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### Editor's Letter

On the afternoon of Tuesday 30 July 2019, I was at home in Nidderdale. Lightening took out our electricity and WiFi. The worst hailstorm I had ever witnessed destroyed every plant in my garden. What I didn't know was what was happening up the dale. Flash flooding occurred in the Arkengarthdale, Fremington and Grinton areas of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, following a downpour of very heavy rain. The national park authority estimated that around 200 people, including 60 farmers, were directly affected by the flooding. There was damage to the public rights of way network, including some closures due to missing bridges, stepping stones, landslips or severe path erosion. Local and national agencies have now offered significant funds and action, and several community fundraising crowd-funding appeals have been launched. All the latest information can be found via the national park website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/home/flood-information](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/home/flood-information).

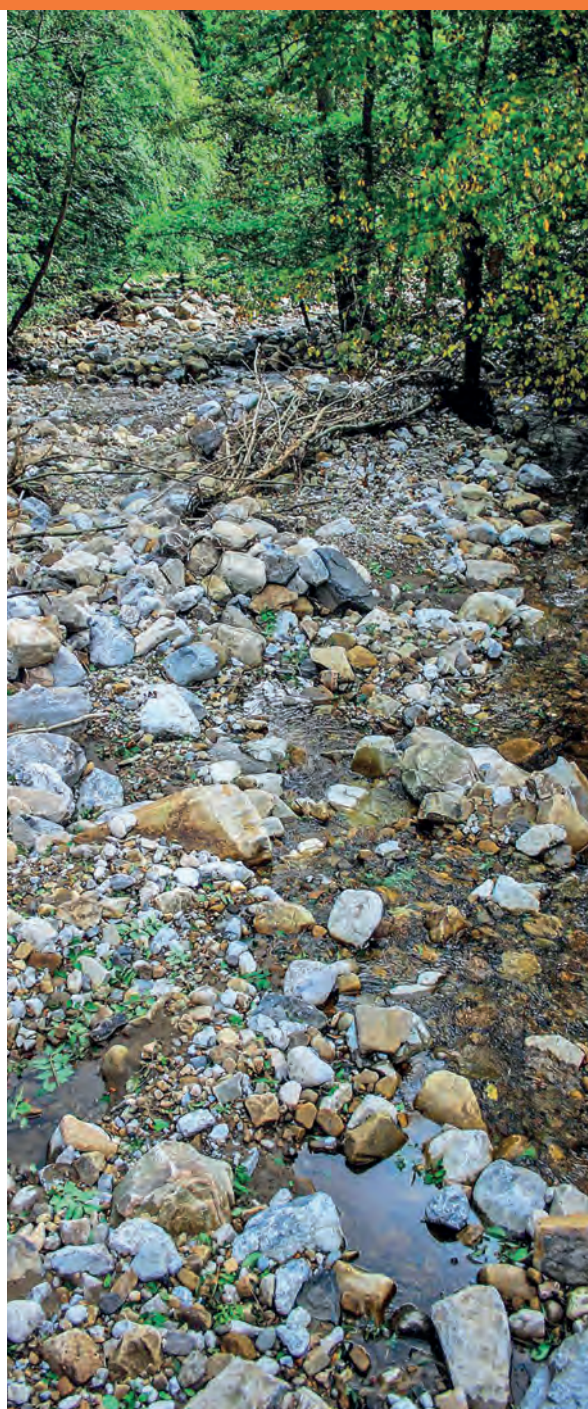
Trustees of Friends of the Dales have decided to make a modest donation to the community fundraising appeal and stay in close contact with the national park authority over longer term plans to repair the PROW network. And the message is that Swaledale and Arkengarthdale are “still very much open for business”.

The photo printed here shows a beck near Castle Bolton. All these boulders were deposited by the flooding. After that day, people pulled together in local communities to help each other. Doors were opened to anyone whose houses were flooded, pubs became overnight shelters, everyone helped with the clean-up operation. In a similar manner, we are hoping that you will all support two new campaigns that are dear to the hearts of FOTD members. We're looking at combatting the incidence of one-use plastic waste in the Dales, and, secondly, at the preservation of road verges as the treasure-trove of wildlife and fauna that they should be. Read more in an article by new Chair, Bruce McLeod, on page 8.

Trustee Nancy Stedman updates us on policy on page 14, and we learn that sustainable development is possible in the Dales on page 16. On page 11, Lynn Leadbeatter says there's reason to be encouraged by hen harrier numbers in the Dales. And this is an issue of goodbyes and warm welcomes. We say many heartfelt thanks to Mark Corner for his inspiring work as Chair of the FOTD (page 3), and to Graham Yule for his tenure as treasurer on page 7. On the same page, you can meet incoming treasurer, Ian Harrison.

The fruits of all Graham's labours can be read in his last report (page 6) and FOTD activities across the last year are highlighted on pages 4 and 5. It's been a successful year and we hope you'll be sharing our story for many years to come.

*Thanks, Sasha Heseltine*





# Yorkshire DALES review

## A Big Thank You to Mark Corner, Outgoing Chair

**Mark became Chairman of Friends of the Dales at a challenging time of declining membership and changes of trustees. He quickly got to grips with the charity's organisational problems and immersed himself in committee work, applying his considerable management experience. In seeking to consult with as many people as possible, Mark brought an inclusive approach to the FOTD board that trustees have greatly appreciated.**

Alongside this, he accelerated his love of walking by planting his feet, along with his dogs, Oscar and Winston, on all the high ground and elsewhere in the Dales, taking numerous high-quality photographs and learning a great deal more about our wonderful landscape.

Mark has proved to be an inspiring leader for our charity, negotiating the diverse views of individual trustees with good humour and successfully implementing some important initiatives, including a more rigorous approach to our forward planning and prioritisation.

Changing our operational name from Yorkshire Dales Society to Friends of the Dales has proved to be a success in respect of identification and publicity. Mark sought ideas for increasing our membership, which, under his tenure, has risen by reversing the downward trend we experienced for many years and so has improved our financial position.

He furthered good relations with partner statutory and voluntary bodies and developed new contacts. We gain from his reputation with the Campaign for National Parks, as he is now a member of their nominations committee in addition to his regular attendance at their national park societies meetings and annual conference.

### Unexpected committee member

He has been an effective and good-humoured chairman of our meetings, with an uncanny knack of ensuring that meetings finish on time – possibly to ensure that he has time to walk his dog! Tim Hancock notes that, after Oscar's sad demise, Mark brought Winston, an enthusiastic young puppy, along to Tim's committee meeting. The puppy's failure to understand the need to keep quiet on such a formal occasion put Tim in the novel situation of needing to insist that the puppy was removed in order to restore order – a bit of a first in his experience of chairing meetings!

Mark has written articles, about our concerns and campaigns, for newspapers and magazines, and has established more than ever that Friends of the Dales is a body to be consulted on a range of matters. He has led many of our walks of interest, which members have enjoyed.

During his chairmanship of FOTD, the jurisdiction of the YDNPA has expanded to the north and to the west. Mark was quick to embrace this long-sought change and, with others, has extended our charity's friendship and inclusion to those in the very beautiful Westmorland Dales in particular.

Mark has not hesitated to challenge head on policies that appeared not to be in the interests of the Dales: his courteous manner, knowledge and ability has won us new friends in many places. Above all, we have felt his support and encouragement, enjoyed his company and good humour. We are very pleased that he is to remain as a trustee and honorary member.

Mike Stephenson, trustee of Friends of the Dales



Friends of the Dales visit to Hebden Gill, Mark Corner far left. Courtesy Ann Shadrake



# AGM and Review of the Year

The historic village of Long Preston in Craven was the venue for the 36th Annual General Meeting on 21 September 2019, preceded by an informative walk around the village led by trustees Hilary Baker and Anthony Bradley.

