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National Park Authority

A newspaper for the residents of the Yorkshire Dales National Park

Summer 2016

NATIONAL PARK GROWS BY NEARLY A QUARTER

On 1 August, the Yorkshire Dales National Park reaches a significant day in its history.

It will increase by 24% when the boundary extension announced last October by Environment Secretary Elizabeth Truss comes into effect - and there is much to celebrate.

With new areas in Cumbria and Lancashire adding on an extra 417 sq km (161 sq miles), the very special protected landscape of the National Park will now extend 2,179 sq km (841 sq miles).

It will include Barbon, Middleton, Casterton and Leck Fells, part of Firbank Fell and other fells to the west of the River Lune, and, to the north, parts of the Orton Fells, the northern Howgill Fells, Wild Boar Fell and Mallerstang.

Twelve per cent of the National Park is already in Cumbria and that will increase to 28%, while for the first time 1% of it will be in Lancashire, too.

As consultees, the Authority supported designation on the quality of the landscape and the recreational opportunities it presents and we are thrilled that these stunning areas have been recognised as worthy of national park status.

Chairman Carl Lis said: "This is a huge day for the communities and businesses in the new area of the National Park, as well as for the National Park Authority.

"Being in a national park has many benefits, not least to the conservation of the landscape and the boost to the local economies that national park status can bring.

"We will continue to work with organisations, communities and individuals to identify their hopes and aspirations."

The 2015 Spending Review brought the welcome news that funding for national parks had been protected and that additional monies were being made available so that the Authority could carry out its responsibilities in the extension area.

Our Board is increasing from 22 to 25 following a Government consultation on future governance arrangements. The three additional Members will come from the three new constituent authorities - Eden District Council, City of Lancaster and Lancashire County Council.

The National Park Authority will become the planning authority for the new area and we have been liaising with all the local planning authorities to ensure minimum impact and effective handover of caseloads.

We recognise the importance of well-maintained rights of way. Although not a statutory requirement, the Authority took on delegated functions from the county councils for path maintenance in the existing National Park, and arrangements for the extension area are being discussed with the county councils.

Carl said: "We are all very excited about the extension, but also aware of the responsibilities it brings - responsibilities to these wonderful landscapes and to the local communities that do so much to make them special places.

"We have held drop-in sessions for members of the public and meetings with parish council representatives, landowners, farmers and local businesses to explain what we do and how we might be able to help each other.



Walkers in Mallerstang © Paul Harris

"There is still a huge amount to do on our part but we are looking forward to working together to ensure the change is as seamless as possible and make the most of the fantastic opportunities the extension presents - for its landscape, communities and economy."

Turn to the pull-out centre section of this special edition to find out more about who we are, what we do and our services. Visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/boundary-extension** for further information on the boundary extension

NO 'NIGHT BLIGHT' FOR DALES' DARK SKIES



Star trail over Jervaulx Abbey © James Allison Photography

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is one of the darkest in England when it comes to night skies - and that's official.

The most detailed satellite maps of England's light pollution and dark skies - released this June by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) - show that the National Park is ranked as the third darkest behind Northumberland and Exmoor.

According to the 'Night Blight' maps - which were produced using satellite images captured at 1.30am throughout last September - 98 per cent of the skies in the Yorkshire Dales National Park are in the darkest two categories.

And the Authority's new Local Plan contains policies that will help to keep it that way - recognising that the levels of light pollution elsewhere make the dark night skies here increasingly special.

To celebrate our wonderful starry nights, the Authority held its first week-long Dark Skies Festival during February half-term. Over 800 people enjoyed activities that ranged from exploring the constellations in a pop-up planetarium to rocket-building workshops and a night time run.

It went so well that we will be repeating the event in 2017 and, hopefully, spreading dark skies activities to more parts of the National Park.

We would love to hear from residents and businesses who would like to be involved with our work to promote and protect our night skies. This could be taking light measurements, running an activity as part of the Festival or coming to a workshop to learn more about making your business dark skies friendly.

To find out more, contact Tourism Officer Tracey Lambert on 01756 751641 or tourism@yorkshiredales.org.uk. To view the CPRE satellite maps, visit **nightblight.cpre.org.uk**

A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to this special edition of *Dales*, particularly to those residents and businesses of the areas now included in the new Yorkshire Dales National Park.

We write this as the impacts of the recent referendum on 'Brexit' are still being digested. The impact on rural communities and bodies like ourselves are still to be determined. However, the huge resilience and drive of Dales' communities means that, as ever, whatever we face, we will overcome.

