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Life in the Garden
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Gardens of England and Mystical Wales

Wales –

- Mountains and sea on 3 sides
- Llandudno- resort town on Irish Sea
- Two promontories
- Alice in Wonderland

Snowdonia –

- Largest National Park, Mt Snowdon

Climate –

- Gulf Stream - Warm and cold season plants
- Lush growth
- Little stress
- Roses
- Hydrangeas
- Large trees

Unique Pruning Styles – luxury resulting from better growing conditions

- Topiaries
- Pollarding
- Interwoven hedges
- Surprise seating

Language –

- Welsh is one of six surviving Celtic languages.
- Rich vocabulary with distinctive sounds, no equivalent in English
- Town in Wales, longest place name (one word) in the world, 58 letters
- Directional and street signs in Welsh and English

Signs of a Different Culture –

- Walking paths and stone walls – must allow, must maintain, stiles and bridges
- Respect their buildings – homes, pubs, barns, mills and factories
- Industry – Slate – best in the world, mountainsides, work in mines

- Castles – Edward 1, about 600 spaced every 20 miles
 - Conwy Castle with wall around city
 - Caernarfon Castle – well-preserved, museum-quality displays
 - Ideal spot to build new castle, Roman architecture
 - Welsh myth of Maccsen Wledig
- Stone Circles - Castlerigg, older, no burial mounds, rectangular area

Worthwhile Destinations in Wales –

- **Portmeirion** – designed by Welsh architect to “Show how a beautiful site can be developed without spoiling it”.
 - Name, when built, purpose
 - Dinnerware
 - Motto – “Cherish the past, adorn the present, and construct for the future.”
- **Plas yn Rhiw** –
 - Location on peninsula
 - Renovated by Keating sisters in late 1800’s
 - Current home of Snowdonia environmental center

Worthwhile Destinations in England –

- **Gresgarth Hall Gardens-**
 - Home of Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd, a renowned landscape and garden
 - Open one Sunday a month
 - Stream can be heard throughout 12-acre property
 - Main features are rare plants, exquisite gardens, innovative kitchen garden, and pebble mosaics.
 - Property was “Once bleak and daunting like Wuthering Heights”. House built in 1330.
- **Dalemain** –
 - Located in Cumbria
 - 12th century mansion, a deer park with fallow deer, an Elizabethan cobbled courtyard and stone barns
 - A Ha-Ha, a sleeping dragon topiary and mud lady sculpture, stumpery, and extensive gardens to explore.
 - The Marmalade Festival, 3500 entries from around the world each year.
 - Festival was started in 2005 to bolster the depressed local economy after the Mad Cow epidemic.
 - Marmalade must contain some citrus.

Other Fascinating Gardens–

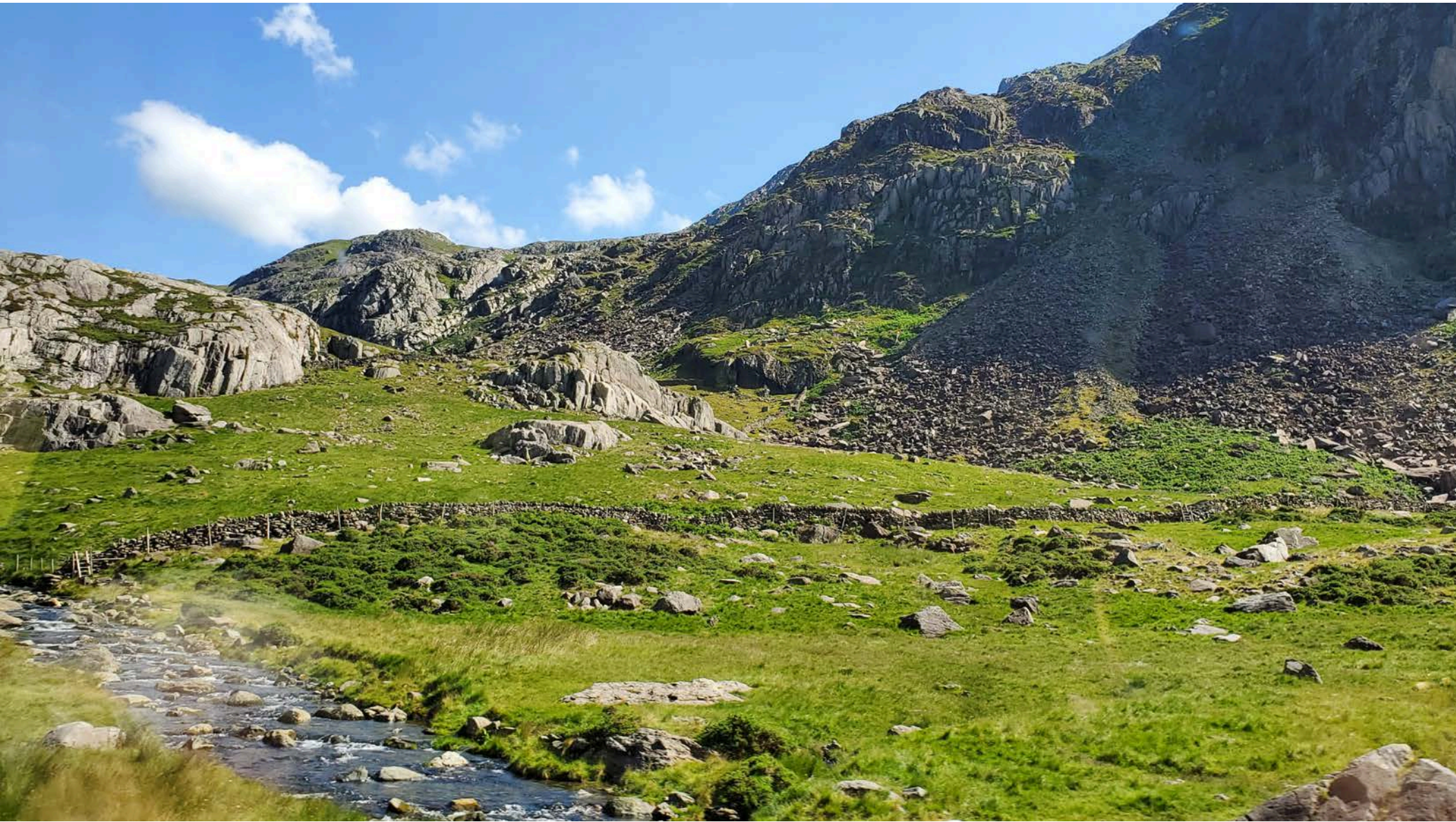
- Holker Hall
- Japanese garden at Tatton Park
- Fernery and Italianette garden at Tatton Park
- Bodnant Gardens
- Other treats - pollinator garden