Members were informed of another successful year of Campaigning, Protecting, and Enjoying by our charity.

Sixteen events were organised during the 2018-2019 financial year, which were very much appreciated by both members of Friends of the Dales and of the public. Our key Focus on the Dales event was organised with Councillor Wendy Hull, chair of Craven District Council, who kindly made Friends of the Dales her charity of the year. A well-attended day in October 2018 at the Victoria Hall, Settle, had as its theme 'Attracting young people and working families to the Dales'.

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In a new approach, we endeavoured to link events to our campaigning work. We organised a walk around the Hellfield Flashes led by local campaigners, whom we supported in efforts to prevent inappropriate development of this wildlife rich area.



Councillor Wendy Hull,  
Chair of Craven District Council.  
Courtesy of Jim Hantock



Students in Skipton Woods.  
Courtesy of Ann Shadrake

## Forging new partnerships

Another initiative was the organisation of events to help others. One was a walk up Pen-y-Ghent for staff, volunteers and tenants from innovative Leeds-based charity Canopy Housing. We also hosted a visit to Skipton by first year students studying at the Centre for Tourism and Hospitality Management at Leeds Beckett University. In partnership with the Skipton office of Carers' Resource, we organised a day out in the Dales for carers and their relatives. We plan to build on what we see as very worthwhile efforts to enable a wider range of people to gain access to the Dales.

Our Policy Committee monitored all the planning applications made to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) during the year, a total of 692 applications. With limited resources, we select those considered as most significant, and of these, we objected to seven proposals, and sought modifications or made comments on a further 11. It was pleasing to note that residents of the national park and parish councils are increasingly contacting us to raise concerns about applications in their area.

Our concerns regarding inappropriate barn conversions became more acute during the year and we objected to several applications, which, in our view, were at variance with planning policy. We do try to be supportive of applications when we can, an example being for the new housing planned in Horton, which incorporates a good proportion of affordable homes.

We responded to the consultation process regarding the YDNP Management Plan 2019-2024 and we also participated actively in the consultation on the Glover Review (see page 10) on the future of national parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, submitting our response in December.



Students outside Skipton Castle.  
Courtesy of Ann Shadrake





## New sustainable development policy

Policy position statements were produced for the Built Heritage and on wildlife and biodiversity, and updates were made to our minerals and forestry, and woodlands policies. We plan to continue updating policies as appropriate and to develop a new one on sustainable development. We campaigned during the year on the sustainability of local communities. Our focus has been on the promotion of availability of affordable housing and on trying to improve rural transport, mainly through our involvement in our subsidiary company, which operates DalesBus. We also added our support for the campaign to prevent the closure of Clapham primary school. An emerging campaign is to help protect wildflower verges from poorly timed cutting.



Clapham C of E Primary School. Courtesy of Mark Corner

In terms of campaigning to protect and promote the cultural heritage of the Dales, the “Capturing the Past” project to train local heritage groups and others to be able to digitise and make publicly available on-line their archives, which started in 2015, came to its formal end this year. We have now taken over direct responsibility for the project. The website [www.dalescommunityarchives.org.uk](http://www.dalescommunityarchives.org.uk) is a testament to the success of the project, with its wealth of material, and now features 23 collections, all achieved by a small project team supported by a larger group of volunteers.

We have made progress in establishing relationships with local media and our campaigning efforts have been helped by good coverage in local news outlets.

Four high quality editions of the Yorkshire Dales Review were published and were clearly much appreciated by its readers. We have endeavoured to tackle some thorny issues such as raptor persecution, the management of grouse moors, affordable housing, second homes, barn conversions and visitor management. We are grateful to our volunteer editor Sasha Heseltine, to sub editor Lynn Leadbeatter, to all of our contributors and to those that help us distribute the magazine.



## Electronic newsletter

To supplement the Review we introduced, thanks to the efforts of Ann Shadrake and Penny Lowe, an electronic newsletter this year, which already has a good take-up. We continue to grow our social media presence in the hope of attracting new members or, at least, of encouraging more people to visit, value and enjoy the Dales.

Our membership numbers have grown steadily, although not at the rate of the previous year (when some particularly successful promotion campaigns delivered a marked increase). We are grateful to our volunteer ambassadors who help promote our charity in their areas, mainly through the distribution of membership leaflets. We completed a membership survey during the year. We had a good response rate and found that members were generally very supportive of the work that we do. Our campaigning and planning work and support for better transport were most valued by respondents who wish to see us protect the Dales, particularly its landscape. The Review is widely read and highly valued. Our administrative service was rated as excellent.

Responding to increases in our operational costs, the decision was taken by trustees to increase membership fees effective 1st October 2018 to £25 (Individual); £35 (Joint), and £40 (Affiliate/Group and Business).

We continue to campaign for improved public transport access to and within the Yorkshire Dales. Our subsidiary, the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, faces significant funding challenges in maintaining its DalesBus Sunday and Bank Holiday services, but has had some success with sponsorship and funding appeals, with the result that the 2019 summer timetable showed very few cuts compared with 2018. We continue to support D&BCIC through administrative help, an annual grant of £2,000 and the passing across of £5,327 donations from individuals and organisations, some which also attracted gift aid.

The three-year business plan revised in December 2017 continues to guide our focus and good progress has been made on most objectives. Our objectives for the coming year include: establishing a more rigorous approach to identifying and managing campaigns; the development of a legacies initiative; and a refresh of our overall strategy, under the guidance of our new Chair, Bruce McLeod.



# Treasurer's Report from Graham Yule

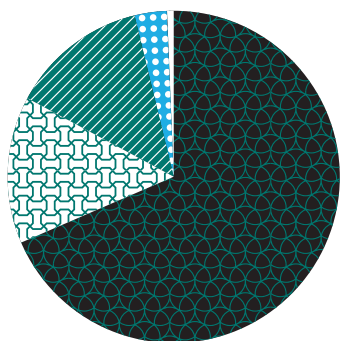
This has been my final year as Treasurer, a role which I have found most fulfilling and enjoyable. The office team have been fantastic and I wish to pass on my best wishes to my successor (see right).

I believe that, from a financial perspective that the Friends of the Dales is sound and in a great position to continue fulfilling their charitable purposes to 'Campaign – Protect – Enjoy'.

## Income 2018-2019

The charity received a total of £62,805 income during the financial year. Some of this income was ring-fenced (restricted) for one of two specific purposes. Firstly, the charity continued to support rural bus services in the Dales by accepting public and business donations specifically for that purpose – this generated £15,077 (plus a further £1,563 from related Gift Aid). Secondly, the charity continued to claim grant income from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust under their Stories in Stone project (ultimately Heritage Lottery Fund). This grant income, totalling £4,589, was for the very successful Capturing the Past digital archiving project.

The rest of the year's income – £41,576 – came from sources such as subscriptions, donations, Gift Aid and bank interest earned on the charity's reserves (which are largely held in fixed-term deposits). For the second consecutive year, no legacies were received but a number of larger one-off donations (totalling £6,032) were generously given to the charity. Trustees can decide how to use this unrestricted income to best achieve the charity's objects.



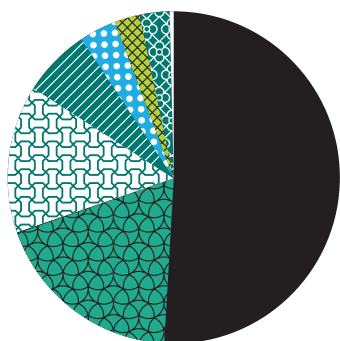
### Breakdown - Unrestricted Income = £41,576

	£28,469	Membership subs & donations
	£6,032	Larger one-off donations
	£5,521	Gift Aid - Adjusted for accrual
	£1,442	Bank Interest
	£112	Re-funds from suppliers

## Expenditure 2018-2019

The charity spent £70,447 over the financial year. This is about £7,500 more than all the income received over the same period – the difference was made up by transferring funds from the charity's reserves. Some of the total expenditure was ring-fenced to the two purposes mentioned above. Rural bus services were supported by transferring funds of £5,327 to the Dales & Bowland CIC, with the remaining income earmarked for later transfer. A total of £2,638 was spent on the Capturing the Past project.

