Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 7**

Audit & Review Committee

15/07/2025

Review of Authority Performance 2024/25

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with a detailed assessment of the Authority's performance in 2024/25.

Recommendation

2. That Members comment on and note the Authority's performance in 2024/25.

Strategic Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and support the strategic planning framework:

   - Corporate Plan Objective:

   30. Plan and manage the Authority's work so as to make the most effective use of its resources.

Background

3. Each year the Authority goes through a process of setting out what we want to achieve in the year ahead. This starts with Members setting the priorities, then setting specific objectives and a budget, and finally approving detailed actions.
4. Overall progress on the 35 objectives in the 2024/25 Corporate Plan was reported to the Authority meeting in June. This report provides a more detailed assessment, incorporating additional information on:
   a. The performance of the Authority in achieving the actions set out in the 2024/25 Action Plan;
   b. External assessments of the Authority's performance;
   c. Comparisons with other national park authorities;
   d. Comparisons with performance in previous years.

Summary of overall performance

4. Headlines from 2024/25:
    a. The high level of income generated meant that Authority expenditure (£13.9m) significantly exceeded the 2024/25 target (£9.7m) needed to meet the Authority's long-term funding objective and the highest in real terms since 2010.
    b. Of the 35 objectives, 26 (74%) were achieved or remained on-course – up from 69% the previous year;
    c. The NPA family performance indicators showed that we performed well compared to the eight other participating national park authorities.

Objectives

5. Good progress has been made on most of the objectives. Details were reported to the Authority in June, and are not repeated in full here but highlights include:
    - £2.45 million was provided to local farm businesses through the Defra-funded Farming in Protected Landscapes programme [1];
    - 92% of Public Rights of Way were reported to be 'Easy to Use', well above the target of 88% [6];
    - Over 7,900 people attended events run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park, which was nearly double the target of 4,000 people [7];
    - Over 8,000 people from under-represented groups attended activity days [9];
    - Over 1,500 young people attended educational activities in the park [10];
    - Over £29,000 was secured for the Three Peaks route [12];
    - Planning permission was granted for 86 new dwellings, taking the average over the last 6 years to 92 per year [23];
    - Supported 19 local community and business projects, with grants of almost £115,000, through the Sustainable Development Fund [24];
    - 82% of 'minor' and 91% of 'other' planning applications were determined within Government target times [25].
    - Retained the 'Customer Service Excellence' Award for the 15th year [31]

6. Whilst there has been good progress on many objectives, there have been problems in progressing some of them to the extent we would have wished. **Annex A** provides explanations for the objectives which haven't made the intended progress.

7. To provide more analysis of longer-term performance, **Annex B** shows the trends over the last 5 years for some of the Authority's long-standing objectives.

Actions

8. Many of the 156 actions that were completed last year are linked directly to the achievement of the objectives described above. Some of the more significant other actions that were achieved were:
    a. 34 barns[1] were repaired/restored/re-used, including 8 funded by FiPL;
    b. Creation of a new 3-mile all-terrain wheelchair route from Aysgarth Falls; Installation of bridleway bridge at Cautley/Cross Keys;
    c. 900m of flagging completed on the Coast-to-Coast route at White Mossy Hill leading to Nine Standards Rigg;
    d. Through the Swinden Quarry and Dry Rigg Quarry Natural Environment Funds supported a range of environmental enhancements in local areas affected by quarrying;
    e. Through Catchment Sensitive Farming, advice and assistance was provided to 160 farmers & landowners advising on water separation, soil health and Natural Flood Management;
    f. Ran a Development Management event for Parish Councils to help them to contribute effectively to the planning process;
    g. Resolved 118 enforcement cases;
    h. Published and distributed copies of 'The Visitor 2025' as the official guide to the National Park;
    i. Took delivery of 6 electric ranger and property maintenance vehicles and 4 electric pool vehicles.

9. **Annex C** shows the 18 actions that were postponed or cancelled since the last report to members, together with a brief explanation as to why.

NPA Family Performance Indicators

10. **Annex D** shows how this Authority compares with the average of all eight National Park Authorities in England (unless otherwise indicated) for indicators where we ranked highly and/or improved compared to 2023/24. As previously requested by members, the figures for the **Lake District** and **North York Moors** National Park Authorities are also provided for comparison.

11. We ranked first among the participating national parks for three indicators:
    a. percentage of rights of way that are easy to use (up from second in 2023/24);
    b. number of volunteer days attended by under-represented groups;
    c. number of listed buildings conserved in the last three years.

[1] The number of field barns was incorrectly given as 44 in a report to Full Authority, 24 June 2025.

12. Although our rankings dropped for all Development Management indicators, we ranked higher than the Lake District and the North York Moors, apart from the percentage of all applications determined which have been approved.

13. **Annex E** shows additional performance information for the Development Management Service.

Financial Implications

14. The financial implications of the outcome of the 2024/25 financial year were covered in depth in the out-turn report to the Finance and Resources Committee in May.

Legal Implications

15. None.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

16. None.

Conclusion

17. The Authority retains a robust, evidence-based approach to monitoring and reporting publicly on its performance.

18. Significant progress was made on a number of objectives – notably through Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL), rights of way that are easy to use and accessible, inspirational and educational activities, the Coast-to-Coast route and the Tees-Swale project.

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Objectives that were a near miss or not achieved in 2024/25

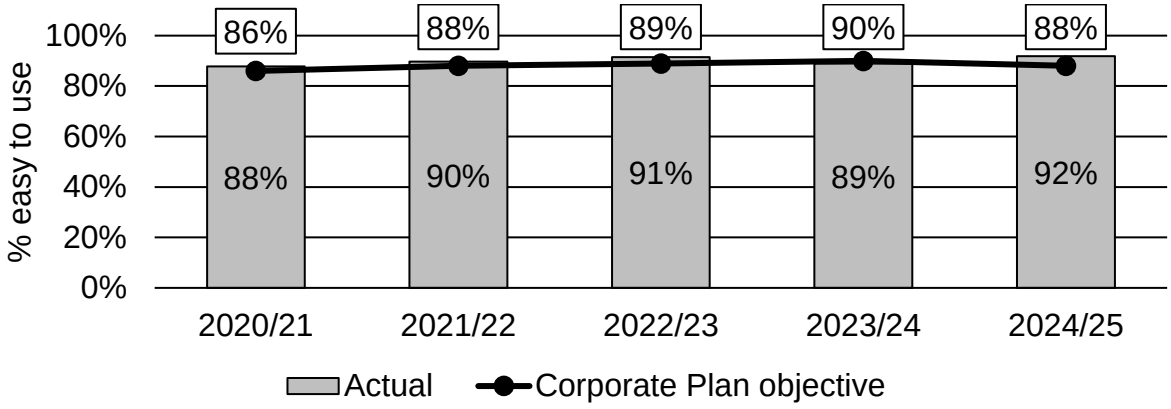
Objective	Target by March 2025	Progress	Status
5. Use DCM and the Historic Environment Record to help local heritage groups to research and record the stories of the National Park, including completing the enhancement of the HER for the new area of the National Park by 2024.	Complete enhancement of Western Dales HER	Concluding phase partially completed but now delayed by the withdrawal of the consultants. We are working with Historic England to re-let the contract for completion this year.	Near miss
11. Give people from all backgrounds an opportunity to enjoy and contribute to the National Park by providing at least 7,000 volunteer days per year, with 15% coming from under-represented groups.	7,000 volunteer days	5,565 volunteer days provided with 1,462 coming from under-represented groups (26%). Reduction in volunteer days due to monitoring programmes within Trees & Woodlands; Heritage; Ranger-led activities.	Not achieved
17. Priority: Work with farmers, landowners and partner organisations to restore or create 500 ha of species-rich grassland habitats by March 2027	Restore 120ha of grassland	Through Tees Swale: Naturally Connected, 23ha of meadow restoration and 31 ha of species-rich grassland management. A further 18 ha was restored through FiPL.	Not achieved
19. Priority: Work with farmers and landowners to improve the condition of the Aire, Eden, Lune, Ribble, Swale, Ure and Wharfe so that 70% of all rivers achieve 'good ecological status' by 2025.	70% in good ecological status	51% in 2024; 2025 figures are pending from the Environment Agency. Through CSF we have worked with 160 farmers & landowners advising on water separation, soil health and Natural Flood Management.	Not achieved
20. Priority: Work with moorland managers & other key stakeholders to end illegal persecution of raptors, including independent and scientifically robust monitoring, and co-ordinated hen harrier nest and roost site protection.	Local coordination of nest and roost protection	The YD Bird of Prey Partnership has published annual Evidence Reports. Monitoring of most species is incomplete. Successful nests down this year and still incidents of illegal persecution being reported.	Not achieved
22. Through Grow Back Greener & other local funding programmes, support farmers & landowners to create at least a further 225 ha of native broadleaved & mixed woodland that enhances the National Park's landscape by 2025.	225 ha (cumulative)	A further 26 ha was created in 2024/25[2], bringing the cumulative total over the past 4 years to 220 ha. Grow Back Greener has been extended for another year, therefore we expect to achieve 225 ha by March 2026.	Near miss
26. Priority: Work with neighbouring authorities to produce a single, updated Local Plan for the whole of the National Park by 2025, which will help achieve the vision and objectives in the National Park Management Plan.	Submission to Planning Inspectorate	Delayed by an additional round of consultation arising from the work of the Member Working Group on housing sites. Expect Plan to be adopted early in 2026.	Near miss