The future is unclear, but the present is more certain. The extension of the National Park boundary on 1 August is a source of celebration. We have been really taken aback by the enthusiasm and desire of so many people within the new area to want to work with the National Park Authority to ensure that we keep the National Park a thriving area and continue to treasure its stunning landscape and exceptional heritage.

As part of delivering on that vision, we have been working with Friends of the Lake District to develop a Heritage Lottery Fund bid called 'Hidden Landscapes'. As a result, we have been involved in a number of 'drop in' sessions with local communities which have generated enormous enthusiasm for working together to deliver a range of projects that can benefit the area.

On a wider front, the Government recently announced its '8 Point Plan' for all English National Parks. The plan reinforces the Government's commitment to National Parks and their communities and highlights a number of themes that we will develop over the coming months. These include connecting young people with nature, continuing to create and develop thriving natural environments, supporting the growth of tourism, developing new youth apprenticeships in National Parks, promoting the best of British food from our National Parks, and continuing to conserve and enhance the wonderful landscapes and heritage.

It will be a busy time but we have no doubt that, working together, we can continue to ensure the future wellbeing of this fantastic area.



Carl Lis
Chairman

David Butterworth
Chief Executive

Superfast broadband reaches out

by Andrea Burden, Sustainable Development Officer



Broadband is critically important for remote rural communities like those in the National Park.

High quality broadband has multiple benefits, making an area more attractive to new businesses, allowing existing businesses to improve their services and extend their reach, and empowering communities to access web-based facilities to overcome some of the challenges caused by their remoteness.

In recent years huge strides have been made in increasing access across the National Park as a result of the Government-subsidised 'Connecting Cumbria' and 'Superfast North Yorkshire' projects.

Previously, just 6% of premises had broadband access. By the time the second phase of the initiative completes in June 2017, this figure will have risen to 86%.

Other airborne schemes help to reach some of the remaining 14% of premises or provide a choice for those with a fixed line service. But parts of the National Park remain beyond existing or planned provision or suffer from limited usability.

A number of communities have decided to take matters into their own hands and look at alternative superfast broadband.

Fell End near Ravenstonedale within the new National Park extension area is one example of a community-led scheme developed in partnership with a commercial operator (BT Openreach) that has benefitted 58 remote properties.

Another is Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN), a registered community benefit society. This sees communities raise the investment required to provide the network, while reducing costs through voluntary labour and a more cost-effective means of installing the underground fibre cable.

The B4RN model has proved to be very successful and is expanding all the time. Communities in Ireby, Masongill, Chapel-le-Dale, Casterton, Barbon, Middleton, Dent and Garsdale are all set to benefit and have asked the National Park Authority to help them meet the project costs. In the last year alone we have approved and considered grants or loans for such schemes totalling in excess of £60,000 through our Sustainable Development Fund.

Ireby's project coordinator, Tim Hancock, said: "The B4RN hyperfast broadband project will provide a lifeline to isolated communities such as ours, who suffer from very slow broadband speeds and frequent outages.

"Whether for schoolkids' homework, working from home, shopping or just leisure, the village now has a secure future - it is like electricity arriving in the 1930s. The Authority's grant was a key element to making this a reality."

If you are looking for financial assistance for a community broadband scheme, please contact Andrea Burden on 01969 652337.

To learn more about the Authority's Sustainable Development Fund, visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/sdf**



Ireby's Eric Walker and Tim Hancock with Alistair from B4RN during the fibre connection of the community's broadband scheme, which went live in July.

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WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Yorkshire Dales National Park was designated in 1954 in recognition of its extraordinary natural beauty, the diversity of its wildlife habitats, its rich cultural heritage and its fantastic opportunities for outdoor recreation.

It is the National Park Authority's job to care for this very special place and its communities and to help people understand and share in it.

The Yorkshire Dales is one of a family of 15 National Parks in the UK, protected for future generations to enjoy - and now there is even more to treasure.

The long-awaited National Park boundary extension has often been referred to as 'unfinished business'.

