



The Yorkshire Dales is a precious and unique area; a haven for people and nature. Unfortunately, the people, landscape and wildlife of this area face many challenges - environmental, economic and social. At Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust our flexible and collaborative approach will ensure we can continue to meet the changing needs of this special place.

Thank you to the many individuals and organisations that care passionately about the Yorkshire Dales. It is only with their support that we can continue to deliver and to grow our work.

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# People, Landscape & Wildlife



## Our Impact in the Yorkshire Dales

2014-2018



Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is delivering more charitable work today than ever before. Over the last five years the impact of our work has reached some of the most deprived communities in the country, our spectacular landscapes and precious wildlife.

We continue to deliver diverse and inspirational projects, from countryside apprenticeships and outreach work with disadvantaged groups to woodland planting and restoring wildlife habitats. We also invest in new projects to meet the many challenges we face in the area - environmental, economic and social.

We have a bold ambition to extend the reach and impact of our work, putting inspiring people like Kate at the very heart of what we do. We will only achieve this with continued support from the many individuals, organisations and partners who share our love of the Yorkshire Dales.

Thank you



David Sharrod  
Chief Executive



**“ I will never forget what YDMT have done for me, and I hope that many other young people can benefit from their support in the future.”**

Kate, graduate of the YDMT environmental apprenticeship scheme

“After struggling through my A Levels with mental health problems, the thought of spending even more time in the education system made me feel miserable. Luckily, I heard about the YDMT apprenticeship scheme.

Throughout my two year apprenticeship I discovered a passion for wildlife and conservation that I didn't even know I had. Doing something worthwhile gave me a sense of purpose and helped me to believe in myself again.

Now I am a completely different person. I'm studying ecology at university and I know exactly where I want to be in the future. I can't wait for my next adventure!”





We deliver projects to support the people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales

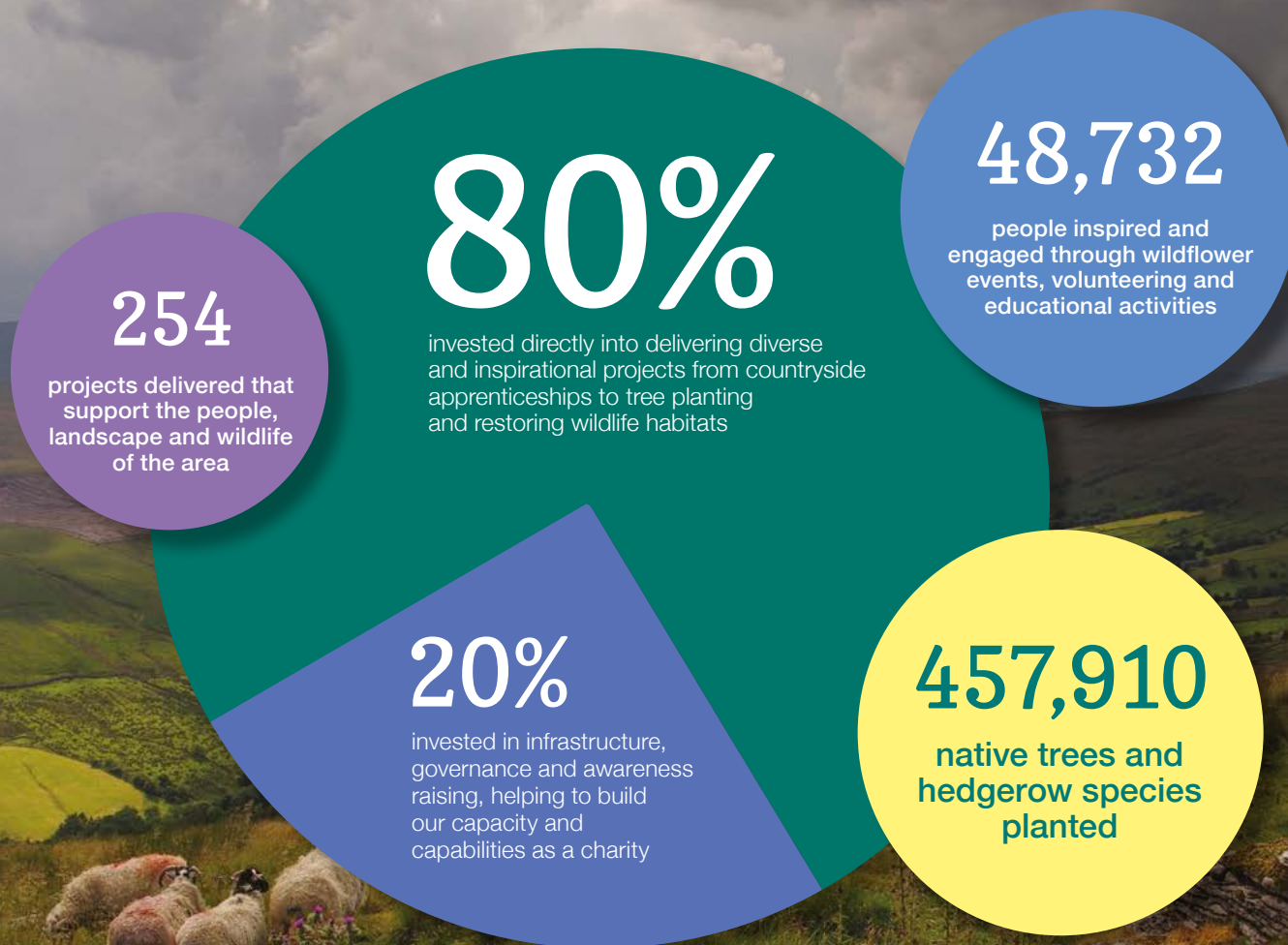


We raise and distribute funds to enable our partners and individuals to deliver projects



We work in partnership to deliver the maximum charitable benefits to the area

# What your support means



It's thanks to donations from the many people who support our work that we can continue to make a lasting impact across the Yorkshire Dales and beyond. For every £1 donated to YDMT over the last five years 80p has been invested directly in charitable activities.



# People

Our projects help people to visit, care for and live sustainably in the Yorkshire Dales.

- Supporting a vibrant and sustainable Yorkshire Dales with stronger, better supported and welcoming communities.
- Helping people to gain new skills to live and work in the Dales and providing more opportunities for people to access, appreciate and enjoy this special area.

Our highlights over the last five years

- **£2,910,583** awarded to 178 initiatives that support the local economy and communities.
- **6,711** people from disadvantaged groups enjoyed the health and well-being benefits of being in the Yorkshire Dales countryside, many for the first time.
- **2,814** young people inspired to get out into the countryside and learn new skills, giving them hope for a better future.
- **61** rural apprentices trained to become future custodians of the Dales. 85% went on to full time employment or further education.



In 2018 **1,521** people were given respite and inspirational learning opportunities in the Dales, helping them to overcome challenges such as obesity, mental health and loneliness.

**“ I visited the Yorkshire Dales with a group of Rohingya women. It was the first time the women had left Bradford. They were smiling. For many it was the first time they had felt happy since coming to England.”**



Kongosi, People and the Dales participant.

“Through YDMT we were invited to Settle to meet with a group of local women. Together we started to knit the Yorkshire Three Peaks on three huge canvases which were exhibited during Refugee Week in Bradford.

The importance of these visits for the women is fellowship. Meeting women from another culture. They experience big joy. Knitting with our friends in Settle is joyful and peaceful.”