[2] At the Full Authority Meeting on 24 June 2025, this was incorrectly reported as 34 ha, this has now been corrected to 26 ha.

Objective	Target by March 2025	Progress	Status
32. Operate governance arrangements that are fit for purpose, as reported through the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Governance Report.	Unqualified External Audit opinion for 2022/23	Annual Governance Report completed. The external audit opinion for 2022/23 was disclaimed as a result of well publicised delays to Local Authority audits which meant that a full audit was not conducted.	Near miss
35. By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our operations by at least 95% compared to 2005/06, and achieve annual carbon savings from woodland planting of at least 30 times our residual annual emissions.	Emissions -77%	Carbon emissions reduced by 76%. EV charging points installed at all work bases. Electric vans (6), and Pool Vehicles (4) procured and delivered.	Near miss

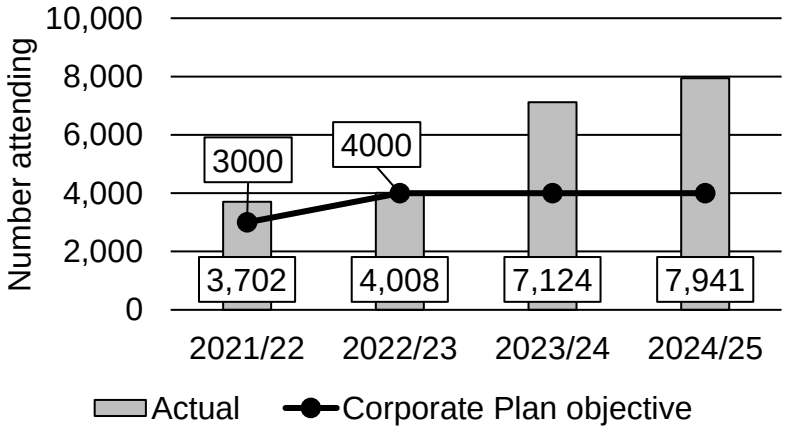
5 Year Trends

Objective 6 – Rights of Way 'Easy to Use' (priority objective)



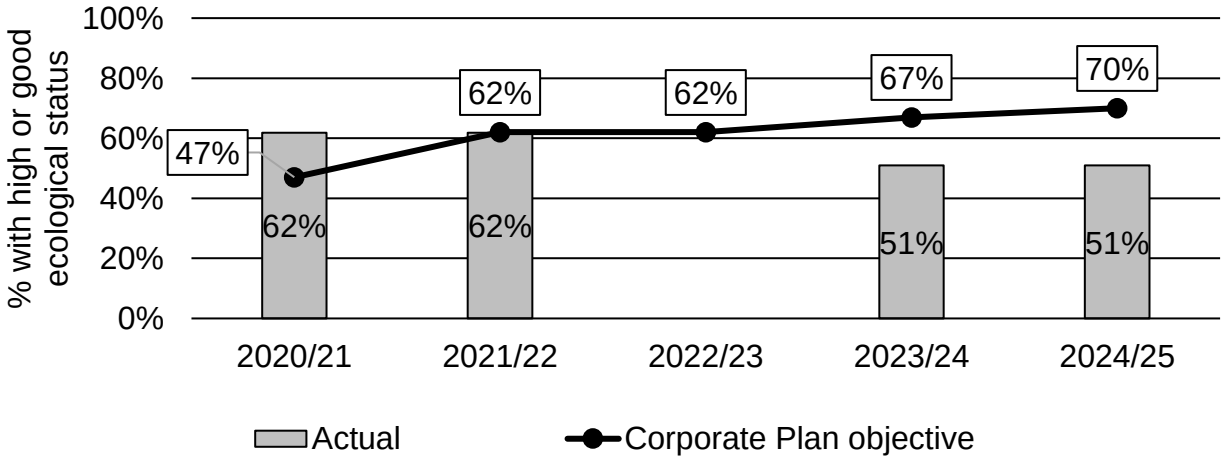
Year	% of Rights of Way that are easy to use	Corporate Plan objective (%)
2020/21	88%	86%
2021/22	90%	88%
2022/23	91%	89%
2023/24	89%	90%
2024/25	92%	88%

Objective 7 – YDNPA Participatory activities (priority objective)



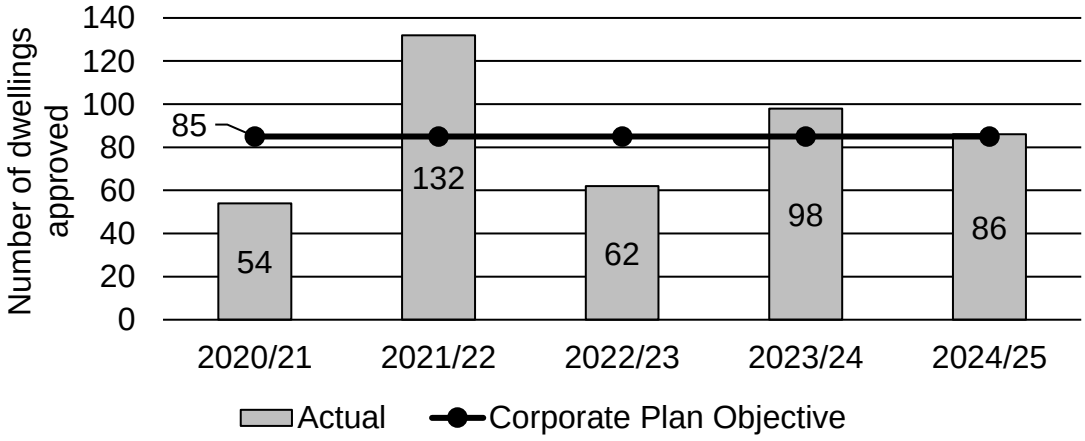
Year	Number attending	Corporate Plan objective (number)
2021/22	3,702	3,000
2022/23	4,008	4,000
2023/24	7,124	4,000
2024/25	7,941	4,000

Objective 19 – Ecological status of rivers Aire, Eden, Lune, Ribble, Swale, Ure and Wharfe (priority objective)



