YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY	**ITEM 10**
Date:	**26 September 2023**
Report:	**CHAIR'S REPORT**

ENGAGEMENTS

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

Events

- Attended North Craven Building Preservation Trust's private view of 'A Life in Letters: Ten new artworks inspired by the words of Settle poet Jean Harrison.
- Attended a Members' afternoon 'walk and talk' session on Nature Recovery led by the Authority.
- Hosted an on farm visit by Alex Sobel MP: Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) with Tom Hind Lead CEO for National Parks England in attendance.

Meetings

- Introductory 'Buddy' meeting with National Parks Partnership Chair: Sue Albion
- A meeting with Derek Twine to brief him following his election as Deputy Chair.
- A discussion with Marian Spain, CEO of Natural England on the developing National Landscape Partnership.
- A meeting with a member of the Dartmoor Independent Review panel to discuss environmentally sustainable farming regimes.
- A meeting with a delegation from National Fund, Coast and Nature Tourism in Denmark.
- Along with the Deputy Chair, an induction with new Lancaster City Council appointed member, Peter Jackson.
- An update meeting with representatives from Palladium on progress with the Revere Project [looking at a new way to help landowners with woodland planting on the marginal land and edges of farms as a first step in bringing new income to farmers through nature-based solutions].
- Attended both Staff Development Days to look at 'Wensleydale Creamery' and 'The Power of Water'
- Attended a Farming In Protected Landscapes [FiPL] Local Assessment Panel [LAP] Meeting.
- Attended a National Parks England monthly catch-up Meeting.
- Attended a UK NPA Chairs' Forum evening dinner and presentation the following day on the Race to Zero Led by Liz Hutchins, Climate Lead at Bannau Brycheiniog NPA & Richard Leafe, CEO Lake District NPA.

Neil Heseltine
Chair

Background documents: None
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