

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

Impact Report

2024-25



YORKSHIRE DALES
MILLENNIUM TRUST



Welcome

2024-25 Impact Report

Our annual impact report is an opportunity to reflect on achievements and challenges over the past year and put the foundations in place for a year of action ahead.

So, it feels fitting to write this introduction to our 2024-25 report as Curlews and Swifts return to the Yorkshire Dales and nature is waking up all around us.

I'm extremely proud of what we've achieved in 2024, my first full year as Chief Executive of YDMT. The role we play in inspiring and enabling people to support a better future for this special area has shown itself in a myriad of ways. From record numbers of young people joining our rural apprenticeship scheme, to providing a pathway of activities, training, emotional and financial support to connect more people with nature. Our work with farmers and in our communities continues to deliver sustainable action for nature through the creation and management of woodlands, meadows and wetlands.

2024 also marked two key project milestones – 20 years of working in partnership with farmers to restore wetland wildlife on the Long Preston Floodplain, and 10 years of recording 21,663 bumblebees on our meadows with our BeeWalk volunteers! We're determined to create even more long-term action for nature across our communities.

Thanks to our strong networks and partnerships, we have already laid the foundations to deliver more impact in the year ahead. I'm especially excited about our Homes for House Birds project, mobilising communities to save four of our iconic house bird species. We are also working to develop a number of major landscape-scale restoration projects that would see whole areas like the Lune Valley improved for wildlife.

We've got an important job to do finding local solutions to tackle some of our biggest challenges yet - climate change, biodiversity loss and inequality in access to nature.

This year we launched our 2025-2028 Strategy, centred around building partnerships and enabling others to deliver with us to support our changing landscape and cherished wildlife.

Of course, we cannot do this alone. It's only with the continued effort, energy and dedication of our incredible community of supporters, staff, volunteers and partners that we can achieve our aims.

Thanks to you for all your support in 2024. Keep doing what you do for our people, landscape and wildlife!

Michael Devlin, YDMT Chief Executive



What we want to achieve

Our vision is a Yorkshire Dales with thriving communities, resilient landscapes and abundant wildlife that provides a sense of belonging and inspiration to everyone. In 2025 we launched a new three year strategy to make that happen.

Our priorities

Inspire **people** to visit, live sustainably and care for this special area

- Tackle inequalities in access, with a focus on our most underrepresented communities.
- Create opportunities for young people to benefit from outdoor experiences and get jobs in the environment sector.
- Enable local community groups and supporters to develop new skills and contribute to the sustainable future of the area.

Conserve and celebrate the **landscape** and heritage of the Dales

- Increase tree cover to create a more wooded and resilient landscape.
- Enhance and expand species-rich grasslands.
- Support ecological systems, including providing nature based solutions to reduce flood risk in our major cities.
- Restore our rich built and cultural heritage.

Protect and enhance the environment and **wildlife** of the Dales

- Connect areas of habitat to create 'stepping stones' for wildlife.
- Enable people to take a lead role in creating nature-rich habitats for the future.
- Upskill and support volunteers to help monitor habitat biodiversity.
- Work with partners to support rare species.

How we work

Delivering projects



We deliver transformative projects for people and nature, and use our skills to enable other organisations to increase their impact.

Enabling others



We raise and distribute funds, providing flexible grants and support for innovative community led action where it's needed most.

Collaborative partnerships



We are firmly rooted in our communities and have a greater impact by joining forces with our partners.

Our values guide everything we do



Enabling



Creative



Caring



Honest

Our challenges and reasons for optimism

YDMT plays a crucial role bringing together partners, communities and decision-makers to find local solutions to the global challenges of climate change and nature loss.

The climate crisis requires a fundamental shift in land use. We need to improve how we manage, conserve and restore woodlands, grasslands and other habitats rich in carbon and biodiversity.