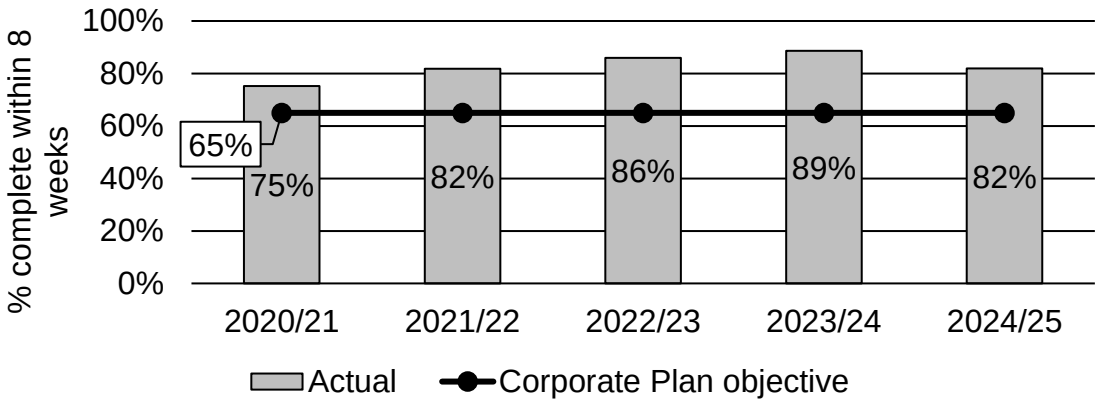
Year	% water courses with 'high' or 'good' ecological status	Corporate Plan objective (%)
2020/21	62%	47%
2021/22	62%	62%
2022/23	-	62%
2023/24	51%	67%
2024/25	51%	70%

Objective 23 – Number of dwellings approved (priority objective)



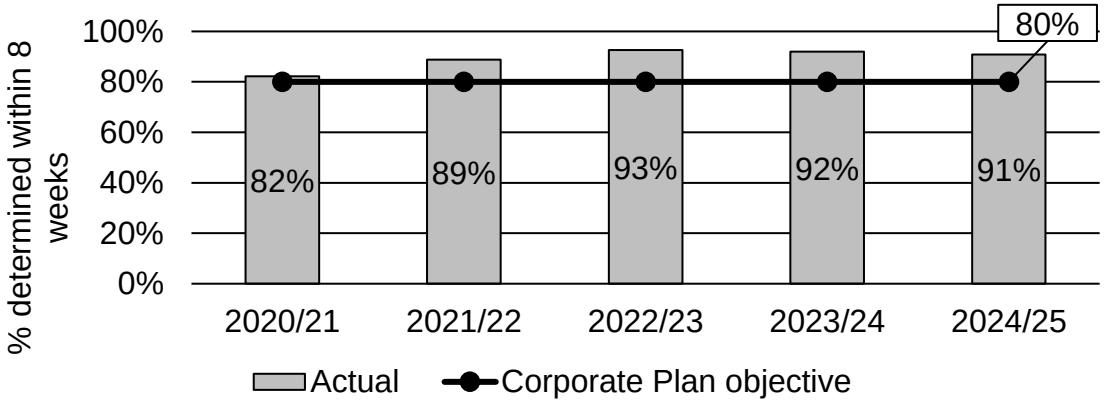
Year	Number of dwellings approved	Corporate Plan objective (number)
2020/21	54	85
2021/22	132	85
2022/23	62	85
2023/24	98	85
2024/25	86	85

Objective 25a – 'Minor' planning applications determined within 8 weeks (priority objective)



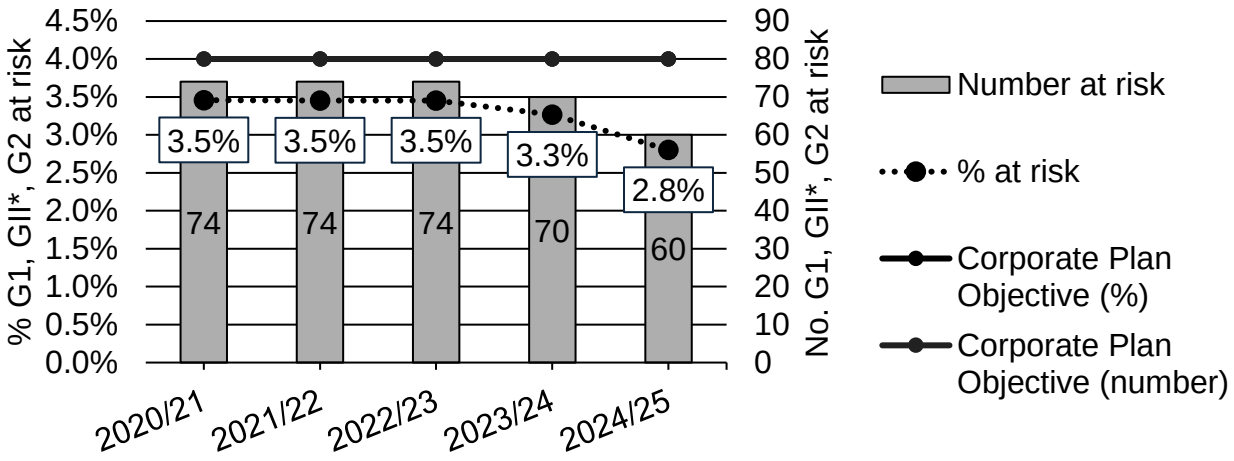
Year	% of minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks	Corporate Plan objective (%)
2020/21	75%	65%
2021/22	82%	65%
2022/23	86%	65%
2023/24	89%	65%
2024/25	82%	65%

Objective 25b – 'Other' planning applications determined within 8 weeks (priority)



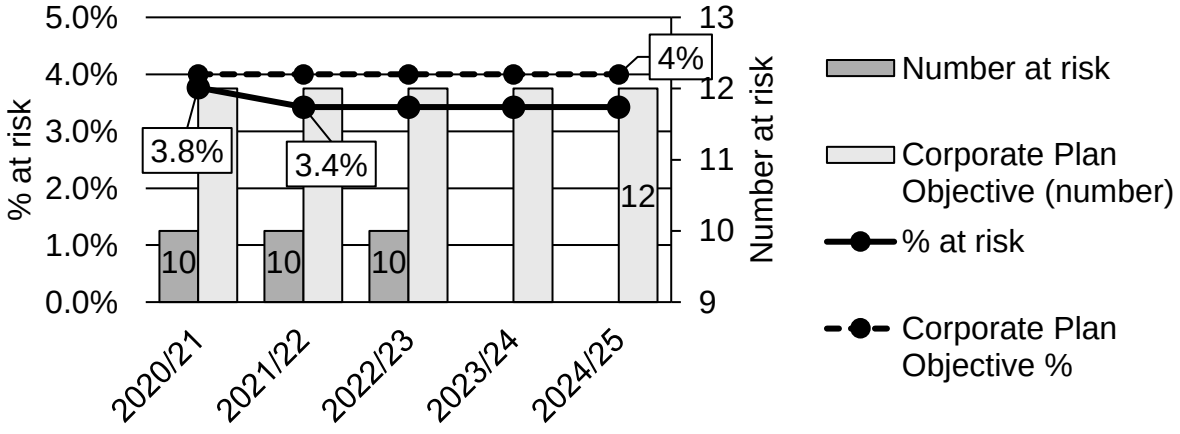
Year	% of other planning applications determined within 8 weeks	Corporate Plan objective (%)
2020/21	82%	80%
2021/22	89%	80%
2022/23	93%	80%
2023/24	92%	80%
2024/25	91%	80%

Objective 4a – Percentage of Listed Buildings ‘at risk’