Helping people become better gardeners
 through the website, radio show, and garden tours.
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A lush garden scene with a stream, green foliage, and a path. The stream flows through the center of the garden, surrounded by dense green plants and trees. A path is visible on the left side of the image.

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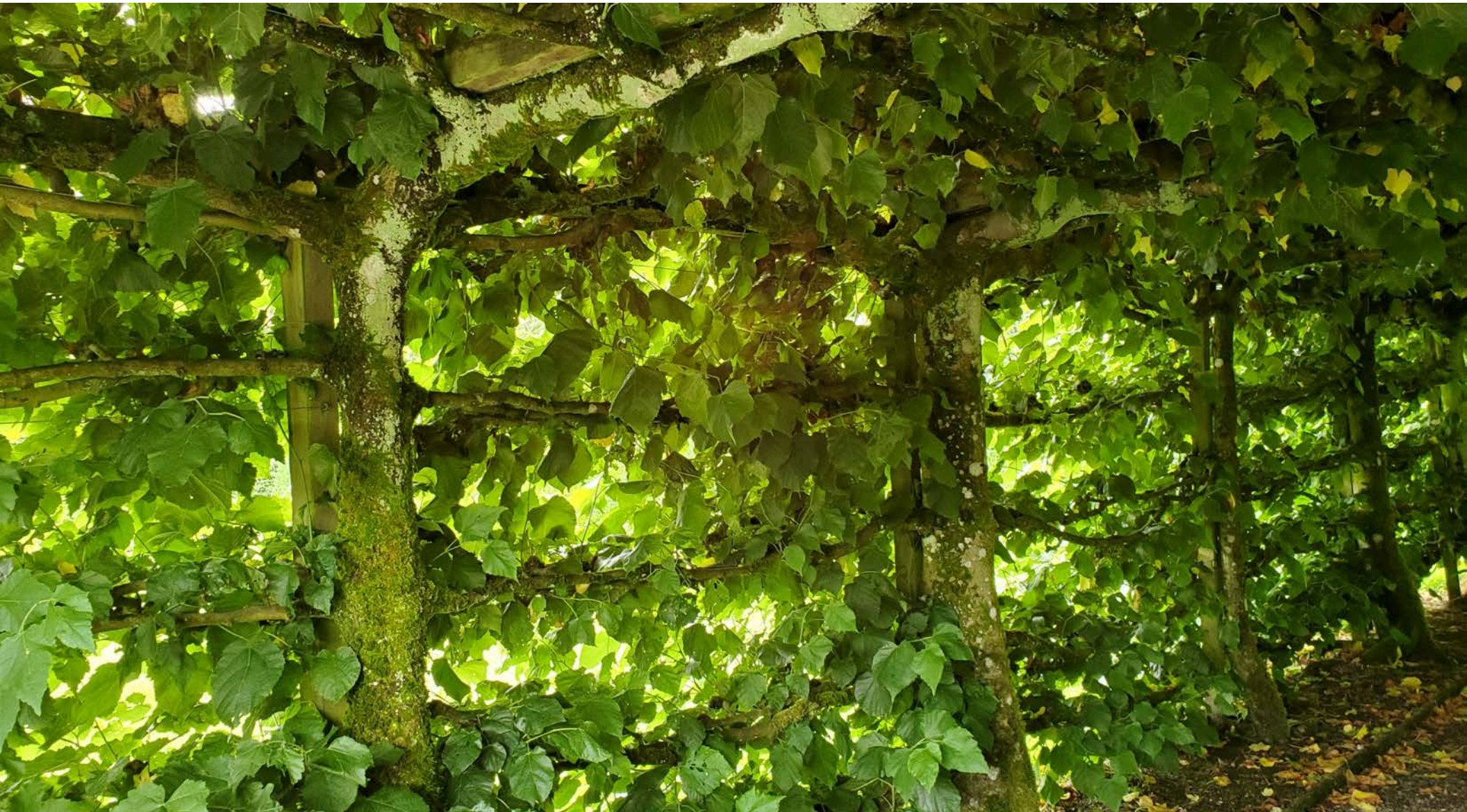