The rest of the expenditure was used, as determined by the trustees, to run the charity to meet its core purposes of conserving and raising understanding about the Dales. The formal accounts show expenditure broken down into standard charity headings such as "Membership & Promotion" and "Objectives and Activities". Members may find it helpful to refer to the pie chart below where costs are shown under categories such as staff, running the office, the Review magazine, governance costs, and subscriptions and grants to other organisations.



### Breakdown - Unrestricted Expenditure = £62,482

	£31,779	Staff costs inc NI
	£11,720	The Review
	£8,941	Office Costs
	£4,154	Governance Costs
	£2,359	Promotion and events
	£1,448	CNP and other subs
	£2,000	Grant to D&B CIC
	£81	Depreciation

Finally, I would like to point out that an annual operational deficit was included in the budget. It is a way of managing the level of our reserves and to make additions funds available in pursuance of our charitable purposes.

Graham Yule, Hon Treasurer





Graham helping at the Review mail out, in addition to his formal role as Treasurer for nearly six years. Courtesy of Ann Shadrake.

## Thank You to Graham!

**Graham Yule, our current Treasurer, stepped down at the AGM (21 September 2019) for the simple reason that he and his wife have moved away from the Yorkshire Dales.**

Graham has served as a trustee and our Treasurer since November 2013. In this role, he has always taken a very measured and accurate approach to our finances, so that the audit process has been relatively straightforward. During his term of office, he revised and updated our charity's Reserves Policy in line with changes in Charity Commission requirements. And we've greatly benefitted from his ability to explain potentially complex accounting matters clearly and succinctly to his less financially fluent colleagues.

Graham has been a very active trustee, carrying out a number of functions in addition to that of Treasurer. As Chair of our Finance and Governance Committee he updated our human resource policies, undertaking much systematic background research to inform those changes and ensure that our charity – although a very small-scale employer – adopts current good practice.

With a background in e-commerce, Graham has been invaluable in steering upgrades of our computers, software and website.

His interest in accessibility and rural transport enabled him to make a very positive contribution as our representative trustee on the board of the Dales and Bowland CIC.

So, in summary, a wide-ranging set of personal and professional interests upon which we've been fortunate to draw in recent years.

We shall accordingly miss both his contribution and Graham in person – and would also like to offer many thanks to Sue for all her help in proofing the Yorkshire Dales Review. We wish them all the best in their new home.

Marion Temple, trustee and Chair of Finance & Governance Committee

## Welcome to our New Treasurer

New FOTD treasurer Ian Harrison

**We are delighted to welcome Dr Ian Harrison as a new trustee of FOTD and our incoming Treasurer. Ian approached us after reading about the vacancy in the Summer issue of the Yorkshire Dales Review. He was formally appointed at the recent AGM. Below, he explains a little about his love of the Dales and his interest in joining us.**



"In my working life as a business manager in the energy sector, I have been very fortunate to live and work in many places both in the UK and abroad. But it is the Yorkshire Dales that I have always regarded as my spiritual home.

"I was born and raised in West Yorkshire, with strong family connections on my father's side to Swaledale and Wensleydale. Many long weekends walking in the hills as a youth inspired my initial love of the Dales – although freezing cold winter weekends in Hag Dyke, a farmhouse above Kettlewell then owned by Ben Rhydding Scouts, certainly tested that attachment! Those weekends also helped to develop my interest in landscape evolution, an area of study I was able to pursue at Durham University.

"Sadly, working life gave me few opportunities to spend much time in Yorkshire – apart from brief stints in Doncaster and Hull – about as far from the Dales as you can get in the county. But recent retirement has opened new opportunities to renew my acquaintance with the national park.

"My wife and I have been very fortunate in acquiring a house in Thwaite, upper Swaledale. We are very sensitive to the issues of second-home ownership, but I spend over 50% of my time in Thwaite and am working hard to become a part of the community – including learning the cornet so that I can play in the Muker Silver Band. But the biggest advantage has been the opportunity to spend many pleasurable days walking in the hills and renewing my acquaintance with the Dales.

"I very much look forward to working with the FOTD, and hope that my business-management experience will help the charity in their critical work to preserve and enhance such a beautiful part of the British landscape."

Ian Harrison, Treasurer, Friends of the Dales

Rubbish bag on Pen-y-Ghent.  
Courtesy of Stolly from Horton



# Tackling the Big Issues

*“Not since the 1940s have the countryside and farming communities faced such uncertainty and potentially radical change.”*

## **Bruce McLeod, new Chairman of Friends of the Dales, looks at the society’s new campaigns.**

We live in unprecedented times. Not since the 1940s have the countryside and farming communities faced such uncertainty and potentially radical change. The climate emergency, decline in biodiversity and Brexit dictate that we can no longer assume a future of business as usual. For example, as I write this in early September, a recent report by Sean Rickard, the former chief economist for the National Farmers’ Union, predicts that a no-deal Brexit would wipe out half of Britain’s farms and be “the death knell for upland hill farming”. The challenges ahead are therefore great as well as numerous.

What can we do in such a situation? Friends of the Dales are rooted in a tradition of campaigning. As we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act (1949) as well as the 100th anniversary of the Forestry Commission, it is worth reiterating that we enjoy national parks today due to sustained political agitation and an illegal act: the mass trespass in 1932 of Kinder Scout in Dark Peak, led by the Ramblers.

The generation of the 1930s and ‘40s initiated a cultural shift in how the landscape

was viewed, how it was to be used and by whom. It fought tooth and nail in the face of staunch opposition by landowners in order to give the public glorious natural spaces in which to relax, to recuperate, to reconnoitre. The conservation covenants that initiated the National Trust also came into being at this time.

Today, Friends of the Dales continues to protect the right to enjoy access to the inspiring natural and cultural beauty of the Dales. In our recent membership survey, 37% considered campaigning to be the most important aspect of the charity’s mission. To date our record of campaigning is something to be proud of, whether it was to do with affordable housing, the contentious issue of second homes, or public transport.

### **Friends of the Dales campaigns**

We aim to build on this tradition with two new campaigns: in defence of roadside verges and against plastic litter. In the first, we aim to protect verges from untimely mowing, which devastates flora and fauna in these important ecosystems, often the relics of flower meadows that have long disappeared. In the second, our aim is to reduce the amount of single-use plastic in the national park. These are both what might be called thin-end-of-the-wedge campaigns: that is to say, they

are not just to do with verges and plastic litter but will hopefully initiate a sea change in behaviour and assumptions as regards maximising care for our environment.

In other words, changing the cutting regime applied to roadside verges also promotes the idea of wildlife corridors and the wilding of public spaces. The campaign against single-use plastic, especially the plastic tree guards that populate the landscape, will initiate a wider discussion about the alternatives to other accepted practices that pollute our countryside. We are pleased to see that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan 2019–24 encompasses both these campaigns through the promotion of habitat networks (objective D2) and reducing waste (objective D8). Furthermore, the restoration of nature and the elimination of plastic waste are at the core of the government’s 25 Year Environment Plan.