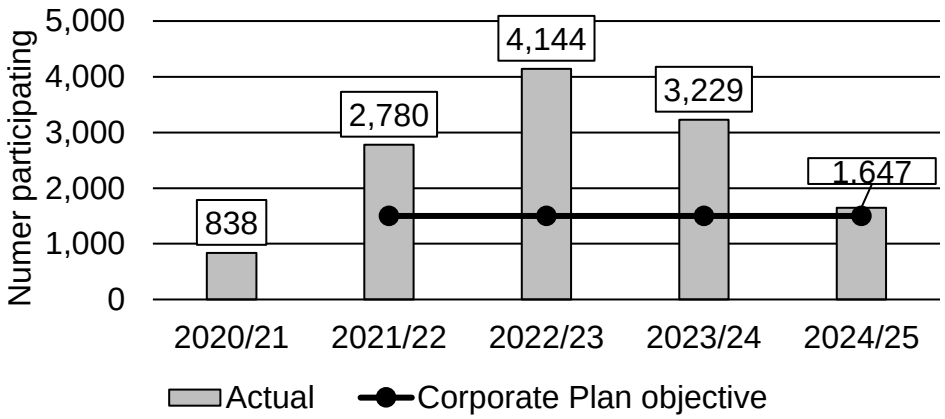
Year	% listed buildings 'at risk'	Corporate Plan objective (%)	Total 'at risk'	Corporate Plan objective (number)
2020/21	3.5%	4%	74	80
2021/22	3.5%	4%	74	80
2022/23	3.5%	4%	74	80
2023/24	3.3%	4%	70	80
2024/25	2.8%	4%	60	80

Objective 4b – Percentage of Scheduled Monuments ‘at risk’



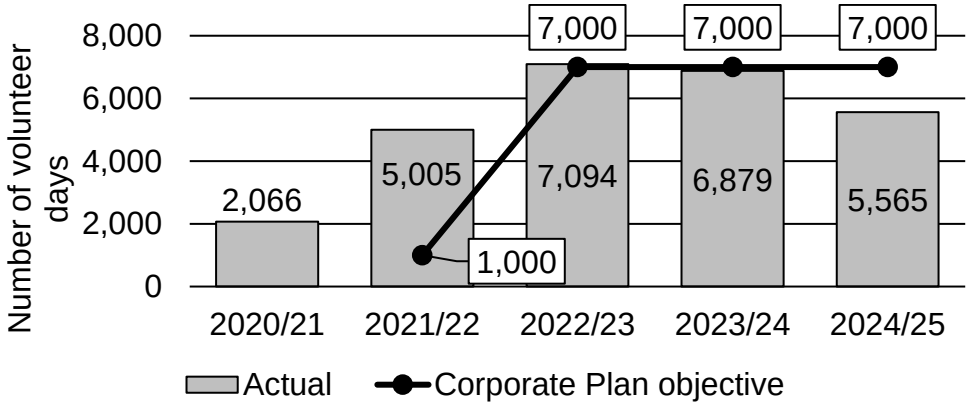
Year	% 'at risk'	Corporate Plan objective (%)	Total 'at risk'	Corporate Plan objective (number)
2020/21	3.8%	4%	11	12
2021/22	3.4%	4%	10	12
2022/23	3.4%	4%	10	12
2023/24	3.4%	4%	10	12
2024/25	3.4%	4%	10	12

Objective 10 – YDNPA educational and skills-based activities



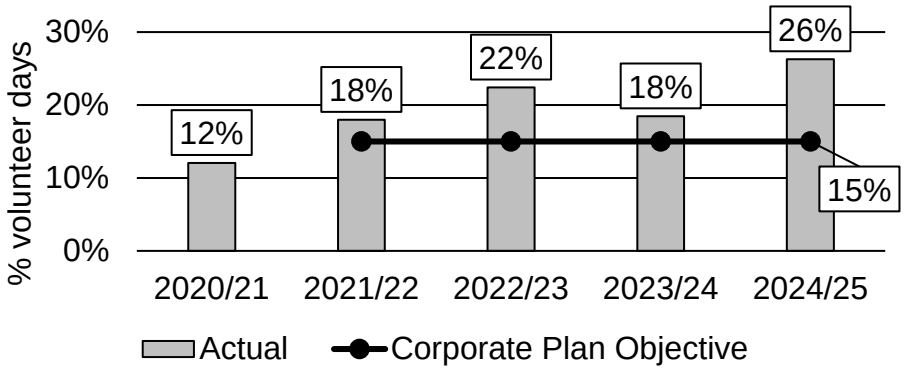
Year	Number of young people taking part in YDNPA 'educational and skills based' activities	Corporate Plan objective (number)
2020/21	838	No target
2021/22	2,780	1500
2022/23	4,144	1500
2023/24	3,229	1500
2024/25	1,647	1500

Objective 11a – Number of volunteer days provided by YDNPA



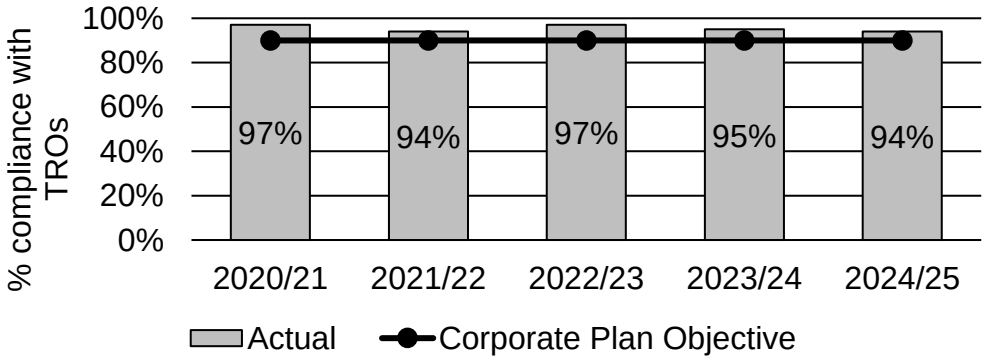
Year	Total number of volunteer days organised or supported by YDNPA	Corporate Plan Objective (days)
2020/21	2,066	No target
2021/22	5,005	1,000
2022/23	7,094	7,000
2023/24	6,879	7,000
2024/25	5,565	7,000

Objective 11b – % of volunteer days attended by under-represented groups



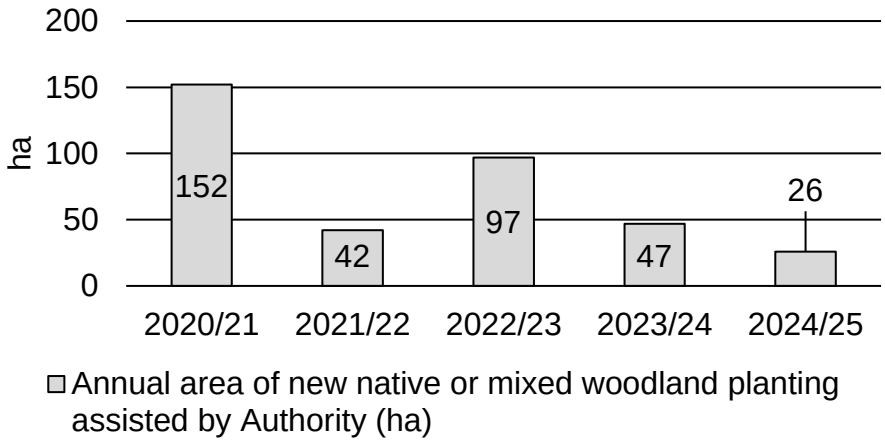
Year	% of volunteer days attended by under-represented groups	Corporate Plan Objective (%)	Number of volunteer days attended by under-represented' groups
2020/21	12%	No target	249
2021/22	18%	15%	899
2022/23	22%	15%	1,589
2023/24	18%	15%	1,269
2024/25	26%	15%	1,462

Objective 13 – Compliance with Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)



