Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Item 9

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Chair's Report

Engagements

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

Media

- Provided article for next edition of Friends of Dales' Review magazine.

Events

- Attended and along with Gavin Capstick of LDNPA, awarded a prize for the small visitor attraction of the year award at Cumbria Tourism Awards ceremony at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.
- Participating in Rural Forum event at Great Yorkshire Show, and attending on-site workshops organised by CLA and other providers (including on care-farms, mental health in farming, rural transport).
- Attended Member training day on accessibility at Aysgarth.
- Attended Staff Development Days to look at accessibility issues at Cumbria Wildlife Trust's Nature Reserve at Smardale Gill.

Meetings

- Induction and briefing meeting with CEO.
- A meeting with Lizzie Bushby following her election as Deputy Chair.
- Admin induction and briefing with Executive Assistants.
- Debriefing meeting with former Chair YDNPA.
- Participating in Europarc webinar on responses to climate change.
- Briefing meeting with IT Team.
- Meeting with Chair Designate of Friends of the Dales.
- An induction with Executive Director and Chair of NPE.
- Induction day at Colvend with Alan Hulme, including meeting staff and detailed tour of Colvend properties.
- Meetings of YDMP drafting group for "Welcoming Place".
- Induction attendance at meeting of Land Management Section.
- Induction attendance at meeting of Sustainable Development Team.
- An update/briefing meeting with the Director of Conservation & Community on the National Park Management Plan.
- Attended a National Parks England Meeting.
- Along with the CEO and other members, attended the UK National Parks conference in Newcastle.

Derek Twine – Chair

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