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His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh helped for 20 years in the effort to put an end to 'off-roading' in the countryside and we mourn his passing

GLEAM, which campaigns for an end to recreational 4x4s and motor bikes driving on unsealed tracks in the countryside, was honoured to have His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh as its Patron. He became our Patron in 2001 and was active in supporting our efforts for 20 years.

GLEAM Chairman Dr Mike Bartholomew says:

'His Royal Highness was widely known for his interest in the natural environment and its protection. Lending his name to GLEAM and giving us his support was part of this commitment. He was a hands-on Patron and he brought his influence to bear to help us wherever he could. He understood the devastating impact that 'off-roading' can have on local communities and how it destroys the amenity of their green lanes.

'When His Royal Highness began to lighten his workload by giving up some of his many Patronages, GLEAM was not one of these. He remained our Patron to the very end. We mourn his passing'.

GLEAM is currently supporting the campaign led by Lake District residents to stop offroad 4x4s and motor bikes destroying fell tracks and degrading the landscape character of the Lake District National Park, now a World Heritage Site.

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