

25 February 2025

Mr M Sunderland  
Chair, Cumbria Canoeists

Dear Mike

On behalf of Paddle UK, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude and recognition for your extraordinary dedication and service as Chair of Cumbria Canoeists. As you step down from this role at the upcoming AGM/ACM, we want to acknowledge the immeasurable impact you have had on the organisation and the wider paddling community in Cumbria.

Your tireless efforts over countless decades have been instrumental in shaping Cumbria Canoeists into the thriving success it is today. Your leadership, vision and unwavering commitment have fostered a vibrant and welcoming community for paddlers of all levels. The energy and enthusiasm you have invested in the organisation have inspired countless individuals and created a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Your contributions extend far beyond the role of Chair. You have been a tireless advocate for paddlesport in Cumbria, working tirelessly to promote safety, access and development opportunities for all. Your passion for the sport and your dedication to the community are an inspiration to us all.

We understand that this decision comes after many years of dedicated service, and we thank you for your invaluable contributions. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope that you will continue to be involved in the paddlesport community in Cumbria.

With sincere appreciation



Lee Pooley  
Director of Recreation and Development, Paddle UK