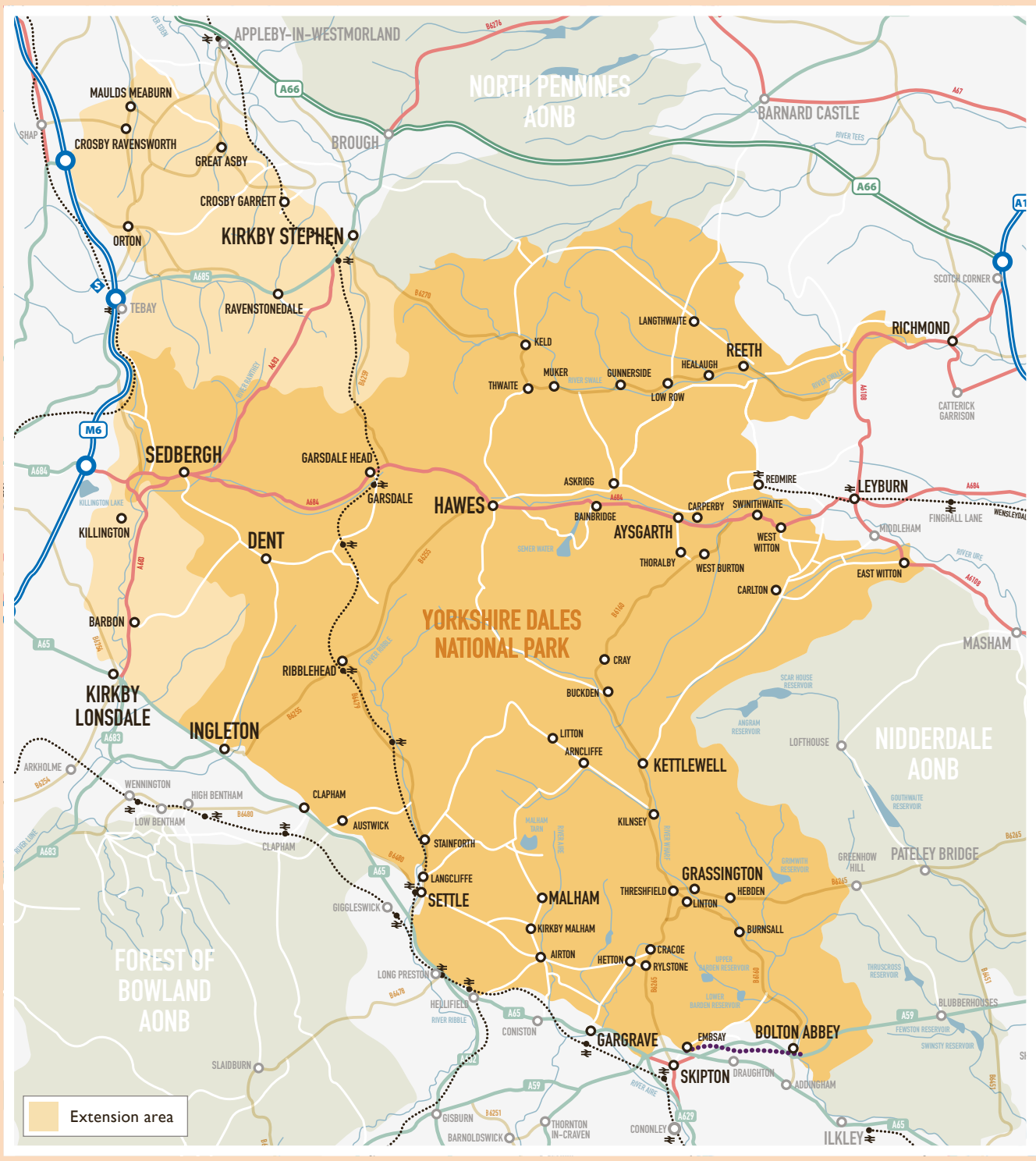
When the map of the National Park was drawn in 1954, it was done so on the administrative and political boundaries that existed at the time.

This anomaly has been much discussed since. On the Old West Riding boundary, for example, you could stand on the summit of the stunning Howgills and have one foot in the National Park and one foot out.

Ten years ago, following the publication of the 'Forgotten Landscapes' report by Friends of the Lake District, Natural England undertook a detailed examination to look at extending both the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks.

In its own response to the huge consultation that followed, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority supported designation, subject to an increase in resources and membership. These amazing areas had special qualities in common with the existing National Park and had missed out the first time round.

A new boundary was drawn up and at the public inquiry held in 2013 the Government Inspector concluded that the original reasons for excluding these areas were now largely irrelevant and they were worthy of designation to benefit their future management. The final decision on the extension was taken and announced last October by Environment Secretary Elizabeth Truss.



The National Park story

The first National Parks were instigated in America in the 1860s when the government recognised the need to protect wilderness areas from exploitation and make them available for all to enjoy.

Although Britain at that time had no such wilderness areas - our moors and mountains were nearly all farmed or managed in some way - there were influential individuals who saw that increased industrialisation was a threat to the beauty of our more remote countryside.