In the Yorkshire Dales we have the lowest tree cover of any National Park, over a quarter of England's flower-rich upland meadows, and four major rivers. This presents immense potential to increase the scale and pace of nature conservation.

Biodiversity loss is one of the greatest threats our National Park has ever faced. Many of our habitats, including woodlands and grasslands, are fragmented and risk eventual ecological collapse.

The Yorkshire Dales is one of the last refuges for well over 100 nationally important species. We need to ensure it remains a place where species are able to recover and spread.

Access to nature is vitally important for health, wellbeing and skills development. With one in five young people experiencing a mental health problem and many deprived urban communities surrounding the Yorkshire Dales lacking green space, there is a real need to make our National Park more accessible. This will not only help to tackle the growing challenges the NHS faces but will also inspire more people to connect with and care for nature.

Our approach

We recognise there are areas where we need a bigger and a more joined up approach to tackle challenges we face now, and in the future. That's why we continue to build partnerships that bring a diverse range of people together to get stuff done for the Dales.

We are committed to working with the National Park, National Landscapes and other partners to develop landscape scale projects that will increase the pace of nature recovery. This year we supported a new Northern Meadow Forum to share skills and knowledge across organisations working to improve our grasslands.

The challenges facing our area require more skilled and trained people, particularly in areas like land management, community action and well-being. Our new Dales Outreach Forum aims to strengthen relationships so we can create more opportunities for people to access support. Our focus will be on upskilling community leaders and volunteers, supporting young people to get green jobs and inspiring and enabling our communities to take positive action locally.



Highlights



3,692 connections
made with people who benefit
from our diverse projects

£2.23 million
spent
on charitable work
and improving our
organisation



£248,156
granted to 51
community projects
through the YDMT
Grants scheme

2,735 hours
of activity delivered
- mostly practical
conservation work
enabling people
to take action
for nature

35.8
hectares
of wildflower
meadow restored
at 24 sites



16,458
trees
planted by
volunteers



147,778 native broadleaf
woodland and hedgerow trees planted
over the last two winters



People

**Inspiring people to visit, live
sustainably and care for
this special area**



Rural Apprentices learn about peat restoration

Impact: People

Inspired by nature, we work to create a welcoming, safe space in the Dales that is rich in diversity, connection and belonging.

This year we continued to support people from our most underrepresented communities to explore, enjoy and understand the Yorkshire Dales and nearby areas.

Highlights included campfire cooking sessions with the brilliant NEESIE, supporting vulnerable mums in Bradford, and an incredible residential at Swinton Bivouac giving respite to mums and children experiencing domestic violence.

Our pioneering youth projects provided 1,444 young people with a clear pathway of life changing experiences, focussed on building skills, volunteering and social action.

Our Youth Environment Forum led a successful annual Youth Summit. Young participants took part in practical activities like dry-stone walling, and learnt about farming and rewilding.

A record cohort of new apprentices joined our Rural Apprenticeship Scheme in Autumn, giving more young people the opportunity to build exciting careers in the countryside.

Meanwhile Woodland Trainees Olivia and Aila successfully completed their training. "The traineeship has opened up so many doors that I thought were closed to me," said Aila. "In providing these opportunities you are changing people's lives and making a real investment into the future of the Dales,"

YDMT Grants helped create more positive change in our rural communities. One of the 51 grants awarded helped to repair the roof at Grassington Devonshire Institute. "A roof sounds boring but without the ability to complete the work 25 weekly clubs would disappear from the rural community," they said.

Highlights

Almost **80%** of respondents from underrepresented communities reported an improvement in their general wellbeing or nature connection after taking part in a residential visit to the Dales

10 new recruits joined our Rural Apprenticeship Scheme

1,444 connections made with young people - most attended multiple sessions with longer-term support

16,458 trees and hedgerow trees planted by volunteers



Inspiring the next generation of nature lovers

16 and 17-year-olds have been hard hit by the Covid19 pandemic, with increasing levels of anxiety, social isolation, and concern for their future. Research shows that spending time in green space has a huge positive impact on wellbeing and mental health.

