Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 13**

17 December 2024

Chair's Report

Engagements

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

Media

- Article in the Craven Herald on new Chair's perspective on challenges and priorities.
- A BBC Radio Yorkshire interview on our designation date 16th November on our 70th anniversary to talk about how the National Park has evolved, how people are engaging with the National Park now and what we think it will look like in the next 70 years.

Events

- Parliamentary reception to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. A historic and groundbreaking piece of legislation which set the scene for and fundamentally supported the intrinsic link between people and the natural environment. The designations the Act enabled, are the jewels in the crown of our national natural assets and represent a focal point for so much of the work we do together in building partnerships for nature recovery.
- Skipton's annual Remembrance Sunday parade and church service
- 75th anniversary of National Parks event at Malham where a blue plaque was unveiled to commemorate John Dower: the author of the report which led to designation of national Parks.
- Along with the CEO, attended online to present the awards at the annual Volunteers' meeting.

Meetings

- A meeting to update on actions coming out of the NPUK Member Conference with YDNPA delegates (see Agenda Item 15 Member Feedback Report)
- Attended a NPMP Partnership Meeting
- Ripon Cathedral Consultative Council
- Discussion on UK Boardroom Apprentice Programme with the Ministry for Communities
- Two National Parks England Board Meetings
- Friends of The Dales online talk entitled 'An inclusive National Park'

- Broadacres and other YDNPA officers to discuss working together on social homes in the National Park.
- An informal meeting with the new Chair of Friends of the Dales.
- Shortlisted and interviewed with the Director of Corporate Services for the co-option of Young Members to the YDNPA
- Liaison meeting between the CEO, Chair and Deputy of both the North York Moors National Park and YDNP Authorities.
- AGM of the National Parks Partnership [NPP]
- Chaired the annual Autumn Parish Forum webinar – attended by representatives from 25 Parishes within the National Park.
- Attended the Europarc E-Forum on 'Management Effectiveness in Protected Areas'
- A meeting with the Chair of National Parks England
- Chaired a meeting of the Member Champions

The Deputy Chair has attended the following on my behalf:

National Park Protector Awards Ceremony at the House of Lords in London.

A Europarc Atlantic Isles event entitled Protected Landscapes 2030 - Fitter for the Future – Our evolving landscapes in the 21st Century.

Derek Twine
Chair