

**ANNUAL MARTINEAU SOCIETY MEETING 2026  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**Dates:** 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Venue:** The University of Cumbria, Ambleside Campus

**Address:** Rydal Road. Ambleside. LA22 9BB.

**Website:** <https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/student-life/locations/ambleside/>

**Accessibility:**

**Registration:** from 5pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**Conference Organiser:** Stuart Hobday [stuh66@gmail.com](mailto:stuh66@gmail.com)

**Introduction**

The 2026 Martineau Society Conference will take place in the beautiful Lake District market town of Ambleside.

In 1845 Harriet Martineau came to Ambleside to convalesce. In Ambleside she found a different world. 'The mountains, by their conservative influence' she says, 'have here hedged in a piece of old English life, such as is to be found nowhere else within the island.' At Ambleside she wrote her *Guide to the Lake District*, following in the footsteps of her friend William Wordsworth. Her guide supplied the tourist with all the information needed to make a successful tour of the countryside. Harriet lived In The Knoll in Ambleside until her death in 1876.

**Conference fee**

£85 per person for whole conference, which includes refreshments, lunches, 2 evening meals (Sunday and Monday), and a ticket to the public event on Tuesday evening.

If you can only attend part of the conference please contact the organiser to find out what the amended cost will be.

**Accommodation**

Delegates will need to book their conference accommodation, details of which can be found from the Lake District Tourist Information site:

<https://www.visitlakedistrict.com/accommodation>

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**Registration: Delegate Details**

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Title of Paper or Presentation (max 45 mins including Q&A):

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Please complete this Registration Form and send it to arrive by **1<sup>st</sup> May 2026**. by email to Dr Sharon Connor ([sharonconnor@live.co.uk](mailto:sharonconnor@live.co.uk)) Please include any dietary requirements or allergies.

The fee for the full Conference is £85 per person.

Please pay either by cheque made out to the Martineau Society (posted with your Registration Form) or directly to the Martineau Society bank account, giving your name as reference:

Bank sort code: 60-15-54

Account number: 14082748

### **Bursaries**

The Martineau Society sponsors students to attend the annual meeting.

Bursaries are usually £250. Do you wish to claim a bursary? If so, do you meet these criteria below?

The applicant should

- be a research student
- present a paper on their research at the conference
- be a member of the Society (annual student membership will be waived for the year you present a paper to the Conference).
- arrange for a letter/email of support to be sent, from a supervisor or departmental administrator if unavailable, indicating reasons for his/her support for the applicant's attendance at the conference.

### **Additional Financial Help**

Help with conference expenses is also available in exceptional circumstances to current Martineau Society members who wish to give a paper or presentation. Please send an explanatory letter/email.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SOCIETY ADMINISTRATOR,  
PROFESSOR GABY WEINER  
by email to: [gabyweiner@icloud.com](mailto:gabyweiner@icloud.com)

If you have any further queries, please contact conference organiser Stuart Hobday  
[stuh66@gmail.com](mailto:stuh66@gmail.com)