This year, our Green Routes project provided 448 young people from underrepresented and disadvantaged groups across Blackburn, North Yorkshire and Bradford, with opportunities to visit and experience the Dales.

The young people involved took part in three sessions over 12 months - deciding which activities they wanted to take part in at the start - from bushcraft and campfire cooking to lambing and tree planting. Our aim was to provide outdoor experiences that encourage teamwork, improve health and wellbeing and allow young people to get to know each other.



Green Routes: what we delivered

- Engaged with 448 young people
- Provided 1,028 places on events
- 37% of participants had a disability and 42% had a mental health issue
- 41% of participants were refugee/asylum seekers
- 42% of participants were at risk of homelessness
- 71% of participants experienced economic disadvantage

One of the groups taking part was an ESOL group (English for speakers of other languages) from Bradford College. Some of the students are young people who have travelled unaccompanied to the UK as refugees and asylum seekers.

On a visit to Cleatop Wood the young people learnt about local farming methods, wildlife (including spotting a weasel!), and shared stories about their journeys to the UK. We then cooked up a storm of roasted campfire potatoes, chai masala, and smores before relaxing in hammocks and dancing under the trees. It was a beautiful day to gain new skills, connect with each other and nature.

The Green Routes project was delivered in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) with funding from the National Citizen Service.

We'll be building on the success of Green Routes by working with participants from a wider age and location range, and continuing to work closely with the YDNPA and other organisations.



Growing careers: supporting young people to get green jobs



Getting jobs in the environment sector is not easy for young people. In 2021, we recruited our first YDMT Woodland Trainees to help address the shortage of young people coming into the forestry sector and to bring much needed skills to the Dales.

As part of our continued commitment to supporting young people gain a foothold in the sector, our Woodlands Team welcomed two new Woodland Trainees in 2024, Olivia and Aila.

Our woodland trainees play a key role in helping to transform native broadleaf cover in the Yorkshire Dales as part of our wider woodland work. Along the way they learn skills like fencing, walling, invasive species control, willow spiling to reduce erosion on river banks and peatland restoration as well as gaining experience in mapping and surveying work and the design, creation, and management of woodlands. A key part of the traineeship is engaging with communities to develop a network of community tree nurseries.

Trainees also have the opportunity to complete the ABC Level 2 Certificate in Forestry, with help and advice always on hand from the YDMT woodland team.

Our trainees are supported to find work placements with other organisations, and have the chance to work

alongside our wider charity team to learn new skills and gain experience of working in a dynamic environmental charity. Meaning they are well-placed to start a career in the environmental sector at the end of their training.

Both trainees have now secured jobs, Olivia as Woodland Officer at the Lake District National Park Authority and Aila followed her dream of travelling to Canada where she'll be a cave guide, Aila said:

