or about a 5-10 minutes drive.

It's possible to cycle from Cockermouth to Pardshaw, but walking is not recommended due to the lack of a footpath on a busy road.

The nearest bus stop to Pardshaw Quaker Centre is Oakhurst Garden Centre, which is on the X5 bus route. Other buses stop at Cockermouth Main Street.

Other train stations nearby are Carlisle, Workington and Maryport.

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Gathering finance & global solidarity

We're happy to have found this affordable venue for our first northern gathering. Whilst the lower costs will make this gathering more accessible for local fae, we're hoping it will also allow us to stand in solidarity with queers globally (more on this below).

The venue charges **£900 for 6 nights** and we've budgeted **£8 per faerie per day** for food.

Including a 15% buffer, breakeven is around **£125 - £150** depending on how many faeries stay.

Depending on your access to financial resources we suggest contributions in the following brackets:

£10 - £150 (Supported)

£150 - £250 (Comfortable)

£250 - £322 (Solidarity)

The aim of the gathering is to be financially accessible to everyone and to support this we follow our faerie principles of:

- **NOTAFLOF** - No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds
- **GAYABAGS** - Give As You Are Able But Always Give Something
- **ADAFAE** - Additional Donations And Finance Accepted Enthusiastically

Global Solidarity

Many of us face challenges, including financial hardship. But attending this gathering also means we're either a resident of or can access the resources and freedoms of one of the world's most privileged nations (admittedly that privilege mostly comes from historical pillage..)

The faeries are a community built with love, and as love knows no boundaries we wanted to introduce something new.

In the booking form you will have the opportunity to opt-in and share a percentage of your pledge with an organisation that supports queer people globally - focusing on queer people who face persecution just for being who they are. We'll choose the organisation together at the gathering so please bring ideas.

Treading Lightly (Faerie Earth)

The decision to gather has an impact on the world around us - where possible we hope the intention of this gathering is to reduce this impact.

Where possible, we've tried to use tech from companies that don't profit from war (although i'm writing this on a google doc). We also hope to source food from suppliers that care for the earth by reducing plastic packaging and avoiding fertilisers that impact the biodiversity of our soils and rivers.

As faeries share a deep love for the world around us, and we want to celebrate that awareness as we support each other to turn lights off, close doors to keep the heat in and recycle our waste. We also know that transport makes up the largest portion of our emissions, and we hope you will help us in our attempt to better coordinate lift shares and reduce the miles driven (and costs!).



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Clarity & Consent



From the department for Faeries Using Communication Kindly (F.U.C.K.)

What is consent?

Sexual consent is an agreement between people about what should and should not take place in a sexual situation. Consent is the bare minimum required for legal and ethical sexual activity.

Consent requires people to be:

- **Properly informed**
- **Not under coercion**
- **Sufficiently sober**
- **Not incapacitated**

Consent may be withdrawn at any time. If one partner says “stop” or even “I’m not sure”, then consent is withdrawn, and the activity has to stop.

Silence is not consent.

Nudity is not consent.

Drunk is not consent.

Asleep is not consent.

Only a clearly expressed “Yes!” is consent. To be sure about consent, communication is necessary.

Keeping safe

You create your own safe space, you know what’s best for you, and what safe means to you.

Touch in any form needs to be enjoyed from both sides.

Sexual assault and rape is never the victim's fault, and blaming the victim is never acceptable. However, there are steps that one can take to reduce the risk of sexual assault.

Be loud. If saying "NO!" to someone is not sufficient, then shout "HELP!".

A disturbing trend across the world is the use of drugs to make a victim incapable of resisting, and incapable of consent. Keep an eye on what you're taking!

If you start to feel dizzy, confused or just plain strange and no longer comfortable, get help from someone you trust nearby or a Welfaerie.

There are experienced Welfaeries at every gathering that are there to help, make sure you know who they are!

Communication is the best lubricant

Communicating about sexual consent can be scary. We have grown up believing these discussions are uncomfortable or awkward, and we might be rejected!

The solution is simple: Practice, practice, practice.

Talk to your prospective partners or friends about your desires and your boundaries. Talking gives you confidence, even if you've been with your partner for years!

We recommend you clearly talk about desires and boundaries. Make a list of yours first! Then talk about your own, your partner's and see where they meet.

Desires and boundaries can often be expressed together, as in "I like to be nibbled on my neck, but absolutely no breaking the skin".

Some people like to say they have no boundaries. In reality they probably do, but they may not know what they are until they are crossed. Always be prepared to renegotiate boundaries if they have been crossed.

Don't interact with anyone who is not interested in your desires and boundaries.
Really.

Please ask for consent if you want to join a space/ritual/meeting etc. that has been set with an intention.

Sexual assault

Regardless of what you call it, unwanted sexual contact is simply unacceptable, inside or outside the gathering!

Rape is most often committed by someone the victim knows.

If you are sexually assaulted, please know that you are not alone.

There is a loving community here to support you. Find a safe environment, find a Welfaerie, tell someone you need help. Do not blame yourself!