Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 19**

24 June 2025

Chair's Report

Engagements

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

Media

Interview with Radio Cumbria reporting on Members' decision to refuse planning application at Brockholes Farm, Tebay.

Events

- St Oswald's Tower Restoration, Askrigg - celebration event. The Church received a Sustainable Development Fund grant towards specialist repairs to the church tower, surveys and professional fees.
- Presentation at a Campaign for National Parks event held in Malham for young leaders to understand more about the changing landscapes of National Parks.
- Launch of an Exhibition at Dales Countryside Museum (DCM), celebrating the 60th anniversary of the opening of the original National Trail – the Pennine Way. 'A Trail of Inspiration' showcasing artwork, music, poetry and film inspired by the Pennine Way. The rolling exhibition is travelling along the Pennine Way throughout the year.

Meetings

- National Parks England Board meeting, hosted by South Downs NPA.
- The Spring Northern Parishes Forum held at West Burton Village Hall – attended by representatives from 5 Parishes.
- A lunchtime briefing presentation on the Active Travel Plan by the Project Manager.
- National Park Management Plan Partnership meeting.
- Probity in Planning – on-line training for Board Members.
- Preventing Sexual Harassment – on-line training for Board Members.
- An on-line Public Appointments Team (PAT) drop-in session for the ongoing recruitment of National Park Board Members. The session gave an opportunity for Q&As and opportunity to address any further questions about the process, including sifting, interviews, and next steps.
- The Spring Southern Parishes Forum held at Grassington Town Hall – attended by representatives from 2 parishes.
- Chaired a Member Champions meeting.

On my behalf the Deputy Chair has attended the UK Chairs and CEO Forum held in the Peak District National Park.

Derek Twine
Chair

2 June 2025