These people founded conservation organisations such as the National Trust and began to lobby for more formal protection.

Social reformers also felt that it should be the right of all to access clean air and enjoy the spiritual refreshment offered by walking in open countryside. The arrest and imprisonment of ramblers involved in a mass trespass on Kinder Scout in the Peak District in 1932 underlined the need for countryside access legislation.

After the war, architect and rambler, John Dower, was asked to report on how the National Park ideal could work in England and Wales. Secretary of the Standing Committee on National Parks, John lived at Kirkby Malham and designed Malham Youth Hostel.

His recommendations formed the basis of the Hobhouse Report which eventually led to the 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act. Yorkshire Dales National Park was the eighth to be designated.

Although 'national' in the sense that they are of special value because of their beauty and opportunities for enjoyment, UK National Parks are not nationally owned. The landscapes were created by farmers and landowners over thousands of years and today most of the land remains in private ownership.

National park authorities work with many individuals and organisations to ensure national parks have a sustainable future for their communities, at the same time as maintaining their landscapes and providing enjoyment, as intended by all those who fought for their designation.



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- to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities by the public.

In carrying out these purposes, we also have a duty to seek to foster the social and economic well-being of local communities.

To fulfill these purposes, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority offers services that provide help and advice on a wide range of issues, including environmental conservation and enhancement, planning, historic buildings and sites, land management, visitor information, and public rights of way and access management.

We have 25 Members on our board - 15 drawn from county and district councils and 10 Secretary of State appointees, including four parish representatives - and we employ approximately 100 full and part-time staff. We are also very fortunate to benefit from the work of around 250 Dales Volunteers.

Most of our funding comes from Central Government via the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) in the form of an annual grant settlement. We also attract significant external funding and generate our own income from a variety of other sources.

The National Park Management Plan is the National Park's single most important document and guides our work. It is a plan for the National Park as a whole - its communities, businesses, visitors and the many organisations that operate there. It sets out how we will work together to achieve shared objectives for the future management of this very special place. Visit **www.yorkshiredalesmanagementplan.org.uk** to find out more.

Visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/ydnpa** for more information about the National Park Authority and how we work.

How to get in touch

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The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority strives to be widely recognised as a centre of expertise and excellence in conservation and recreation policy and practice, and in the quality of the landscape, and to deliver efficient and welcoming services. We aim to inspire local communities and businesses to ensure it is a thriving area, one that is treasured by those who live here and those who visit. We welcome your comments and suggestions about our work.



OUR SERVICES

Rangers

The Authority is responsible for maintaining public rights of way in the National Park, and for managing the use of Open Access land.

This work is led by our rangers, who are based in the areas for which they are responsible and are a key point of contact between residents, visitors and the Authority. They can offer advice and support to local people on many different types of project, and will usually be able to provide a link to other Authority services.

To discuss rights of way, open access or visitor management issues, or community projects, email access@yorkshiredales.org.uk, or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/rangers** for more information and details of how to contact your local ranger.

Development Management

The National Park Authority is the local planning authority for the whole of the National Park. This means we are responsible for:

- determining all planning applications - including listed buildings and works to protected trees
- preparing future Local Plans (ie. setting future local planning policy)
- enforcing against breaches of planning.

We can provide advice to applicants at all different stages in the process, including written pre-application advice. We also provide free, face-to-face advice at our regular 'planning surgeries' at Grassington, Bainbridge, Sedbergh and Orton.

For more information, email planning@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/planning**

Planning policy

Planning policy is the strategy, guidance and criteria used to determine proposals for the development and change of use of land and buildings within the National Park.

It aims to ensure that development needs are provided for, but only if they happen in the right place, at the right time and in the right way. The policies cover all types of development, from housing to business and minerals to visitor facilities.

For more information, email localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/planning-policy**

Trees and woodlands

The Authority can advise on a range of issues related to trees and woodlands including:

- creating new woodlands - advising on tree planting, and assisting landowners to obtain grants
- managing woodlands - advising on woodland management, and assisting landowners to draw up management plans and obtain grants
- protected trees - including trees that have a Tree Preservation Order on them, are in a Conservation Area, or are subject to one or more planning conditions.

For more information, email trees@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/trees**

Historic environment

The Authority aims to help people to conserve, enhance and bring back into use the most important historical sites, buildings and structures in the National Park. We can provide:

- technical advice and assistance to farmers and landowners on managing archaeological features on their land
- advice and assistance to owners of listed buildings
- funding for works to improve or maintain Conservation Areas
- assistance to owners of traditional farm buildings on potential sources of funding to maintain or protect them, or to convert them to a new use
- access to the Historic Environment Record which contains over 34,000 records of sites and features of archaeological, architectural and historical interest.