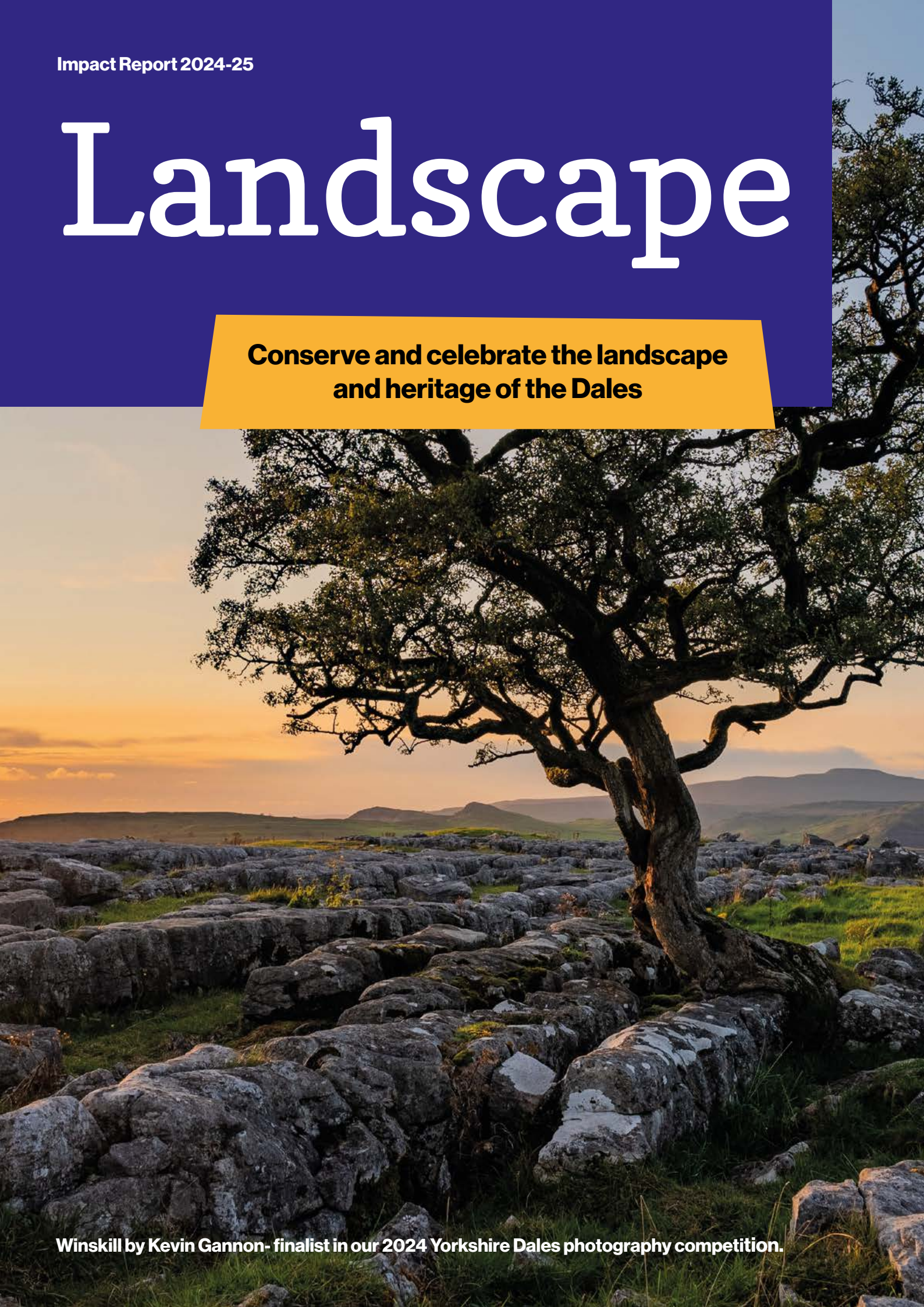
"The traineeship has opened up so many doors that I thought were closed to me, and given me an enormous amount of opportunities that have helped me to learn and grow as a person. From collecting tubes and planting trees, to surveying hay meadows, to cooking curry in the woods with Green Futures, to supporting the community tree nurseries, I have loved every second of it. Getting a job in a rural area like the Dales is really tough, but that just makes the traineeships and apprenticeships that YDMT provide even more valuable. In providing these opportunities you are changing people's lives and making a real investment into the future of the Dales.

I can honestly say that YDMT is the most inspirational charity I've ever worked for. The dedication and commitment shown by everyone in the organisation is incredible. I love the Yorkshire Dales with all my heart, and it has been a real privilege to work in an organisation so motivated towards ensuring a vibrant and diverse future for the Dales."

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Landscape

**Conserve and celebrate the landscape
and heritage of the Dales**



Winskill by Kevin Gannon- finalist in our 2024 Yorkshire Dales photography competition.