# Landscape

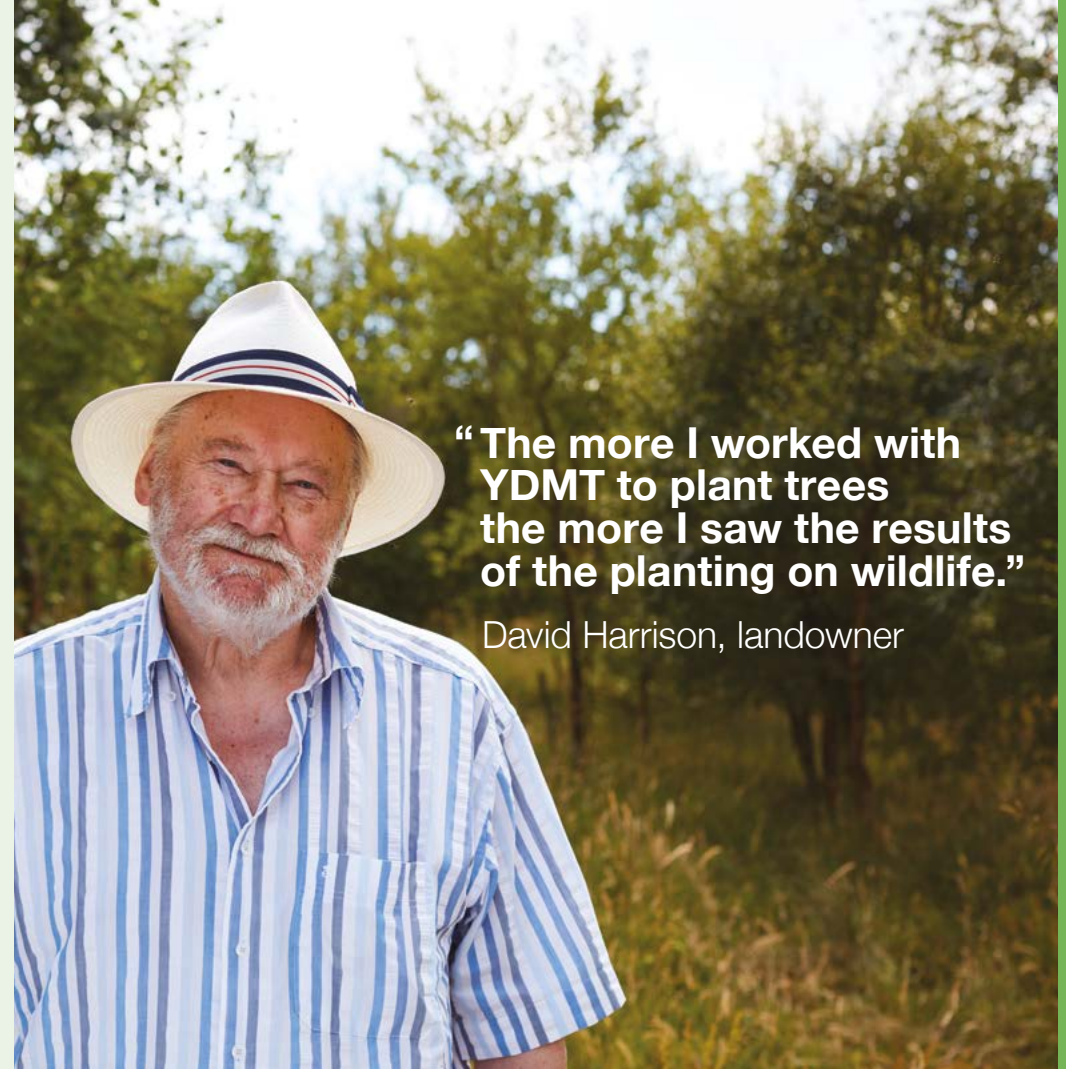
Our projects help to protect and enhance the unique natural, cultural and built heritage we have in the Yorkshire Dales.

Our highlights over the last five years

- **£450,319** awarded to 76 projects that protect and enhance the landscape of the Dales.
- **192** new woodlands covering 500 hectares and 2,850 metres of hedgerow planted.
- **3,026** metres of dry stone wall repaired by local experts and young people.
- **120** hay meadows covering 234 hectares restored, helping to bring this threatened habitat back from the brink.
- Work carried out at **15** cave sites to conserve, improve access and support wildlife.



In 2018 **77,535** trees were planted to create 34 new woodlands. Many of these trees were planted by disadvantaged groups and young people. A further three hectares of woodland has been managed by local young people.



**“The more I worked with YDMT to plant trees the more I saw the results of the planting on wildlife.”**

David Harrison, landowner

In 2007 David Harrison applied for a woodland grant from YDMT to plant 13,400 trees covering nearly 14 hectares of land at Howgill Side.

Since then more than 40,000 new broadleaf trees have been planted at Howgill Side and wildlife is now abundant, with funding and support from YDMT and considerable personal investment from David himself.

David is hopeful that in the future with the support of organisations like YDMT farming and conservation can work hand in hand.



# Wildlife

Our work helps to protect and improve the wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales.

- Improving the conditions of key habitats and species.
- Making the Dales more resilient to the effects of climate change.
- Enhancing public awareness, support and appreciation of Dales wildlife.

Our highlights over the last five years

- **186** hectares of the River Ribble floodplain at Long Preston - an area of national importance for nature conservation - managed sustainably for birds, farming and tourism. At least 60 pairs of breeding wading birds recorded including Snipe, Lapwing and Oystercatcher.
- **59** hectares of nature reserve near Ingleborough managed to enable wildlife such as Bird's-eye Primrose to flourish.
- **25** nectar patches and mini meadows created with community groups to benefit invertebrates, bats, mammals and birds.
- **6** new information panels installed so more people can learn about important wildlife sites.



In 2018 **150** dormice boxes were cleaned out by Young Rangers as part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park dormice monitoring project which aims to expand the dormouse population.

Photo: Amy Lewis



**“It’s been one of the best times of my life!”**

Nine-year-old Brownie, Jenjira.

A group of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides came together to help construct a giant home for wildlife.

Reclaimed and foraged materials were used to create a three-tier wildlife haven with holes, nooks and crannies to offer accommodation for a wide range of insects and small mammals. The girls also planted wildflowers they had grown from seed to provide pollen and nectar for insects.