For more information, email herinfo@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/historic-buildings**

Sustainable Development Fund

The Authority's Sustainable Development Fund provides grants to help individuals, local businesses and community groups get their projects off the ground.

It supports schemes that promote a more sustainable way of living and working in and visiting the National Park, whilst conserving and enhancing our local culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and communities.

For more information, contact sdf@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/sdf**

Farming

The Authority provides help and assistance on the grants and schemes available to farmers and landowners.

We can provide:

- free advice visits to explain the range of national and regional grants available and how to apply for them
- help with all aspects of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme application process
- advice and 'signposting' to the full range of rural development funding.

For more information, email farming@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/farming**

Wildlife

The Authority works with farmers, land managers, local naturalists and others to try to conserve the range of habitats and species found in the Dales. We can provide:

- advice to farmers and landowners on wildlife conservation and sustainable land management, including as part of the planning process
- advice and funding for residents, parish councils and local community groups who want to identify, develop and manage local wildlife projects.

For more information, email wildlife@yorkshiredales.org.uk or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/wildlife-conservation**

SUPPORT FOR TOURISM BUSINESSES

There are many ways that the National Park Authority can help tourism businesses, including as an information resource to plunder, and through holding workshops and events.

We don't do advertising and marketing campaigns - that is left to individual businesses, Welcome to Yorkshire and Cumbria Tourism - but we do help businesses make the most of the special qualities of the National Park by making available tools for them to use in developing their own marketing material:

Our **website - www.yorkshiredales.org.uk** - contains a huge amount of visitor information, including what to see and do, walks and cycle rides, and features on the nature and history of the National Park. The 'Visiting' section is the most popular part of the website and includes a free listing for accommodation businesses.

Our free, annual newspaper ***The Visitor*** is a must-have for any tourism business wanting to ensure their customers enjoy the very best experience and are left with great memories that make them return. Contact your nearest National Park Centre to arrange free delivery.

The Visitor contains a comprehensive Yorkshire Dales-wide event listing, and a **free searchable events calendar** has also been launched on our website.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park logo provides a strong identity for this beautiful area and is a nationally-recognised brand. We've developed **five National Park locator logos**, which are free to use to show your business, event or product as being in or of the National Park. Find out more at **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/logo**

We also have a large portfolio of professionally taken **images** which are free to use with no copyright restrictions - just get in touch with us to arrange access to this resource.

Our National Park Centres and knowledgeable Information Advisors are a great source of advice and help for residents and visitors alike, as well as offering a range of useful leaflets. Details can be found at **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/tourist-information**

With Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty we run the **Destination Dales Group**, an advisory group for local businesses. It provides hints and tips through workshops and a regular newsletter on how you could improve your business. Every year we hold a major get together for tourism businesses with inspirational speakers and a chance to meet others in different locations around the area.

You'll find all our advice and information for tourism businesses on our website at **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/tourism**

The 'Living & Working' section of our website is specifically created for residents, businesses and parish councils. It contains up-to-date contact details, guidance and information on all our services and how we can help you.

Visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working** to find out more.



PARK PROFILE



Yorkshire Dales is now the 3rd biggest UK National Park behind the Cairngorms and Lake District

Approximately **4,000** people live in the extension area, making the new National Park population **24,000**

The total area of the National Park is **841** square miles (2,179 sq km)

57,000 hectares of Sites of Special Scientific Interest

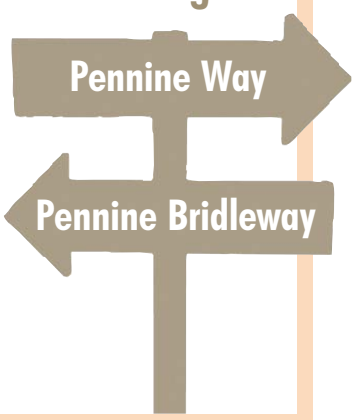
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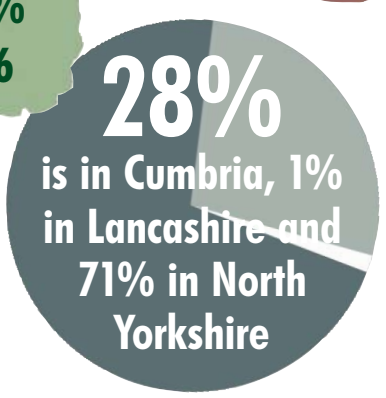


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The National Park is growing by 24% on 1 August 2016



130,000 hectares of Open Access land

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PLANNING Q&A

with Richard Graham, Head of Development Management



What's happening with planning in the extension area?