Impact: Landscape

The Yorkshire Dales is a landscape that is evolving and ever changing, with a vital role to play in tackling the climate emergency.

Over the last two winters our woodland grants programme has supported the planting of 147,778 trees at 48 sites- including 64,793 hedgerow trees and 85 landscape trees. Our work continues to focus on the creation and better management of small areas of habitat, that in many cases would not be eligible for other funding streams.

This year work started on delivering management plans for 15 small woodlands – helping to enhance biodiversity and the overall health of woodland ecosystems. At Pasture Wood in Grassington around 5,000 tree guards were removed from established trees and 650 new trees planted to replace those suffering from ash dieback. “We’ve seen a massive increase in biodiversity since planting the woodland,” reflected owner Mark Kent. “The sporadic planting and shelter provided by the trees has helped many plant species

become established and with this a huge increase in insects, birds, and small mammals.”

We continued to build the capacity of our Long Preston Floodplain partnership to create a thriving, natural floodplain. In 2024 we celebrated twenty years of work with farmers to re-naturalise the river and restore wetland habitats for wildlife. Project partners also agreed an ambitious new strategy with the dual aims of providing habitat restoration and supporting sustainable farming across the whole of the Upper River Ribble Catchment.

Working with land managers at 24 sites across the National Park and Forest of Bowland we started the restoration of 35.8 hectares of grassland through appropriate management or the addition of locally sourced, native wildflower seed and plug plants. Thanks to a new partnership with Nidderdale National Landscape we are expanding this vital work to improve the ecological value of grasslands in the Nidderdale National Landscape area – creating new homes for bees, butterflies, wading birds and other wildlife and helping to safeguard our most scarce native wildflowers.

Highlights

35.8 hectares
of farm grassland now being
managed to become species-rich
hay meadow

We celebrated
20 years
of the Long Preston Floodplain
Project - with 190 hectares
of farmed land restored to
thriving wetland habitat and
212 bird species recorded!

82,900
broadleaf trees planted
creating 66.4 hectares
of woodland in
and around the
Yorkshire Dales

140,625
redundant plastic tree guards
recycled from YDMT hubs
across the UK

Boosting biodiversity in Nidderdale's grasslands

The loss of species-rich meadow and grassland habitats is unparalleled in the history of nature conservation in the UK. In 2006, when YDMT started restoring hay meadows, less than four square miles remained in the whole of the UK.

Since then, we've been working with farmers and partners across the Dales and Forest of Bowland to help bring 850 hectares (that's more than three square miles!) of degraded meadow back from the brink.

Thanks to a new partnership with Nidderdale National Landscape we now have the chance to expand this vital work. A new three-year project will conserve and restore species rich hay meadows and improve the ecological value of grasslands in the Nidderdale National Landscape area – creating new homes for bees, butterflies, wading birds and other wildlife and helping to safeguard our most scarce native wildflowers.

The project is part of an ongoing partnership between Nidderdale National Landscape and YDMT. As neighbouring protected landscapes with aligned objectives, we've long shared resources, expertise, and a commitment to delivering impactful projects for people and nature.

Grasslands Officer Joseph Haywood (pictured) joined the project last year. "There is a lot of grassland in the Nidderdale area that isn't quite managed in the right way for biodiversity," he said. "We're offering free advice, training, surveys and support to help landowners on their restoration journey. It would be great to create a network of sites that could potentially provide seed for future restoration."

Grassland covers large areas of the National Landscape, much of which has the potential to be valuable for nature. A return to traditional, less intensive, land management is part of the story, but that alone doesn't necessarily lead to an increase in a grassland's botanical diversity. The fragmented nature of species rich grassland means there is limited potential for seeds to disperse naturally. So, restoration also depends on adding seed harvested from carefully selected sites.

Joseph's role involves working closely with farmers and landowners, with their intimate knowledge of the land,



Grasslands Officer Joseph surveys a meadow

to identify sites and support them through the restoration process. "It's been really interesting learning from the farmers," said Joseph, "they know the land so well, what works on one side of a valley might not work on the other."