### **A cleaner rural environment**

Friends of the Dales are, in short, advocating new covenants, with these two campaigns modelling a different way of doing things. Fortunately we are living within a cultural shift, with the general public demanding a reduction in the use of plastic and a more “natural” countryside – one that is less intensively managed, more biodiverse and



where carbon emissions are reduced. Ideas such as agroecology, public money for public goods, the “polluter pays principle” and the goal of net environmental gain are increasingly accepted as the way forward in best managing our natural heritage. It is understood, if poorly and unevenly implemented, that we need to replace an extractive economy with a regenerative economy: we need a Green New Deal. The shift in perspective and values enables us to rethink what we mean by conservation.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature has a ranking system for protected areas worldwide: it awards grades from one to six, a score of one denoting a wilderness and most protected. The UK’s national parks were, sadly, classified as a five. Therefore, safeguarding the current landscape and how it’s produced is not enough; and of course the national park authorities have long recognised that it’s not enough and taken steps to better protect their landscapes while promoting socio-economic viability and tourism. But the point remains: aesthetics and the practices that created the iconic look of the Dales must be weighed up against enhancing wildlife and a truly sustainable environment.

The Royal Society for the Encouragement of Art, Manufactures and Commerce recently published *Our Future in the Land*. The report talks of a “circular economy” which,



Plastic tree guards.  
Courtesy of Ann Shadrake



Verge cutting.  
Courtesy of Mark Corner



Burst balloon. Courtesy of Tim Hancock

citing the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, “entails gradually decoupling economic activity from the consumption of finite resources, and designing waste out of the system. Underpinned by a transition to renewable energy sources, the circular model builds economic, natural and social capital. It is based on three principles: designing out waste and pollution; keeping products and materials in use; regenerating natural systems.” This is, of course, the big picture and perhaps seems remote from our capacities, but thinking in a circular way and breaking destructive cycles are what our two new campaigns are all about.

### Reducing single-use plastic waste

Finally, each of these campaigns is what one may call a “gateway issue”: the call for less plastic in our lives -- something many grassroots groups, for instance Plastic Free Skipton, are effectively pursuing -- and the call for a “wilder” and, therefore, less polluted environment are now widely accepted. There is to be sure a great deal of enthusiasm and passion out there about the degradation of the natural world; there is a lot of anger and frustration, especially amongst youth, with the lack of any concrete response by the government equal to the crises at hand. People want informed action as we see by the popularity of anti-

fracking groups and Extinction Rebellion. Campaigning by Friends of the Dales on these issues will appeal to current members but also hopefully inspire new members to join our efforts and our mission.

Although North Yorkshire County Council might appear deaf on the score of verges being cut at the wrong time of the year (and indeed deaf for many years now); although the problem of plastic in the park might appear intractable and just too large, we can, I believe, make a difference. One thing, however, is certain: without concerted pressure from below we would not have national parks today. Without concerted pressure from below we will lose more wildlife and contribute to more pollution. It is up to us. As 19th-century US social reformer Frederick Douglass famously averred: “Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never did and it never will.”

Friends of the Dales are up for the challenge. We take seriously Julian Glover’s urging, in advance of his review of the national parks (see page 10), that we all set some big ambitions. Watch this space. Even better, get involved in whatever capacity you feel able and spread the word.



# Glover Review of Designated Landscapes

*“New designations of protected landscape areas are being considered”*

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**Nearly 70 years after the country’s first national parks were established, an important review is soon to be published on the future of England’s national parks, including the Yorkshire Dales.**

In January 2018, the government published its 25-year “Environment Plan”, with one of its actions being to undertake a thorough review of the country’s “designated landscape areas” – ie. the 10 national parks and the 34 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (such as Nidderdale and the Forest of Bowland). In May 2018 the review was launched by the then Secretary of State for the Environment, Michael Gove MP, with the overall aim of exploring how these iconic landscapes meet the needs of the 21st century. More specific aims of the review are to see whether there is scope for new areas to be designated; how access to these areas can be improved; how wildlife and biodiversity can be better protected and how to connect more people with nature; how those who live and work in these areas can be better supported and how to improve the governance of the areas.

The review team is being led by the broadcaster and writer Julian Glover. The team asked for submissions on a range of issues from a variety of bodies. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Friends of the Dales, among many others, submitted detailed comments and suggestions on how national parks in general and the Yorkshire Dales in particular can be better protected and improved for wildlife, visitors and people who live and work in the park. The team visited the Yorkshire Dales in September 2018 to speak with different local people and organisations with an interest in the future of the park.

## Lack of funding

In July 2019 the team set out its interim findings and thoughts in a letter to Michael Gove. The letter recognises that our national parks and AONBs have not been given the tools, funding and direction to do the job that should now be expected of them, despite the



Gouthwaite Reservoir in Nidderdale AONB. Courtesy of Dave Lobley

commitment and energy of those currently working to protect and improve the designated landscapes. Mr Glover’s team finds that the national zeal of the founding mission for landscape protection has been eroded and that the country needs to re-ignite the fire and vision that brought the system of national parks and AONBs into being.

A series of initial recommendations emerging from the team’s investigations is set out in the letter, such as reforming the current system of governance and funding for national parks; changing the system of farming subsidies and a new partnership with farming to promote nature recovery; tackling the shortage of social housing; improving access to the areas for those who rarely visit them; being more proactive in tackling climate change and many other suggestions. Possible new designations of protected landscape areas are also being considered by the team.

## Sustainable housing

It is encouraging that many of the issues raised by FOTD in our response to the team’s consultation are reflected in the interim findings, but it is disappointing that, social housing apart, little is said about helping to make local communities more sustainable, a significant challenge in the Dales.

In his response to Mr Glover’s interim findings, Michael Gove replied in a positive and encouraging manner, and said that he was looking forward to receiving the team’s final recommendations later this year. What the new Secretary of State for the Environment, Theresa Villiers MP, who was not involved in the setting up of the review, will make of the final report will be interesting to see. Let’s hope she can find time to consider the report in a positive and proactive manner amongst the all-consuming debate on Brexit.

Watch this space for a further update when the final report is published and the government responds.

*Rick Cowley, member of the Policy Committee*

## STOP PRESS

Just as this issue of the Review was going to press, the final report from the Glover Review of national parks was published. It appears to be very positive about the parks but strongly urges that more must be done to – among other things – protect nature, encourage more diverse visitors, improve sustainable transport to and within the parks, and provide additional funding. The environment secretary Theresa Villiers has welcomed the report and said, “These landscapes are the jewels in the crown of our countryside and are a cornerstone of our rural economy. We are committed to ensuring they flourish as havens for nature and sites that everyone in the country goes to visit for inspiration, adventure or relaxation.” There will be another article in the next issue of the Review about the Glover Report and the government’s response.



## Help for Hen Harriers

Conservationists are celebrating the fledging of three hen harrier chicks in the Cumbrian part of the national park. Lynn Leadbeatter looks at how they're faring.

It is the second consecutive year that hen harriers have bred successfully in the park. Five chicks fledged on a grouse moor in Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – but the discovery of a dead female bird on the Swinton Estate in the AONB in April is a reminder of the need for constant vigilance in the battle against illegal persecution of birds of prey.

### High mortality rate

In August, Natural England announced that 2019 had been a record-breaking year for breeding success of hen harriers, with the adults at 15 nests rearing 47 chicks between them.

“At long last there are grounds for cautious optimism, with hen harriers breeding in the national park,” says YDNP member champion for the natural environment, Ian McPherson. “These are magnificent birds and their long absence has shamed us all.”