On 1 August 2016, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority will become the local planning authority for the new area.

That means that we will be responsible for determining all planning applications, preparing future Local Plans (ie. setting future local planning policy), and enforcing against breaches of planning.

Will local planning policies change after 1 August?

The existing Local Plans adopted by South Lakeland District Council, Eden District Council and Lancaster City Council will remain in place for the respective areas. We will use those same Local Plans to make decisions on planning applications after 1 August.

The only material change is that, in applying the existing policies, the Authority will also have to take into account the National Planning Policy Framework. This says that National Parks have the highest status of protection in relation to landscape and scenic beauty, and the Government expects greater weight to be given to these issues in making planning decisions.

What about applications submitted before 1 August?

Any applications submitted but not determined by the three planning authorities will be transferred to the National Park Authority to deal with, still in accordance with existing local planning policies.

Planning officers at the National Park Authority will work closely with their colleagues at the three planning authorities to ensure that transferred applications are dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Will the new Yorkshire Dales National Park Local Plan apply to the new areas?

No. The Local Plan for the existing National Park has been in development for several years and been subject to extensive local consultation - but only within the existing National Park boundary. Once adopted, it will only apply to the current National Park area.

At some future point, the Authority may want to create a single Local Plan for the whole of the new National Park, but this will be several years away.

What happens to permitted development rights?

Many types of development do not require planning permission. These 'permitted development' rights allow changes to be made to homes, offices and shops without always needing to submit a full application.

National planning policy removes permitted development rights for some types of development in National Parks.

The Government has now made an Order introducing 'transitional arrangements' for these types of development. Where a development received prior approval under permitted development rights before 1 August, it can be implemented as though those rights still existed. The Order covers a range of development types, notably house extensions and new agricultural buildings.

Will planning applications be more expensive in the National Park?

No. Planning application fees are set nationally and are the same for every planning authority.

We do charge for providing pre-application advice on some types of development, but these charges are in line with what the current planning authorities are charging.

Will it take longer to get an application determined?

No. All local planning authorities are expected to meet government targets for timeliness in dealing with planning applications, determining at least 80% of routine applications within eight weeks (or a longer timescale agreed with the applicant). We met that target in each of the last five years and we are committed to continuing to do so.

Where can I get further advice?

Find out how to contact the planning service on the centre pages or visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/planning**

Did you know..?

Last year we approved 94 per cent of planning applications submitted.

A survey of applicants and agents showed 89 per cent were satisfied with the service, regardless of whether their application was approved or refused.

Eighty six per cent of major applications, 91 per cent of minor applications and 93 per cent of other applications were decided on by the Authority within the national target times.

Every application involving agricultural buildings was approved, along with 97 per cent of other business applications.

How you can help

There are plenty of ways to get involved in our work to look after the National Park. You could give time or money or make your voice heard as a champion of our most precious landscapes.

You can donate to specific projects. Currently you can choose to support the repair and maintenance of the well-loved Three Peaks footpaths Peaks or help our work in providing red squirrels with the best habitat. All donations, large or small, are very gratefully received.

Giving just a little of your time can have a big impact. You could become a Dales Volunteer or join a local conservation group. If you enjoy the history of the Dales then becoming a Friend of the Dales Countryside Museum might be just the thing for you.

The Authority is keen to get in touch with volunteer groups in the new extension area to find out what kind of activity they are currently involved in. If you are part of such a group or are interested in volunteering with us, we'd like to hear from you - call 01756 751631 or email volunteers@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Alternatively, you might be interested in providing advice on improving access within the National Park. If so, there may be an opportunity to volunteer to serve on the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum.

Or you may feel you have something to offer as a Member of the Authority working on our 'board' to ensure the Authority fulfils National Park purposes in a way that best reflects the area's special qualities.

For information on these and many other ways to get involved, please visit **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/how-you-can-help**

Young Rangers go west



Our Young Rangers are putting a call out for new recruits from the extension area of the National Park.

Open to 11 to 16 year olds, the groups - which are based around Aysgarth, Sedbergh and Settle - meet one Saturday a month to carry out practical conservation tasks.

Find out more on the 'Dales Young Rangers' Facebook page.



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AIMING FOR THE PEAK OF HEALTH

By Steve Hastie, Three Peaks Manager



Last year, for the first time, income from the Three Peaks Project exceeded expenditure.