For Joseph, who first got into conservation through a YDMT traineeship five years ago, the job is also a chance to learn about other areas of conservation. "We are slowly expanding our restoration work to include other grassland types," he said. "Habitats like acid grassland and rush pasture, which may not be as species rich as meadows, are still special in their own right. They have their own charismatic species. We're learning how to manage these habitats better and understand the soil chemistry."

As summer approaches Joseph will be soil sampling to match 'donor' sites, where seed is harvested, with sites that need restoration. He will survey grassland sites and help to co-ordinate contractors to deliver the hands-on field restoration work. The job also involves planning a range of community events and activities to help people learn about grasslands and how to protect them.

The work of the Nidderdale National Landscape Grasslands project will continue well beyond this summer. The Project aims to restore or enhance fifty hectares of grassland every year over the next three years. Alongside that a Northern Grassland Forum is being established bringing together key organisations to exchange best practice, promote joint working and funding opportunities. So, the project will not only be boosting biodiversity in Nidderdale but will also benefit conservation efforts across the north of England.

Celebrating twenty years of floodplain conservation

Nestled between the Yorkshire Dales and Forest of Bowland, the Long Preston floodplain is a unique wetland area – important for farming, rich in history and a priority habitat for wading birds and rare flora.

This year we celebrated the 20-year anniversary of the project, marking two decades of collaborative work to naturalise the river, restore wetland habitats for wildlife and promote sustainable farming.

165 hectares of the floodplain at Long Preston is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). With abundant wildlife throughout the year, the area is an important habitat for several species of breeding, wintering and migrant birds which are on the UK Birds of Conservation Concern Red List. 47 Red List birds have been recorded including, Curlew, Lapwing, and Hen Harrier, as well as Skylark and Tree sparrow. At the peak of the season the area can be home to an impressive gathering of up to 2,500 birds.

Partners involved in the creation of Long Preston Floodplain Project, including the farmers who privately own the land, as well as Natural England, Ribble Rivers Trust, Environment Agency, RSPB, North Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire York Local Nature Partnership and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority attended an event at Lords Courtyard, Settle to reflect on the achievements of the last twenty years.



Lapwing - Chris Gomersall rspb-images.com

- 190 hectares of farmed land restored to thriving wetland habitat
- Historic weirs removed to allow migrating fish to move freely through the river
- 16 habitat creation schemes completed in 2022, including small wildlife habitats, riparian woodlands and hedgerows
- Restoration of the aqueduct on Wiggleworth beck
- Over 18 years of bird counts with 212 species recorded

Anthony Bradley, Ribblesdale Farmers Group said: “Dad was alive when the first stirrings started of this project. He was a bit of a ‘twitcher’ and I well remember his delight when kestrels reappeared and nested on the top of a ruined barn. He was also in the habit, when mowing grass, of lifting bird chicks to safety. Or mowing round a nest to leave some cover. I know he was not alone in this habit. “

“The real success though is the genuine cooperation and mutual respect between both farmers and non-farmers.”

In 2024, the Long Preston Project partners agreed a new ambitious strategy with the dual aims of providing catchment scale habitat restoration and supporting sustainable farming across the whole of the Upper River Ribble Catchment.

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Wildlife

**Protect and enhance the environment
and wildlife of the Dales**



National Meadows Day 2024

Impact: Wildlife

It is amazing to see what's possible when people and communities take a leading role in supporting nature recovery.

As a trusted local charity our priority is to support people to understand, restore and manage our nationally and internationally important habitats, with a focus on connecting small areas of priority habitat and increasing biodiversity.

In 2024 we celebrated 10 years of BeeWalks. Volunteers have walked 485 kilometers across 24 sites in the Dales and Forest of Bowland to record 21,663 bees! Being able to monitor the bumblebee population so closely over an extended period has given us an insight into the needs of our increasingly vulnerable pollinators, together with amazingly detailed information about the habitats and wildflower species they depend on to survive.