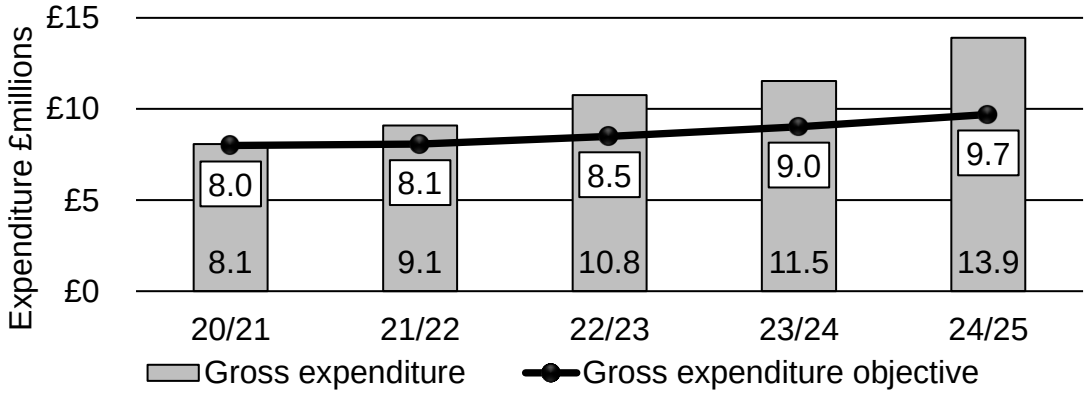
Year	% compliance with TROs	Corporate Plan Objective (%)
2020/21	97%	90%
2021/22	94%	90%
2022/23	97%	90%
2023/24	95%	90%
2024/25	94%	90%

Objective 22 – Annual area of new native woodland supported (ha)



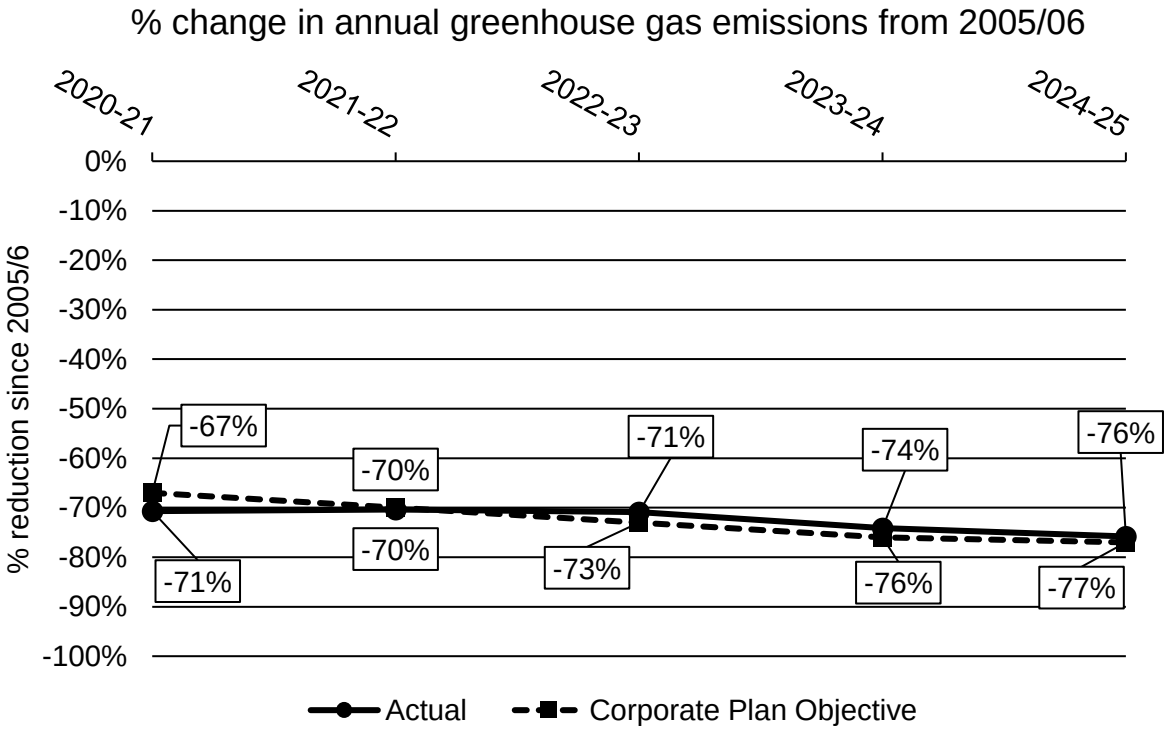
Year	Annual area of new native or mixed woodland planting assisted by Authority (ha)
2020/21	152
2021/22	42
2022/23	97
2023/24	47
2024/25	26

Objective 30 – Authority Expenditure



Year	Gross expenditure £million	Gross expenditure objective £million
2020/21	£8.1	£8.0
2021/22	£9.1	£8.1
2022/23	£10.8	£8.5
2023/24	£11.5	£9.0
2024/25	£13.9	£9.7

Objective 35 – CO_2t equivalent emissions from Authority operations



Year	% change in annual greenhouse gas emissions since 2005	Corporate Plan objective (% change)
2020-21	-71%	-67%
2021-22	-70%	-70%
2022-23	-71%	-73%
2023-24	-74%	-76%
2024-25	-76%	-77%

Actions not achieved in 2024/25

1	**Priority: Support farmers and landowners to continue to deliver a range of public benefits through national agri-environment scheme agreements and similar initiatives, including the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) programme**	**Due**	**Status**
1.1	Agree the final details for the 'Payment by Results' ELM trial, to test how a whole-farm approach to Payment by Results could be made compelling for farmers and effective for scheme delivery[3]	Jun	Cancelled
4	**Help local people to restore, repair and - where possible - bring back into use nationally-important historical sites, buildings and structures so that less than 4% of scheduled monuments and listed buildings are 'at risk' by 2024**	**Due**	**Status**
4.2	Investigate and restore Dudderhouse Cairn on Ingleborough[4]	Feb	Postponed
4.3	Through 'Tees-Swale: naturally connected' support a programme of practical measures to help reduce pollution from historical lead-mining sites on Barney Beck in Swaledale (p)[5]	Mar	Postponed
5	**Use the Dales Countryside Museum and the Historic Environment Record to help local heritage groups to research, record and promote the stories of the National Park area, including completing the enhancement of the Historic Environment Record for the new area of the National Park by 2024**	**Due**	**Status**
5.4	Undertake post-excavation analysis and write up of the Quaker Field project and disseminate results (p)[6]	Mar	Postponed
6	**Priority: Benefit a wide variety of users by raising the standard of all public rights of way so that 90% are 'easy to use'.**	**Due**	**Status**
6.3	Review the 5-year Public Rights of Way maintenance report (p)[7]	Mar	Postponed
8	**Priority: Increase and promote opportunity for people with a disability to access the National Park so that by 2026, 15% of visitors using the Miles without Stiles routes self-Identify as having a disability or long term health condition.**	**Due**	**Status**

[3] Funding from DEFRA was not available for the Payment by results ELM trial so it was unable to proceed.

[4] Remote sensing has been undertaken across the site. Repair and investigation (if necessary) will be undertaken this year.

[5] HE team currently in regular contact with Yorkshire Rivers Trust re. works on and around the Barney Beck.

[6] Delayed because of Community Heritage post going down to 0.5 fte during Ure Dales project. Rescheduled for March 2026.

[7] postponed allowing for ongoing discussion with NYC regarding a financial contribution and for Member/Officer Group to review Statutory Delegated Duties.