This is great news - it means we are generating enough cash to support our Three Peaks Ranger in his role to maintain the footpath network and are able to invest more in projects.

Donations and sponsorship grew significantly, as did sales of the Three Peaks smartphone app - and retail was up 100% on the previous year.

2016 has also started well. A national campaign by the British Mountaineering Council to 'Mend Our Mountains' via the wonders of crowdfunding has raised around £17,000 to help repair the path approaching Ingleborough summit known as the Swinetail.

Crowdfunding aims to encourage as many people as possible to donate a little in return for a 'reward'. The more you invest, the greater the reward. Our popular offers ranged from discounts in our online shop to helicopter rides over Ingleborough.

There are also plenty of new ideas for merchandise, including customised Three Peaks clothing which allows people to print their name or a message on the back.

Managing the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge route involves minimising the impact of walkers on the path network, the environment and the local community, whilst maximising the benefits to the local economy.

The popular challenge - to walk all three, 24 miles within 12 hours - does affect the residents of Horton-in-Ribblesdale, and we are pleased to be working with the parish to promote best practice and locally-influenced management of events.



Walkers on Whernside © Karl Wilson

Yorkshire's famous Three Peaks attract 250,000 visitors a year. But the fragile landscape around Ingleborough, Whernside and Pen-y-ghent has been struggling to cope with its popularity.

In fact, in 1986 it had the sad distinction to be judged to have the most severely eroded footpath in the UK.

A lot of work has been carried out over the years since and in 2007 the latest Three Peaks Project was launched. Its aim was to raise enough money each year to fund a ranger to work solely on the area's heavily used footpaths and produce sustainable routes that can cope with the number of walkers coming to experience its stunning scenery.

Working with charities, user groups, businesses and individuals we have raised over £90,000 for footpath maintenance.

Find out more - including how to donate - at **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/threepeaks**

Miles without stiles

The Authority is holding an open day at Grimwith Reservoir on 18 September which will feature a range of vehicles that help people with limited mobility access the countryside.

Trampers, terrain hoppers, mountain trikes and hand cycles will all be available to turn up and try in a real setting.

For more information, call 01969 652363 or email rachel.briggs@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

HLF supports tree sparrow recovery

By Mark Hewitt, Wildlife Conservation Officer



We are delighted to have received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Sharing Heritage grant of £9,500 to support the recovery of tree sparrows in the National Park.

The money will go towards recording their presence, identifying locations and aiming to safeguard and, if possible, increase numbers.

We have good populations of house sparrows around our farms and villages, but its slightly sleeker and brighter looking cousin is more scarce.



Discovering more about the delightful tree sparrow in the Dales will help us to provide better, more diverse habitats for a range of important, special birds.

And local communities can play a real and genuine part in the conservation of a national priority species.

We will be encouraging residents to record where they find the birds. Existing nest boxes will be monitored, an additional 90 boxes provided across the National Park, and 'hands on' training sessions offered to help people identify good habitats.

And communities will be encouraged to contribute to a booklet and touring exhibition to promote the species.

We are aware of scattered populations across the National Park and are keen to hear from people who have seen them, including in those areas which will come into the National Park after 1 August and those just outside its current boundary.

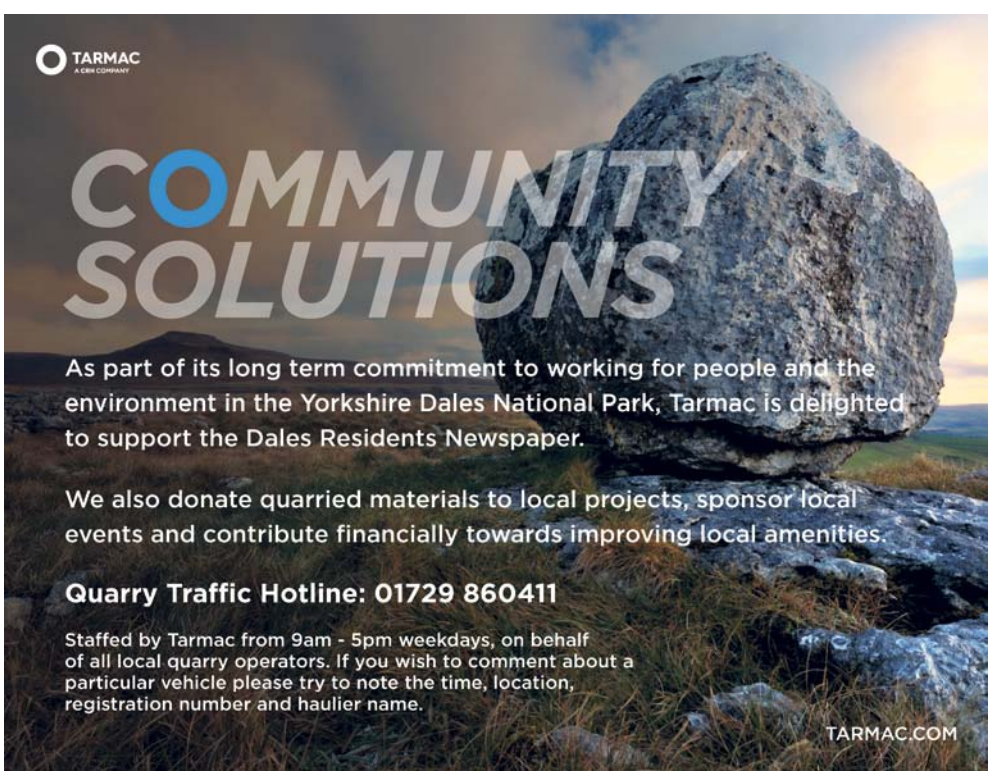
If you would like to get involved, please email **mark.hewitt@yorkshiredales.org.uk**











