

Date: 27 June 2023**Report: CHAIR'S REPORT****ENGAGEMENTS**

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

Media

- My farm was featured in David Attenborough's 'Saving Our Wild Isles' documentary on the BBC iPlayer, a section of which was also featured in an episode of 'Gogglebox' on Channel 4. There was additional local and regional media coverage as a result of the Wild Isles film.
- I spoke with features writer Chris Berry for a double page feature on farming with nature for the Yorkshire Post.
- I wrote a column on the theme of sustainable food production in the Yorkshire Dales for the Craven Herald, Westmorland Gazette and Yorkshire Post.

Events

- The UK Farm to Fork Summit, hosted by the Prime Minister, which focussed on how government and industry can work together to bring great British food to the world, build resilience and transparency across the supply chain, strengthen sustainability and productivity, and support innovation and skills.
- Chaired the spring Southern Parish Forum meeting held at Ingleton. Topics for discussion were: Visitor numbers /visitor management; Local Plan update; and update on Projects. The Forum was attended by 15 representatives from 10 parishes comprising Austwick, Embsay-with-Eastby; Giggleswick; Horton in Ribblesdale; Ingleton; Kettlewell with Starbotton; Long Preston; Settle; Stirton with Thorlby; and Thornton in Lonsdale.
- Represented NPE at the AGM and All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for National Park - National Parks – Farming in protected landscapes with a focus on the work of National Park Authorities, AONBs their partners, and the farming community in implementing the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme over the past 2 years, along with the vision for farming post 2024.

Meetings

- National Park England, National Assoc. of Areas of Outstanding Beauty and Natural England Joint Chairs Meeting which covered update on the Protected Landscape Partnership; Governance; work themes; and a plan for Nature Recovery.
- Monthly National Park England Informal Chair/Deputy meetings with the Lead NPO and Interim Executive Director of NPE.
- The CEO's annual appraisal.
- Interview panel for membership of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum.
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- YDNPA Local Assessment Panel Meeting (FIPL).
- NPMP Steering Group Meeting.
- Chaired a meeting of Member Champions.
- NPE AGM meeting and NPE Board Meeting. I was elected Chair of NPE at the AGM.
- Interview Panel for Executive Director of National Park England.

The Deputy Chair has attended the following:

- The Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle. His Majesty has been a long-standing, passionate advocate for nature and the environment and sustainability was one of the key themes of the coronation. As such, DCMS offered the National Parks UK a number of tickets to the Coronation Concert, with one ticket offered directly to Yorkshire Dales National Park.
- New Member Induction briefing
- Ripon Cathedral Forum - Food Security Seminar

Neil Heseltine Chair

Background documents: None

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