8.2	Through BMW's access to nature fund, develop a new digital Access Hub to promote accessible routes and facilities in the National Park[8]	Mar	Postponed
12	**Work with organisers of large-scale events to ensure they are well run, benefit local businesses, and contribute to the maintenance of the Park's natural capital - for example funding the cost of maintaining the 'Three Peaks' route**	**Due**	**Status**
12.4	Review the design/content of Three Peaks' fundraising materials e.g. interpretation boards, signs, posters etc[9]	Mar	Postponed
13	**Maintain 'green lanes' and, where appropriate, manage use by recreational motor vehicles, including enforcing any restrictions imposed by Traffic Regulation Orders**	**Due**	**Status**
13.1	Conduct a walk-over survey of Cam High Road and Highway North[10]	Mar	Postponed
14	**Maintain and promote the Pennine Trails and other recognised long-distance routes, and implement the Coast-to-Coast path as a National Trail through the National Park by 2025**	**Due**	**Status**
14.8	Replace existing signage with around 100 'Coast to Coast, National Trail' branded signs[11]	Mar	Postponed
17	**Priority: Work with farmers, landowners and partner organisations to restore or create 500ha of species-rich grassland habitats by March 2027**	**Due**	**Status**
17.1	Develop a fully-costed programme of activity to restore and create species-rich grasslands across the National Park, and identify potential funding sources[12]	Dec	Postponed
20	**Priority: Work with moorland managers and other key stakeholders to end illegal persecution of raptors, including independent and scientifically robust monitoring, and coordinated hen harrier nest and winter roost site protection**	**Due**	**Status**
20.1	Determine the future role of the YDNP/Nidderdale Birds of Prey Group, as part of updating the objectives in the National Park Management Plan[13]	Mar	Postponed
21	**Priority: Work with farmers and landowners to deliver landscape-scale natural flood management projects**	**Due**	**Status**
21.1	Work with farm cluster groups in Orton and Kilnsey to develop a sub-catchment natural flood management plan.[14]	Mar	Postponed

[8] In progress, website design taking longer than expected.

[9] Delayed start in appointing designer. Work underway and aim to complete by end June 2025.

[10] Cam High Road and Marsett Bottoms had a walk over survey this year, Highway North is next year due to the wrong route being put into the action plan.

[11] 25% of the signs have been installed. Remaining to be installed prior to the proposed opening in March 2026.

[12] A bid for development funding from NLHF for Jewels of the Dales is being prepared for submission and other opportunities will be sought from objectives in the Nature Recovery Plan.

[13] To be determined after the NPMP is published.

[14] Work is underway with the Kilnsey farm cluster and should be completed by December 25. Lune Rivers Trust seeking FiPL funding to help with soil aeration through the Orton Fell Cluster group.

22	**Through *Grow Back Greener* and other local funding programmes, support farmers and landowners to create at least a further 225 hectares of native broadleaved and mixed woodland that enhances the National Park's landscape by 2025**	**Due**	**Status**
22.1	With funding from the Woodland Trust's *Grow Back Greener* programme, support the creation of 54 hectares of new native woodland[15]	Mar	Postponed
25	**Priority: Provide an efficient development management service that supports appropriate opportunities for economic and community development whilst helping to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the National Park, including ensuring that 65% of minor and 80% of 'other' planning applications are being determined within eight weeks and at least 80% of applicants are satisfied with the service provided**	**Due**	**Status**
25.2	Produce a full draft Design Guide for consultation[16]	Feb	Postponed
26	**Priority: Work with neighbouring authorities to produce a single, updated Local Plan for the whole of the National Park by 2025, which will help achieve the vision and objectives in the National Park Management Plan**	**Due**	**Status**
26.5	Arrange independent inspection and a referendum on the draft Clapham Neighbourhood Plan[17]	Dec	Postponed
33	**Ensure that we have HR policies, procedures, terms and conditions to attract and support the right people with the right skills to deliver the work of the Authority effectively, as evidenced by accreditation under the Investors in People standard**	**Due**	**Status**
33.4	Continue to review and update HR policies/procedures, including family-friendly policies (adoption/maternity/maternity support leave/parental leave/paternity leave/shared parental leave)[18]	Mar	Postponed
33.5	Review and update Sickness Absence, Home-working and Recruitment policies (pp)[19]	Mar	Postponed
35	**By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our operations by at least 95% compared to 2005/06, and achieve annual carbon savings from woodland planting that we have funded of at least 30 times our residual annual emissions.**	**Due**	**Status**

[15] The drop-out rates across all partners in the GBG scheme continues to be high. We started with 134.59 hectares. A small percentage of these schemes were ruled out due to environmental constraints such as priority habitat/wading birds/historic environment. However, we lost a large amount due the uncertainty in agi-environment funding and changes to inheritance tax being cited. We transferred 0.49 ha to YDMT as it was not eligible for GBG Funding. In total we delivered 22.51 ha.

[16] Capacity to progress this action was limited due to numerous staff changes in 2024-25.

[17] The Inspectors Report was completed to timetable but there has been a delay whilst the Plan is revised as per the Inspector's requirements. Referendum expected this year.

[18] Postponed because of the introduction of the new Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Act 2023.

[19] Sickness Absence reviewed and being taken to F&R on 20/5. Home Working reviewed in 23/24 and approved by F&R on 5/12/23 - not due for further review until 12/26. Recruitment postponed.

35.3	Produce an updated organisational Carbon Reduction Plan for the period 2025-2030[20]	Mar	Postponed

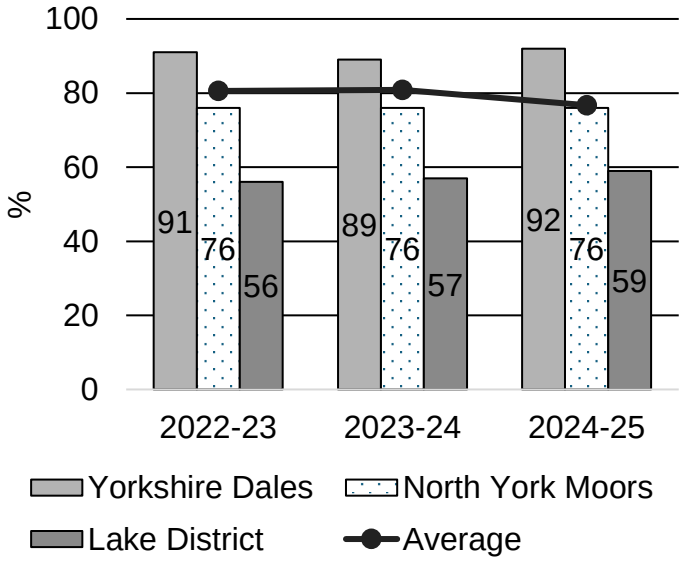
[20] An updated Carbon Reduction Plan for the period 2025-2030 is being presented to Members for adoption at the NPA meeting on 24 June.

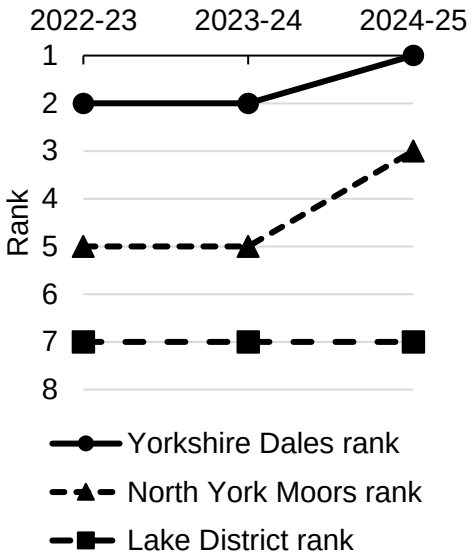
National Park Family Indicators

Please note: the ‘average’ and ranking figures shown below are for all eight national parks that submitted data, unless otherwise indicated.