Campaign paves the way for next generation of walkers

Work to improve the boggiest section of one of England's most popular long-distance walking routes will get underway this autumn, thanks to a successful crowd funding campaign.

The appeal, which ran for five weeks in March, aimed to raise cash to repair the peatland on Nine Standards Rigg, a notorious section of Alfred Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk.

Thanks to generous donations from individuals and organisations totalling £30,000, a 350 metre section near Kirkby Stephen will be flagged with stone.

The campaign was led by North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Michael Briggs, Area Ranger for Swaledale & Arkengarthdale, said: "Thousands of walkers, including many overseas visitors, take up the Coast to Coast challenge across Nine Standards Rigg each year.

"It's a bleak, wild and remote place and the standing stones are a significant feature of the route.



Boggy peatland on the Coast to Coast route © NPAP

"A victim of its own appeal, the fragile peat surface has become so damaged that all vegetation has been lost and urgent work is required to allow it to recover.

"New stone flags will 'float' on the damaged peat and will protect it whilst providing a stable surface to walk on, encouraging walkers to follow a defined route, as well as enjoying the location."


The cairns of Nine Standards Rigg © NPAP

The repaired route is also good news for many local businesses that rely on the passing trade.

Ann Sandell, Chair of Kirkby Stephen & District Walkers are Welcome, said: "I have been delighted to support the campaign. This Coast to Coast route over Nine Standards is incredibly important to the economy of Kirkby Stephen."

More funding is now being sought so that further sections of the Coast to Coast route through Swaledale can be improved.

SWALEDALE BARNS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dilapidated barns in Upper Swaledale will be receiving special attention over the next 18 months in a bid to give them a new lease of life.

The Muker Barn Restoration Project will see local builders using traditional materials and techniques to conserve some of the 600 barns in the dale for future generations

The scheme will be paid for by a £100,000 legacy bequeathed to the Authority by an individual who wished to remain anonymous, with additional funding from the Authority and Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.


Youngsters from Gunnerside School study the buglife to be found in a Muker hay meadow.

The Authority's new Local Plan, which will set the framework for future planning policy in the National Park, encourages the restoration and re-use of barns.

The project will get together with barn owners to consider the options for each. As well as repairing the buildings, it aims to support a broad range of training events and opportunities focused on built heritage skills, working alongside skilled local craftspeople and training organisations.

The physical restoration work will be complemented by a second project which will record the history and stories of the barns - known locally as 'cow'uses' (cow houses) - and provide opportunities for them to be used and understood by local people and visitors.

'Every Barn tells a Story' has been awarded £65,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, with the Authority contributing an additional £20,000, and Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust £5,000.

The project began with pupils from Gunnerside School putting local farmers under the spotlight. They interviewed them on camera and recorded their recollections, as well as learning about the uses of barns on a field trip to Muker's hay meadows.

Julie Martin, the Authority's Member Champion for Cultural Heritage, said: "Each of these barns has a unique place in the landscape and in the social history of the farming communities that built them - and each one has its own story to tell. But many are in a bad state.

"Together, these two projects mean we will be able to work with farmers and residents in Muker Parish to help reverse some of that decline.

"The barns are a main attraction for tourists who come to Swaledale from all over the world and we hope visitors will go away with a better understanding of why they are so special."

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