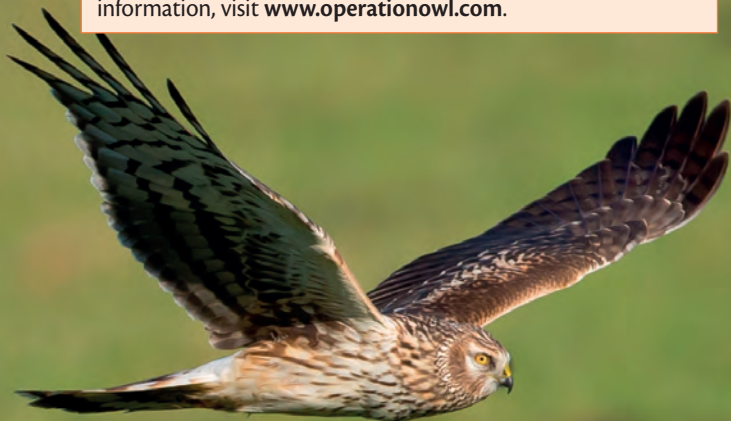
Operation Owl was launched in 2018 by North Yorkshire Police, along with the county's two national parks and the RSPB, to raise awareness of raptor persecution.

*“There are grounds for cautious optimism, with hen harriers again breeding in the national park.”*

### Finding a dead bird

If you do see a dead or injured bird, poisoned bait or a pole trap, call the police on 101. Do not touch any dead birds or animals, as they may have been poisoned, or disturb a possible crime scene by walking around unnecessarily. Publishing details on social media may hinder an investigation.

Make a note of the date and time and take a grid reference, a GPS reading or use a smartphone to identify the location using the what3words app. Wide-angle photographs showing landscape features can help officers locate the site. For more information, visit [www.operationowl.com](http://www.operationowl.com).

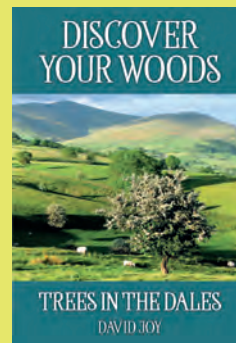


Hen harrier in flight. Courtesy of Rob Zweers on Flickr

## Discover Your Woods Trees in the Yorkshire Dales

Author: David Joy. Publisher: Galena Books, Paradise Press Ltd, Scale Haw, Hebden BD23 5SL - ISBN: 978 0 9934923 3 4

Price £16.50. Available from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Main Street, Clapham via Lancaster LA2 8DP – [www.ydmt.org/shop](http://www.ydmt.org/shop)



David Joy MBE is a life member of Friends of the Dales, a former editor of the Dalesman and the author of more than 50 books. His most recent publication is Discover Your Woods – Trees in the Yorkshire Dales, published in association with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

He explains that there are hundreds of books on woods and trees, but none devoted to the landscape of the Dales. The Yorkshire Dales National Park contains

woods and trees everywhere to be discovered and enjoyed. This book, readable and informative, succeeds mightily in helping us to do this.

We are reminded that it is not a “walking guide”. Only a small area of the national park is broadleaf woodland “to be sought rather than shouting to be noticed”. The book contains many beautiful pictures contributed by landscape photographers: these plates alone raise great interest and awareness of trees and woods throughout the park and will encourage readers to look more closely at trees in our glorious terrain.

I find myself noticing trees and woods with new insight and enjoyment. William Blake wrote that “a fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees”. In my childhood I never saw many trees. Ogden Nash, the poet, put it like this:

*I think I shall never see*

*A billboard lovely as a tree*

*Perhaps, unless all the billboards fall*

*I'll never see a tree at all.*

David's family has lived in the area since 1600; he has a lifelong fascination with trees, greatly enhanced by completing this book, endeavouring to connect people with landscape. You can learn more about your favourite dale, your favourite tree, the complexity of geology down the centuries that has determined the location and isolation of trees to be seen today.

A section is devoted to people behind the trees: those who plant and conserve, volunteers committed to restoration and opportunities for others, especially young people, to become involved. The main section, as you would expect, looks at 21 species of trees in the Dales, from the alder to the yew. Can you distinguish between the English oak and the sessile oak? No, nor can I, but all is explained. Another section on woods of many kinds will send you on a magical voyage of discovery.

This book, like the author's name, is a great joy, so obviously written by someone who loves trees. The text is non-technical, easy to read – a book you will enjoy having in your home.

Mike Stephenson, trustee of Friends of the Dales



# A Choice Place to Live



Ingmire Hall

**Dr Malcolm Petyt, Vice President of Friends of the Dales, looks at some of the finest architecture in the extended Yorkshire Dales National Park.**

The Rawthey-Lune Valley between Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale has been chosen for a number of grand houses. All this area is now within our national park, so more people will explore it – on foot, by bike or by car – and they may get glimpses of some of the buildings described here. All are 'Listed' as Grade II or higher (buildings of national importance and special interest). None are open to the public, but most are visible from the road or a public footpath.

About two miles west of Sedbergh, north of the A683 to Kirkby Lonsdale, one sees across the fields to Ingmire Hall. This is a 16th-century country house built around the remains of a pele tower, first constructed for the Upton family. It was enlarged in the early 19th century by architect George Webster and extended around 1900. After part was destroyed by fire in 1928, it was extended again. Partially remodelled in 1989, it is now a number of private apartments.

About three miles further south, soon after the bridge on the former Ingleton-Tebay railway, not far east is the fascinating Middleton Hall, a fortified manor house dating from the late 14th century. Only the impressive curtain wall is visible from the road; this and several other parts are separately listed as of Grade II\* significance. It was the abode of the Middleton family from the time of Edward III until 1644, and they made various additions through the centuries. The habitable part is now a farmhouse.



Rigmaden Hall

Images courtesy of Malcolm Petyt

After about a further mile, set across on the western slope of the valley, one sees the impressive Rigmaden Hall. This fine ashlar stone house was designed in 1825 in Greek Revival style by Francis and George Webster. By the mid-20th century it was dilapidated, but it was restored in 1991–92, maintaining much of the original exterior. It was the centre of a large estate, with fine outbuildings and a nearby impressive home farm. A minor road takes you over Rigmaden Bridge, past the farm buildings and immediately behind the Hall.

***“Casterton Grange has been sensitively restored”***

Continuing south, just before Casterton one sees the striking Casterton Grange close to the west of the road, with its impressive tower-like structure. It was built in 1848 on land belonging to the wealthy Carus-Wilson family, by the Reverend David Barclay-Bevan, who married into the family. The architect was Ewan Christian, a devout evangelical who built many churches. He was influenced by famous architect Augustus Pugin, and this house, with a top-lit central staircase, has features reminiscent of Pugin's house in Ramsgate. The Grange has had many owners, and periods of standing empty, but since 2003 it has been sensitively restored.





Casterton Hall

Another building on the west side of the A683, soon after Casterton Golf Club, is Casterton Hall. More easily visible when travelling in the other direction, it is best viewed from a public footpath that passes through its grounds. It is a Grade II\* country house, with an orangery and a service wing to the rear. Built in the early 19th century, it has several interesting architectural features, including the semi-circular porch with Doric columns and half-columns. It is now divided into several dwellings.

The houses described above are close to or easily visible from the A683. Another three require detours onto minor roads or footpaths.



Whelprigg

### George Webster

The name George Webster (1797-1864) occurs several times in this article. Based in Kendal, he was an architect and son of an architect (Francis Webster) He was responsible for work on an impressive list of houses in Cumbria, North Lancashire and North Yorkshire, which he designed or to which he made significant alterations or additions – and also for 13 churches.

Besides the four mentioned here (Ingmire, Underley, Rigmaden and Whelprigg), the following buildings may be known to some readers: Eshton Hall (near Gargrave), Broughton Hall (near Skipton), Cliff Castle (Keighley), and Settle Town Hall (formerly the base for the YDS Office). His early designs for houses were mainly in a Neo-Classical (Greek Revival) style, but he later used Tudor Revival, Jacobean and Italianate features. His 13 churches were all in Gothic Revival style.