High performing or significantly improving indicators

Percentage of rights of way that were easy to use by the general public (priority)





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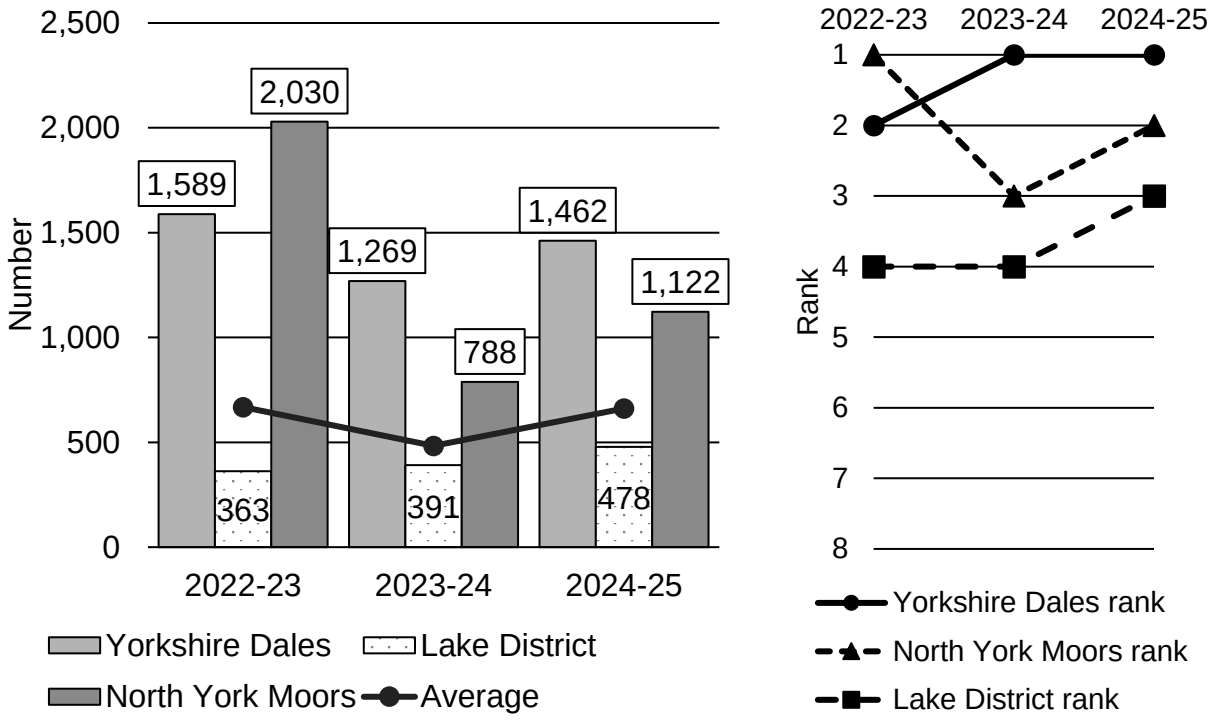
Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	91	76	56	81
2023-24	89	76	57	81
2024-25	92	76	59	77

Rank by park of rights of way that were easy to use by the general public

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	2	5	7
2023-24	2	5	7
2024-25	1	3	7

Please note that the average and ranking is out of seven, as this data is not collected by one national park.

Number of volunteer days attended by under-represented groups



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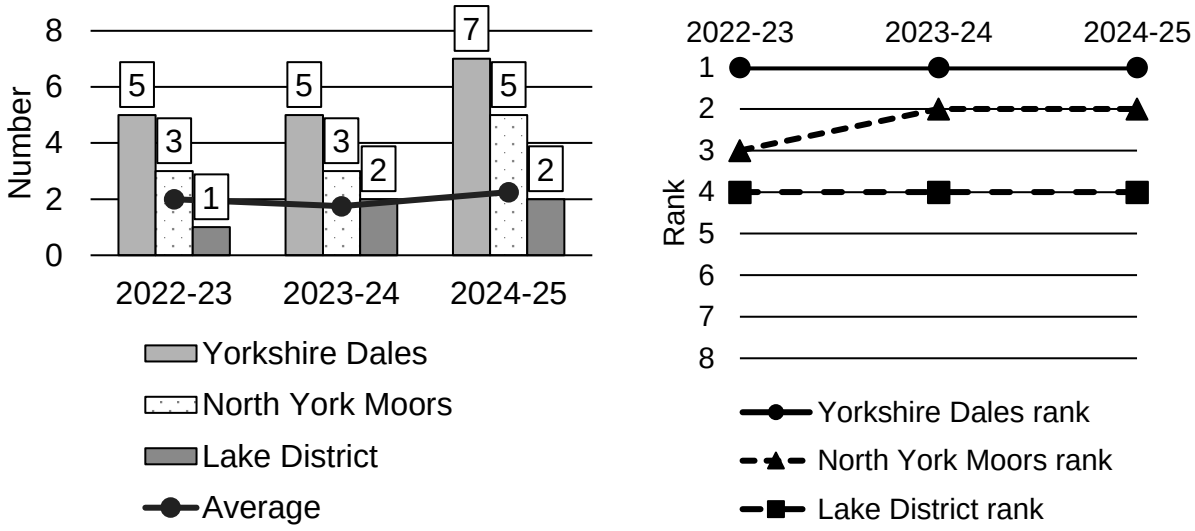
Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	1,589	2,030	363	668
2023-24	1,269	788	391	483
2024-25	1,462	1,122	478	662

Rank by park of number of volunteer days attended by under-represented groups

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	2	1	4
2023-24	1	3	4
2024-25	1	2	3

Note: the 2024/25 ranking and average is out of five, as three parks were unable to submit this data at the time of reporting.

Average number of Listed Buildings ‘at risk’ conserved during the last 3 years



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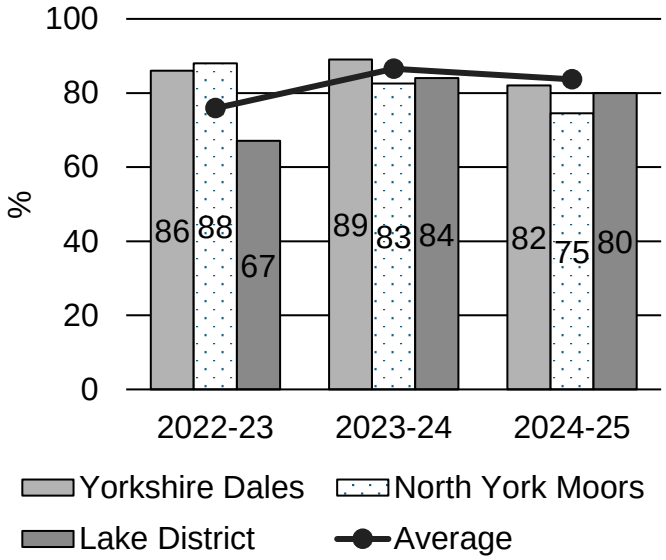
Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	5	3	1	2
2023-24	5	3	2	2
2024-25	7	5	2	2

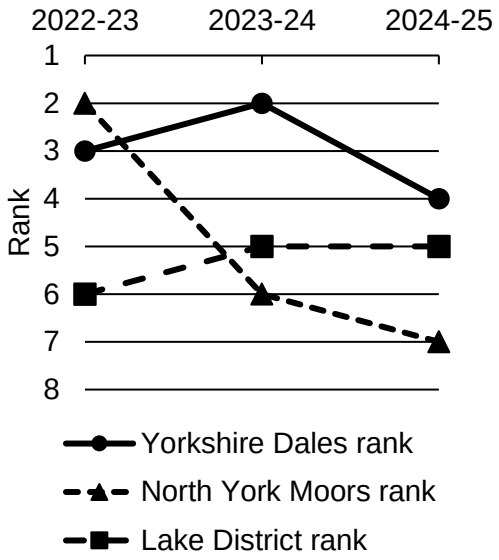
Rank by park of average number of listed buildings ‘at risk’ conserved during the last 3 years (1 high, 8 low)

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	1	3	4
2023-24	1	2	4
2024-25	1	2	4

Development Management indicators

Percentage of minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks (priority)





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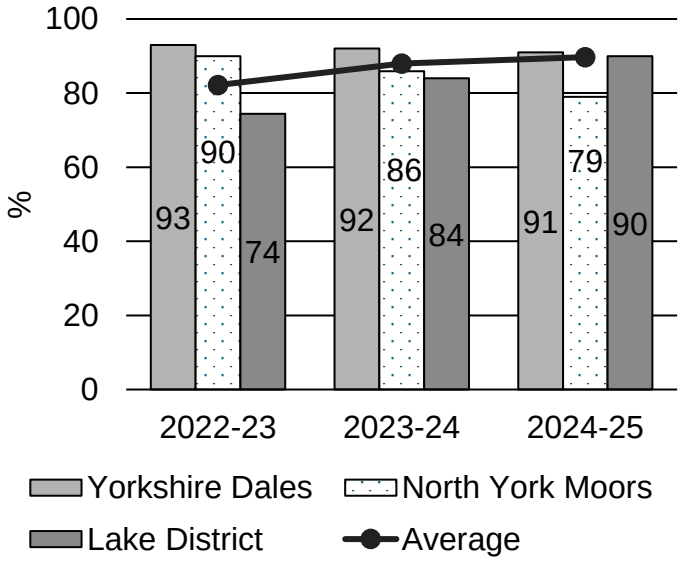
Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	86	88	67	76
2023-24	89	83	84	87
2024-25	82	75	80	84

