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COMMUNITY SPIRIT: Photographer Valerie Mather spent a year photographing upland farmers in Bransdale in the North York Moors National Park. Her polgn-int images are gathered for display in a new exhibition, entitled Fields, Folds and Farming Life, which opens at Nunnington Hall in September.



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The exhibition, which begins on Saturday September 9, aims to share candid moments from a year in the lives of upland farmers in Bransdale, a value and survending monoland in North.

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The exhibiting photographer is Valerie Mather, a documentary, travel and portrait photographer based in Yorkshire. She said: "Photography has the power to capture a moment in history. I hope these images paint a picture of the spirit, stoicism and joy of these local farming families and communities today. I wish to share some of the joy and inspiration about farming and nature that I discovered."

Through the exhibition, the work of Valerie and specially produced films and

Valerie and specially produced films and artwork reveal the hard work and determination of the people at the heart of the farming community; as they continue to navi-

gate the ever-changing agricultural world to achieve a better farming future for people, the environment, and the local wildlife.

Laura Kennedy, Experience and Programming Manager at Nunnington Hall, said: "With all work for this exhibition undertaken on the doorstep of Nunnington Hall, were excited to share the work in Bransdale with our visitors. Farming has existed on and around the North York. has existed on and around the North York Moors for millennia and around 80 per cent of the land in the care of the Trust is farmed in some way. Like many other places across the country, Bransdale is cared for by the tenant-custodian farmers, the National Trust and its volunteers alongside the National Park Authority.

"The Trust is exploring opportunities across the places we care for to ensure all our land is used to its full potential. Working closely with Valerie to tell this story through this exhibition has been an absolute pleasure." has existed on and around the North York

Fields, Folds and Farming Life runs at Nun-nington Hall near York from September 9-December 17.



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