Barbon Manor

### Bike races on the drive

Barbon Manor is strikingly sited on a steep, wooded hillside overlooking the road to Dentdale. Designed in the French Renaissance style by E.M. Barry (architect of the Royal Opera House) and built in 1862–63, it was a shooting lodge for Sir James Kay-Shuttleworth Bt (1804–77). This 13-bedroom house, part of the Shuttleworth Estate, was later modernised, and it is now rented out by Lord Shuttleworth. It is visible from both public footpaths and minor roads around Barbon, and its steep driveway is used as an 800m course for motorsport events, the Barbon Speed Hillclimb.

Whelprigg, situated close to minor roads south of Barbon, is a fine house built in 1834 in Jacobean style for the Gibson family by George Webster. An extension was added in about 1910, while on the east side is part of an earlier building with Gothic windows. A coach house and farm buildings stand nearby. This house and the Whelprigg Estate are now owned by Henry Bowring, and parts may be hired for functions or by staying guests.

Underley Hall, (Listed Grade II\*) near Kirkby Lonsdale is the largest of the valley's houses – and also the most frustrating since, while one gets tantalising glimpses of the upper parts showing above the trees, the building itself is not close to either public roads or footpaths. It was designed in Jacobean Revival style by George Webster and built around 1825 on the site of an earlier house. A wing and tower were added in 1874. It was the centre of the vast Underley Estate of land and farms, and the riverside footpath near Low Beckfoot gives an idea of its wealth: a magnificent private three-arch battlemented stone bridge over the Lune is used to access parts of the estate east of the river. The Estate is still extensive, although much smaller now, but the Hall became successively a school, a Roman Catholic seminary (with a modernist chapel), and a residential special school for boys, which closed in 2012.

### Two Other Grand Houses

Traces are all that remain of two other grand houses in the valley. Close to the 'Pepperpot' just south of Sedbergh one comes across ha-ha walls and bits of mosaic floor – all that remain of Akay, built in Georgian style in the mid-1820s with extensive gardens, but abandoned in the 1920s. And on the west side of the A683 near Middleton Church stands a large 'Monkey Puzzle Tree', a remnant of parkland around Grimeshill, a magnificent mansion in Elizabethan style, centre of the Middleton Estate from the late 17th century, but demolished in 1938.



# Policy Committee

**The policy committee continues to monitor and comment on planning applications. Recently we welcomed the application to convert the Methodist Chapel on Back Syke in Bainbridge into flats. Done sensitively, retaining key features of historic interest, this will conserve a traditional building, giving it new purpose and maintaining its cultural heritage. In so doing, it will provide two flats available at affordable rents. We also welcomed the application by a housing association to build 16 houses on a brownfield site on Green Lane in Long Preston. Eight of these will be for rent and the other eight will be available on a shared ownership basis.**

We believe that solutions such as these for meeting the need for housing at reasonable cost to local workers and families are to be supported, and are far preferable to converting scattered field barns. Not only are such conversions generally relatively expensive, they can be visually intrusive, introducing development into the open countryside and reducing the quality of the world-class landscape, which is such an outstanding feature of the Dales. They also give rise to more traffic along narrow country lanes.

## Conversion to holiday lets

The conversion of barns to holiday lets gives rise to similar concerns about impacts on the landscape and the environment. For these reasons we objected strongly to the proposal to convert a field barn at Scarr House Force near Muker. This barn sits on its own on a rise in the land in a field clearly visible from the road going towards the Buttertubs, and is very prominent within upper Swaledale. The site also lies within the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Barns and Walls Conservation Area. We considered that the conversion of this barn

would neither contribute to the conservation of the historic interest of the building nor of the cultural landscape, and would adversely affect the exceptional landscape quality of upper Swaledale.

In our last issue, we were delighted to be able to report that the application for a major leisure development at Hellifield Flashes, which would have damaged a wonderful site for wildlife and generated lots of traffic on an already busy road, had been refused planning permission by Craven District Council. So we, like so many local people, are now dismayed to see extensive site works being carried out there, including alterations to the main body of water, Gallaber Pond. We understand



Barns in Swaledale. Courtesy of Dave Lobley

## How we operate

*Like all charities, the effective governance of FOTD relies upon the efforts and commitment of a small group of volunteers, our trustees. Their role is to guide the strategic development of the organisation, ensure that it works to achieve its charitable objects and manage the finances of the charity to ensure its long-term sustainability. Trustees are charged with acting impartially and with integrity to further the aims of the charity. Our charitable aims, current trustees and finances can all be seen on the Charity Commission's website (no.515384).*

*Trustees serve on one or more of our committees, focusing on those topics where they can bring their interests and expertise to bear. The policy committee monitors planning applications received by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and is alert to planning issues in adjacent authorities. The committee also contributes to strategic planning by commenting on draft Local Plans and other*

*planning documents, and prepares its own policy statements, covering a range of topical issues – these can be seen on our website. To assist us in doing all this, we co-opt members of the FOTD who bring a wider range of perspectives and expertise in matters such as farming, planning and ecology, and invite to our meetings outside speakers, experts in their fields, to discuss particular topics.*

*However, we are always mindful of avoiding conflicts of interest, so trustees do not get involved in issues where they might have an interest in some other area of their lives. For instance, our trustee Julie Martin, who is a long-standing member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and sits on its planning committee (recently elected as its Chair), has never been a member of our policy committee or participated in discussions on planning applications, so as to avoid any conflict of interest. Another example is where a trustee might be personally affected by a specific planning application, in which case he or she would declare an interest and withdraw from discussion of that application.*





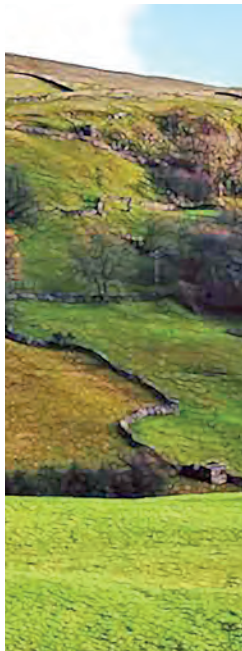
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that these works are in line with an existing planning permission for a hotel and rural resource centre, granted in 2002–05. We are liaising with Craven DC to ensure that at the very least work is being carried out in accordance with that permission. We are also liaising with Natural England to ensure that the work is not adversely impacting Pan Beck Fen, the Site of Special Scientific Interest that lies downstream. We continue to investigate whether there are ways in which the wildlife and amenity value of the site can be protected.

We don't just focus on planning applications: we also follow up on other issues that may affect the landscape, its biodiversity and historic interests. Several of us were dismayed to see long stretches of road verge (notably along the B6265 and in Ribblesdale) being cut in late May, the very time that so many of our beautiful flowering plants are coming into their best. By cutting so early in the season, not only do we all lose the enjoyment of seeing so many flowers in bloom, but insects lose their sources of food, flowers are not pollinated and no seed is set for the next year.

Our road verges now act as valuable refuges for many species of wild flowers, lost from the fields through changes in farming practices. We have linked up with Plantlife, which is campaigning on road verge management nationally, and are seeking a meeting with North Yorkshire County Council highways officers to see what improvements can be introduced for next year's season. To help us with that, it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you are aware of any examples of good road verge management please!

Nancy Stedman, trustee of Friends of the Dales



*“We follow up on any issues that may affect the landscape.”*

## Stop Press

We are pleased to report that the conversion of the former Methodist chapel at Bainbridge has been approved by national park planners. This will create two affordable flats for rent in perpetuity for local people. This is a “national pilot” for the Methodist Church.

Likewise we are very pleased that YDNPA has refused the conversion of a prominent field barn in Swaledale – Scarr House Force at Muker – on the grounds of conflicting with the statutory purposes of national parks (significant visual harm to the Conservation Area) and being contrary to many policies in the local plan, as well as unsafe access and insufficient evidence on whether bats (European protected species) are present.