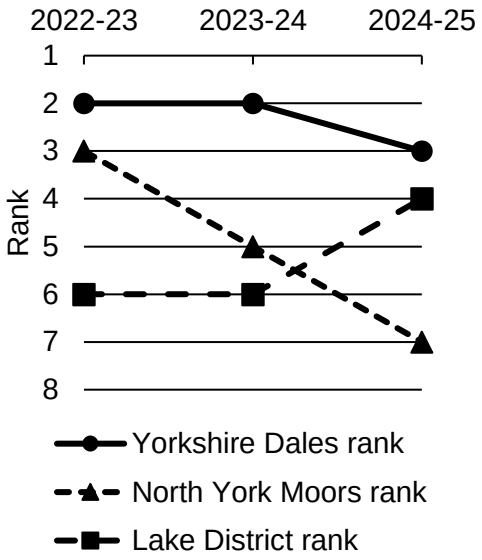
Rank by park of percentage of minor applications determined within 8 weeks

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	3	2	6
2023-24	2	6	5
2024-25	4	7	5

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Percentage of other planning applications determined within 8 weeks (priority)





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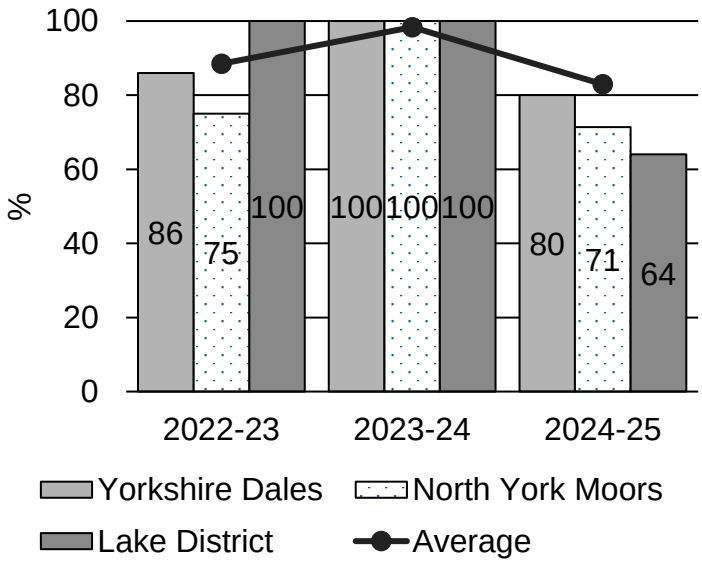
Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	93	90	74	82
2023-24	92	86	84	88
2024-25	91	79	90	90

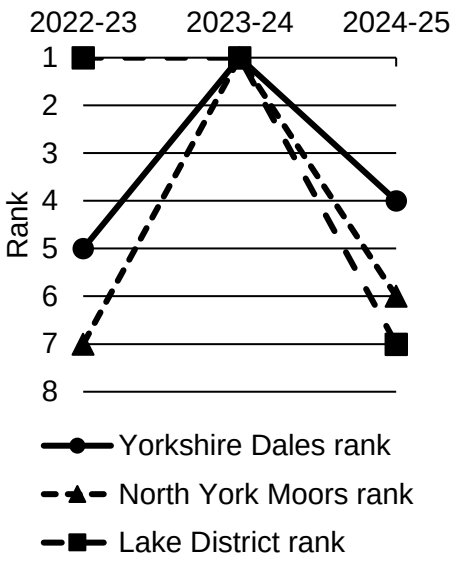
Rank by park of percentage of other applications determined within 8 weeks

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	2	3	6
2023-24	2	5	6
2024-25	3	7	4

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Percentage of major planning applications determined within 13 weeks





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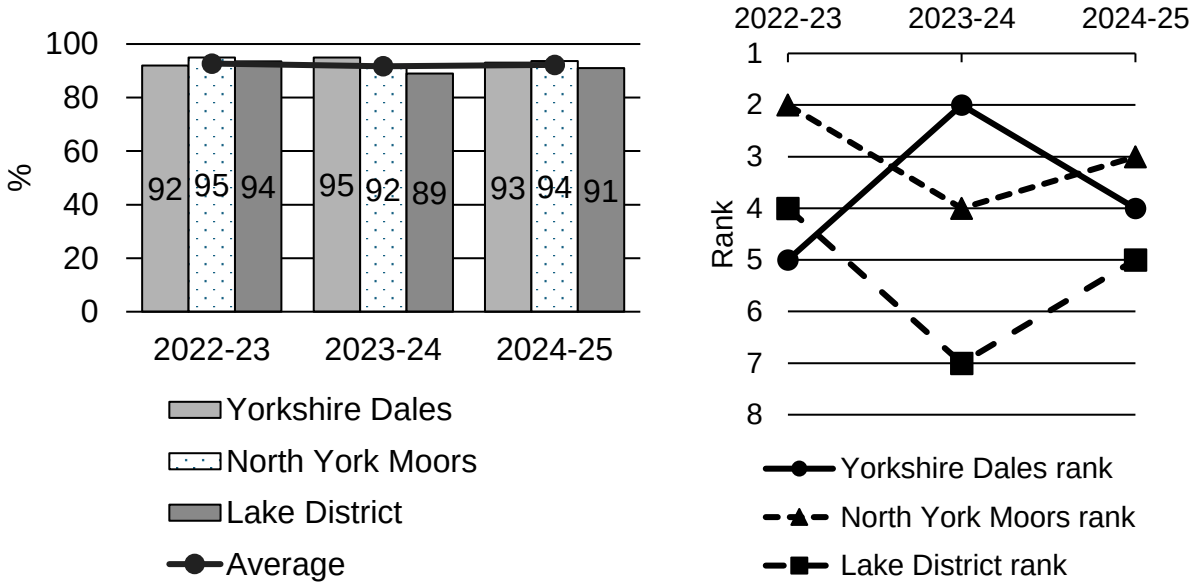
Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	86	75	100	89
2023-24	100	100	100	98
2024-25	80	71	64	83

Rank by park of percentage of major applications determined within 13 weeks

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	5	7	1
2023-24	1	1	1
2024-25	4	6	7

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Percentage of all planning applications determined which have been approved



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Year	Yorkshire Dales	North York Moors	Lake District	Average (all parks)
2022-23	92	95	94	93
2023-24	95	92	89	92
2024-25	93	94	91	92

Rank by park of percentage of all applications determined which have been approved

Year	Yorkshire Dales rank	North York Moors rank	Lake District rank
2022-23	5	2	4
2023-24	2	4	7
2024-25	4	3	5

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Annual Planning Performance Summary

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
No. of planning applications received	661	672	581
No. of planning applications:			
determined	541	565	467
withdrawn	93	51	54
other closures	-	2	1
% of applications approved	92%	95%	93%
% of decisions:			
delegated	95%	95%	96%
by Committee	5%	5%	4%
No. of technical/prior approval applications received	30	40	
No. of applications to discharge conditions received	97	119	83
No. of non-material amendment applications received	15	17	15
No. of pre-application enquiries completed.	234	207	225
No. of land charge searches completed	419	336	304
No. of Appeals received	11	12	17
No. of Appeals allowed	4	3	2
dismissed	11	3	12
allowed/dismissed	0	0	0
withdrawn	0	0	1
No. of enforcement cases opened	148	152	83
No. of enforcement cases closed	148	163	118
% of applications valid on receipt	47%	52%	55%