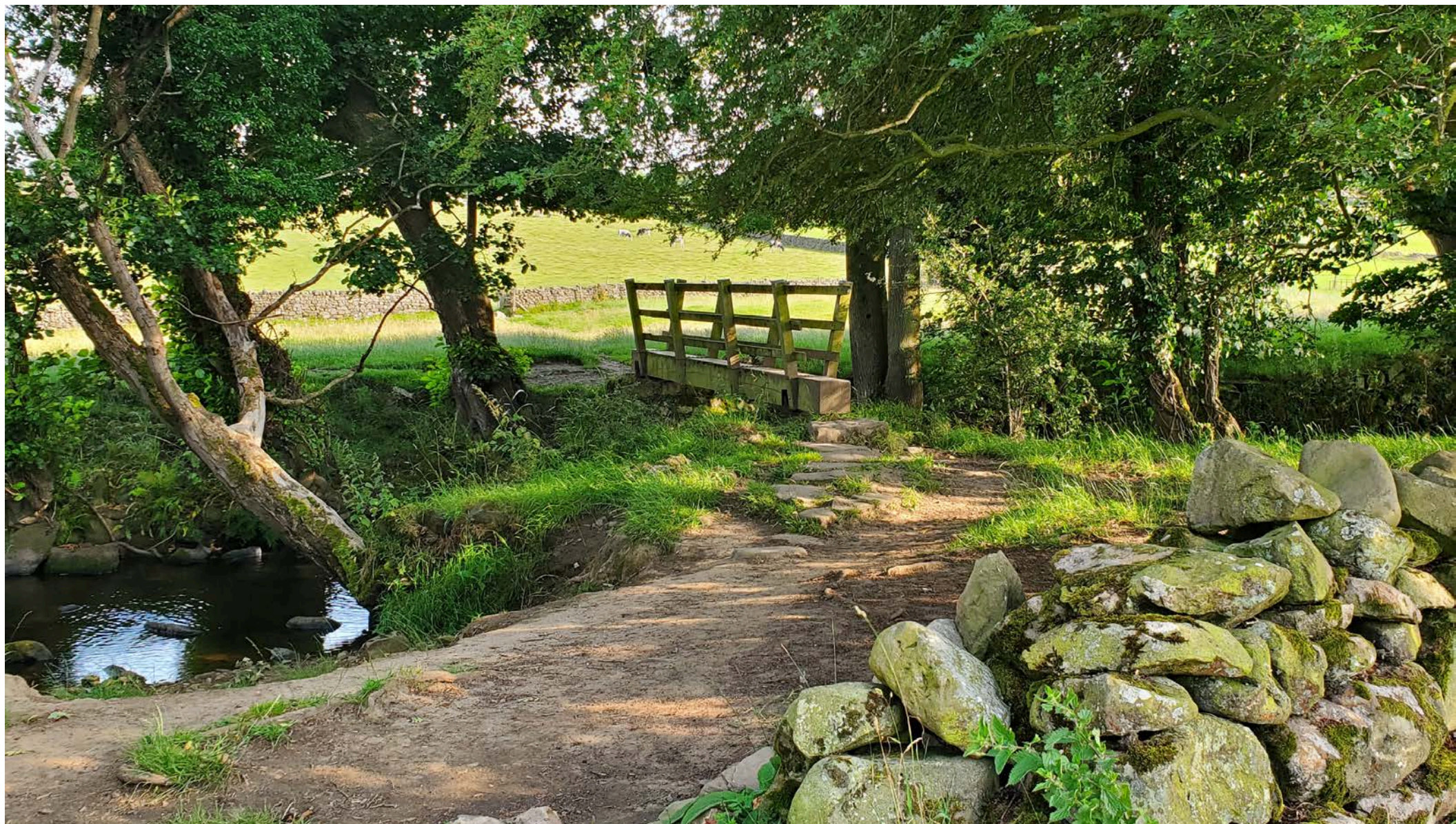
















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