Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Item 11

30 September 2025

Chair's Report

Engagements

Since the last meeting of the Authority, the Chair has been involved in the following:-

Media

- None formal, but various social media posts.

Events

- Contributed to Rural Forum Seminar hosted at Ripon Cathedral: "Rebuilding the Rural Economy: can it be done?"; informative and thought-provoking event; speakers included Shadow Minister for Farming and CEO York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.
- Along with the Deputy, attended Breakfast, Networking and Policy Discussion hosted by North Yorkshire Council (NYC) with Yorkshire business and civic leaders and politicians, held at the Great Yorkshire Show, followed by a Business Lunch hosted by Leader and CEO of NYC.
- Joined the Member Project Briefing at Cross Keys about the completed accessible bridge works and pathway.
- Attended Yorkshire Day Civic celebrations hosted by the Lord Mayor of Bradford which included a business and civic networking breakfast, church service, civic parade and lunch.

Meetings

- Appointed two new Secretary of State Members (over 80 applications, four days of shortlisting and two days of interviews); worked with a senior DEFRA colleague and with an independent Panel Member.
- Took part in induction and briefing meetings with two newly appointed Members: Nigel Swales (Lancashire County Council) and Richard Ingram (Secretary of State – Parish).
- Attended the NPE AGM, and two meetings of the NPE Directors.
- Participated in a strategy workshop in London with senior representatives from all English National Parks to consider co-development of shared vision-focus for the future of NPE.
- Held a meeting with Chair of Friends of the Dales, Jonathan Riley, for mutual strategic updating, including opportunities for broadening diversity within governance
- Chaired a meeting of the Member Champions.

Derek Twine
Chair

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