Stalling Busk refreshment stop. Courtesy of Debbie Hougie

## Celebrating a Wonderful Life

A wonderful celebration of the life of our valued and much missed trustee Jerry Pearlman was held on July 9th in his beloved Raydale. Jerry died in March 2018 (see the obituary in our Spring 2018 Review). A number of organisations that Jerry played such an important role in wished to mark his passing in the place he loved and, as a dedicated walker, he would have appreciated. The event, kindly hosted by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, of which Jerry had been a member, involved warm-hearted speeches by, among others, Jerry's daughter Debbie Hougie, Kate Ashbrook (chair of the Ramblers) and David Butterworth (Chief Executive of the National Park Authority) and, after lunch, a circular walk from Semer Water to Marsett, then over to Stalling Busk for a refreshment stop with the Pearlman family. It was a fitting tribute to Jerry that so many joined the event and spent an afternoon in his footsteps. We shared stories of how he had touched so many lives and contributed so much to help protect and enable access to special places like the Dales.

Mark Corner, trustee of Friends of the Dales



# Affordable Housing in the Dales

Andi McLoughlin, Development Manager for Broadacres Housing Association offers an insight into the housing association's work to provide affordable housing in the Dales and wider area.



Since its formation in 1993, Broadacres has provided affordable housing across North Yorkshire, with a particular emphasis on ensuring rural communities remain sustainable for future generations.

The high cost of owning a home, or renting privately, in the county often means people have to move away from the areas where they grew up and are familiar with, which has a detrimental impact on the rural economy. This is particularly relevant to the Yorkshire Dales.

Over the last 26 years, Broadacres, working in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, landowners and other local stakeholders, has sought to address the issue by building new homes for local people.

This has led to developments in areas such as Askrigg, Hawes, Bainbridge and Reeth, providing high-quality, high specification homes in keeping with their beautiful surroundings.

Broadacres' vision is to become the best rural housing provider in the country, and to achieve this we have now embarked on a new growth strategy to deliver an additional 1,250 affordable houses within North Yorkshire over the next 5 years.

These properties will be provided at either an affordable rent, shared ownership (part buy part rent), discount for sale or even some open market units. These units are sourced from developers required to provide affordable homes via planning conditions, but we are also always constantly looking for sites to develop ourselves.

To do this we are looking for developments across the region and especially in rural areas such as the Dales, and are currently working with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Richmondshire District Council and Craven District to identify sites that will yield some much-needed affordable homes for local residents.

Our Rural Housing Enablers also send out housing need assessment forms to local people so we can find out about specific housing needs in communities and then develop housing that matches those needs. It's really important for communities to engage with these surveys to ensure their voice is heard.

These homes will only be allocated to people with local connection and are designated in planning to remain as affordable units in perpetuity. This means they cannot be sold for profit and will remain affordable for generations.

The local connection is designed to ensure people who live, work or are looking to return to these communities can access quality affordable homes and ensure communities not only survive but can thrive with new generations of residents.

A good current example will result in eight new homes being provided in the centre of the village of West Witton, near Leyburn. Work is now underway and when completed in autumn 2020, six of the two- and three-bedroom homes will be offered for discounted sale and two for affordable rent.

This will be Broadacres' first development in the Yorkshire Dales National Park for over ten years, but we hope and expect that this will just be the start of further developments in the future. Read more at [www.broadacres.org.uk](http://www.broadacres.org.uk).





# Success for Hilltop Farm

**Our congratulations to Neil Heseltine for winning a National Trust annual Fine Farm Produce award.**

As featured in the Review winter issue 2018, his work to improve biodiversity has included the introduction of Belted Galloway cattle to keep down scrub and allow native plants to thrive. He has also restored a traditional hay meadow at Hilltop Farm, Malham, which encompasses two Sites of Special Scientific Interest. He promotes these and other nature-friendly practices among the agricultural community.

Neil was judged overall winner of the Farming With Nature category for producers who have gone to significant lengths to improve wildlife habitats on their land.

“Looking after the environment is central to what we do at Hilltop,” he says. “Several years ago we reduced the number of sheep on the farm and introduced conservation grazing cattle to increase biodiversity – with really positive results. New species of plant have emerged in the fields and our hay meadows are full of invertebrates, butterflies, bees and even a family of barn owls.

“It’s so important that we celebrate healthy, sustainable, nutritious produce and champion farming practices that work hand in hand with nature.”

Neil at Hilltop Farm.  
Courtesy of Stephen Garnett



# Opening the Dales to all



(L-R): Tinta (from the Ivory Coast), Raphael (from Ghana) and Ananie (from Rwanda) in Malham as part of the People and the Dales project. Courtesy of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

**We were delighted to hear that a Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust project has won the government’s Year of Green Action Award.**

The project enabled more than 10,000 people from less advantaged backgrounds to take part in a range of activities including walks, lambing, tree planting, conservation work and training. Participants in the People and the DALES initiative come from Bradford, Leeds and north-west Lancashire.

Friends of the Dales made a donation of £10,000 in 2013 to help YDMT to retain project staff between major grant funding bids. As reported in the autumn 2018 issue of the Review, we also work in a small way ourselves to extend access to the Dales. We have organised events in association with Carers’ Resource in Skipton and Leeds-based Canopy Housing, which empowers homeless people to transform empty properties.

We welcome suggestions of other groups that we could work with, for example by offering a bespoke guided visit to the Dales.



## Reader Letter

**A reaction to the article ‘Climbing Gordale Scar’ by Lester Medcalf in the previous issue of the Review.**

Dear Ann

Thank you for the latest Yorkshire Dales Review, which is always a delight to see drop through the letterbox. This summer’s issue was particularly delightful as the article ‘Climbing Goredale Scar’ mirrored so precisely that of my own life down here in the south.

Mr Tavener, our school head, took a group of us 15 year olds up to Yorkshire for a week, circa 1961 and we also climbed the scar. My wife and I, and our subsequent family, also climbed the scar, just like Lester Medcalf.

Although we live a few hundred miles away, we do our bit to support your beautiful county, as I give presentations of our walking holidays to local groups down here. I usually display some of the FOTD leaflets as well and also raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care at the same time. Recently we spoke to a local Salvation Army group, who appeared to enjoy looking at our slides of the Dales Way walk, along which I led a group of friends in 2008. I was particularly pleased when two of the congregation came to me afterwards and explained that they had never been to the Dales and that we had inspired them to go soon. What a delight they are in for.

We have plenty of talks to give yet, as we have also walked the Pennine Way, the Dales Highway, we are now half way (at the time of writing) through Wainwright’s 1938 Pennine Journey.

Keep up the good work, we certainly appreciate it.

Best wishes,

Robert and Lynne Whapples



## New Kit for our Walks

Following feedback on recent walks we've invested in some new kit. A member has kindly donated funds to pay for a set of 'hi-vis' gilets for our walk leaders and helpers to wear. These help us 'stand out in the crowd' and make the group more visible on any roads. We've also bought a small but powerful loudspeaker and microphone for walk leaders to carry. We've found it really handy on windy or noisy sections of a walk – beside a road or waterfall for example. And it's ideal when we have a bigger group so everyone has a chance to hear. Another kind member has donated a pair of radio 'walky-talkies'. These will allow walk leaders and back markers to easily alert each other to any problems or just pass a message along. Everyone is welcome on our walks – including friends and family (and older children). We intend our events to offer a distinctive and sociable insight into the Dales. You can always check route details or timings in advance by contacting any of the office team.

## Could you include Friends of the Dales in your will?

### Have you thought about writing or updating your will?

Once again, this autumn there are two national campaigns, funded by groups of bigger charities, to encourage people to do just that. Solicitors participating in the campaigns offer discounted or even free will-writing services. Appointments are limited so it is best to enquire early. Free Wills Month starts on 1st October 2019 and is for people over 55 years old. More info on its website [www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk](http://www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk). Will Aid Month runs in November 2019 and is open to anyone. You can find a participating solicitor in advance on its website at [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk). Your solicitor will explain about the options for making a gift to a charity in your will or see the government website [www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will](http://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/leaving-gifts-to-charity-in-your-will).

