

# WALK THIS WAY FOR A SPECTACULAR VIEW

A RESTORED foot-path and viaduct at Stenkrith Park, Kirkby Stephen, were officially opened by Lord Inglewood.

The viaduct, which spans the River Eden allowing stunning views of Stenkrith falls, is part of a 1½-mile route to Hartley which has been restored by the Northern Viaduct Trust.

The path, which was originally part of the Stainmore railway which ran through Kirkby Stephen and on to Tebay, will provide access for walkers, wheelchairs users, cyclists and horse riders to the spectacular Podgill viaduct.

Michael Sewell, chairman of trustees, said he was delighted the work, which was delayed by the foot and mouth outbreak, had been completed at Stenkrith.

Plans for the project were formulated six years ago, and it will cost about £200,000 once complete.

#### GRANT AID

Grant aid has come from the European Community Regional Development Fund, Rail Properties Limited, Railway Heritage Trust and local charities such as Friends of the Lake District, but further funds are still needed to improve disabled access and install bridle gates and stiles.

The old railway track and viaduct once carried trains taking coke to iron furnaces at Barrow.



**OFFICIAL OPENING:** Michael Sewell, chairman of the Northern Viaduct Trust, holds the ribbon as Lord Inglewood officially opens the new bridge applauded by guests.