We are not intending to give legal advice and you should always get your own professional advice from a solicitor. If you would like to support Friends of the Dales, your solicitor will need to know our charity's registration details and the type of gift you prefer. This could be a specific sum or perhaps a fixed percentage of your estate. You might find it helpful to take this note along:

***"I wish to make the following gift in my will. I give and bequeath ..... % share of my estate OR the sum of £..... to Friends of the Dales (a registered working name of the Yorkshire Dales Society) of Canal Wharf, Eshton Road, Gargrave, North Yorkshire BD23 3PN (registered charity number 515384) for its general charitable purposes absolutely."***

Unlike big national charities, which may rely on legacies for up to 50% of their income, our charity doesn't expect to receive legacies every year. In fact, for the last two years we have not received any legacies (as reported by our Treasurer on page six). However, we have recently been advised that our charity is named in two wills currently being processed by solicitors. We will report more on that in due course.

For more information on how to support the Friends of the Dales in your will, please contact Ann Shadrake, Executive Director, at the office (contact details on the back page). Do ask to speak to our Chair or Treasurer if you prefer. Your legacy gift could make a real difference to keeping the Dales vibrant and special for years to come. New threats and opportunities are always before us in the Dales and legacy income helps us respond to these quickly and plan for the future with confidence.

## Friends of the Dales Events Categories

*An enjoyable mix of events designed with something for everyone. All welcome – members and non-members, families, friends and visitors. You could book an overnight stay in the area or visit a local business member (some offer discounts).*

### Charges

Events are free to members (unless part of a chargeable festival programme etc). Small charge to non-members for talks (£3).

### What to bring

For outdoor events – whatever the forecast – always come well equipped with boots/outdoor clothing and refreshments. Well-behaved dogs on short leads welcome on many walks – look for the paw print symbol 🐾. For walks and visits always bring packed lunch or use local pub/café where indicated.

### Transport

We provide details of public transport known at the time of going to press. Always check [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) and [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk). We endeavour to car share – to offer or request a lift contact me in the lead up to that event.

### Booking

Most events are offered on a 'just turn up' basis with no need to book – but it really helps if you can let me know if you hope to attend so I can gauge numbers. Events will go ahead unless very bad weather etc. We have only cancelled two events in the last five years (snow and floods). See [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk) and Facebook for last-minute updates or ring/email me.

**Register an interest in attending/queries:**  
[ann.shadrake@friendsofthedales.org.uk](mailto:ann.shadrake@friendsofthedales.org.uk)  
or 01756 749400

### **i** Dales Insights

Afternoon/evening talk (with a cuppa) usually teamed with an optional easy/moderate morning walk. Wide range of Dales themes with knowledgeable leaders and speakers.

### **C** Classic Countryside

Half-day (easy) to full-day (moderate) sociable and distinctive walks with added 'something special!' Experienced leaders – steady pace with breaks/picnic stop.

### **V** Vibrant Communities

Bespoke 'one-off' guided tour of Dales village/town devised by local members and community. Easy morning and afternoon walks/visits.

### **f** Focus on the Dales

Full-day themed visit exploring a Dales topic e.g. farming, quarrying, tourism, community action. Soak up knowledge from opinion leaders - with lively debate.



**Saturday, 19 October 2019**

**i** Short 

**Conserving Crayfish in the Dales**

Led by Alex Gould from PBA Applied Ecology, this full day will offer a fantastic insight into the conservation of our only native crayfish. The white-clawed crayfish is globally threatened, due to a plague carried by the introduced American signal crayfish and habitat loss. After Alex's presentation, we'll visit a captive breeding site and a wild tarn with a nationally important population of crayfish. Based at The Knights Table (café) near Settle. Welcome coffee on arrival and opportunity to take lunch later (full menu, at own cost). **Booking essential (30 places) – contact Ann (details on back page).** Regret no dogs except RAD.

Meet 10:00am The Knights Table, Little Stainforth, Settle, BD24 0DP. Free parking. Lifts can be arranged from Settle. Welcome coffee on arrival.

10:30am Presentation: Upper Ribblesdale Crayfish Project. NB upstairs room regret no lift.

11:15am Depart by shared cars to visit two local crayfish project sites. Boots and warm waterproof clothing essential. Short walks on rough grassy paths.

14:15pm approx. Return to Knights Table for late lunch (own cost) and discussion. Ends approx. 3.30 pm.

Menu - [www.the-knights-table.co.uk](http://www.the-knights-table.co.uk)



Native White Clawed Crayfish. Courtesy of PBA Applied Ecology

**Saturday, 16 November 2019**

**i** Short 

**History of Skipton's Water Supply**

As featured in Yorkshire Dales Review Winter 2019 (Issue 145), retired chartered water engineer and member Jim Crossley has published his meticulous research into 'the quest for potable water for Skipton's growing needs' from the early 18th century up to the present day. After leading a morning walk to explore some hidden historic water supply/recreational features in the Shortbank area of the town, Jim will present an afternoon illustrated talk with photos etc. Book signing/purchase available. Join us for all or part of the day. Regret no dogs except RAD.

Walk leaves 10:30am St Andrew's Church Hall, Newmarket Street, Skipton, BD23 2JE. P&D parking nearby. NB May be no access to Hall toilets. 15 mins walk from train/bus stations. Urban walk on pavements, gentle but steady uphill/downhill.

Talk starts 2:15pm at above venue, followed by tea & biscuits. Limited disabled only parking on site. Guests welcome, admission £3.

**Saturday, 7 December 2019**

**i** Short 

**Winter Cheer in Malhamdale**

Join our new Chair, Bruce McLeod, for a sociable group visit to Malham, with a scenic walk (c.2 miles), followed by Skipton Brass Band's Christmas Concert in the awe-inspiring setting of the Cove. There's time for lunch in a village pub or cafe, or a spot of gift shopping. The concert is a free public event run by the National Trust, with mulled wine and mince pies (charge). Carol sheets available. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome. Day ends around 4:00 pm. Join us for all or part of the day, all welcome.

Walk leaves 10:30 am from Malham National Park Centre (toilets). P&D parking or park with consideration (donation) on village roads.

Concert – meet at Malham National Park Centre at 1:45 pm for walk to Malham Cove. P&D parking. Concert 2:00 – 3:30 pm, short interval. No seating, wrap up warm & bring a torch just in case for walk back.

Bus friendly event - check [www.dalesbus.org.uk](http://www.dalesbus.org.uk). Lifts possible – contact Ann at the office.



Whinny Gill Reservoir Skipton. Courtesy of Jim Crossley



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## Fifty Years of the Dales Way

On Saturday August 10, over 70 walkers joined local author Colin Speakman on a six-mile walk on the Dales Way, along the banks of the River Wharfe from Ilkley to Bolton Abbey. The event celebrated a public walk organised over 50 years ago to inaugurate the 81-mile long Dales Way, now one of England's most popular long-distance walks.

Colin, the Chairman of the Dales Way Association, and Vice President of both the West Riding Ramblers and Friends of the Dales, said it was "his privilege to have been able to lead the original walk on March 23 1969, and now the Golden Jubilee Walk just over 50 years later."

A courtesy bus service was provided, using two West Yorkshire Road Car buses of the type used in the Dales in 1969. These superbly preserved vehicles were provided by the Keighley Bus Museum, in conjunction with the Friends of DalesBus.

Supported by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainable Development Fund, the Dales Way Association has published the souvenir booklet '50 Years of the Dales Way'. It is available at Grove Bookshop in Ilkley or at [www.skyware.co.uk](http://www.skyware.co.uk).



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