In December we celebrated the planting of the first trees grown from seed as part of our community nursery project. The two hazel saplings originated from seeds collected at Ivelet Wood, near Muker, where hazel trees have grown since the end of the Ice Age. Swaledale's tree growing scheme was one of the first to get underway as part of our Seed to Sapling project, which is now in its third year. Working with communities across the Dales, four such schemes are now in operation, growing native saplings from local provenance seed, ensuring the right trees are available to plant in the Dales in future.

64,793 hedgerow trees were planted over the last two winters – that's 13,522 metres of new hedgerow habitat. At Hilltop Farm in Malham volunteers from Malham Environmental Group and SELFA, a local children's charity, planted 60 metres of mixed hedgerow to support wildlife on their nature friendly farm.

Highlights

64,793
hedgerow trees planted
= 13,522 metres
of new hedgerow
habitat

3,818 plug plants
planted and 169kg of seed spread
across sites in the Forest of Bowland
and Yorkshire Dales to enhance
the biodiversity of existing meadows



**Homes for
House Birds**
project launched to protect
four iconic house nesting
birds – House Martin, House
Sparrow, Starling and Swift

**We celebrated 10 years of
BeeWalks – volunteers have
walked 485 kilometers across
24 sites in the Dales and
Forest of Bowland to record
21,663 bees**



BeeWalks uncover the power of wildflowers

With the help of hundreds of amazing volunteers, we have recorded 21,663 bumblebees of 12 different species across the Yorkshire Dales and Forest of Bowland since 2014 as part of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust's national BeeWalk initiative!

Early analysis of ten years of BeeWalk data from our project areas shows a worrying overall decline in bumblebee numbers, but there are reasons for hope.

Data highlights how beneficial wildflower hay meadows can be for bumblebees and other insects both in terms of the sheer number of bumblebees recorded and the diversity of species.

We also know that small, wildflower-rich sites such as gardens, school grounds, village greens, road verges and churchyards provide important 'stepping-stones' for pollinators- so they can get from A to Bee!

Data from our research also showed:

- White and buff tailed bumblebees were the most commonly recorded, making up over 70% of records some years.

- Populations of white and buff tailed bumblebees are on a definite upward trend, while other species numbers have fluctuated.
- The top four flowers visited were white and red clover, yellow rattle and common knapweed.

Our BeeWalk volunteers are not only making a vital contribution to bee conservation but they also benefit from the experience. Maurice White is one of our committed volunteers who has been taking part in BeeWalks for almost a decade.

“I’ve learned a great deal about the range of bumblebee species we see in the Dales and about bumblebees in general. They’re an indicator of the health of the environment.

“I do my counting in a really beautiful place and it’s a delight and a privilege to be even a tiny part of supporting and encouraging that.

“It has certainly made a great deal of difference to me. I get out regularly to places that I might only have visited occasionally. I have met many people and made many new friends. I really enjoy the feeling of responsibility for the wellbeing of an area. I would definately recommend people to become involved in BeeWalks.”

From seed to sapling in Swaledale

In December 2024, we celebrated the planting of the first trees grown from seed as part of our Seed to Sapling project. The two hazel saplings originated from seeds collected at Ivelet Wood, near Muker in Swaledale, where hazel trees have grown since the end of the Ice Age.

The community growing scheme in Swaledale - a collaboration between YDMT, Sustainable Swaledale and the Reeth Community Orchard Group - held a special celebration to mark the planting in the beautiful Community Orchard Garden of Hudson House in Reeth.

The Seed to Sapling project is helping to ensure the right trees are available to plant in the Dales by creating community tree growing schemes where native saplings are grown from local provenance seed. This helps strengthen our efforts to develop a landscape richer in trees, woods and hedgerows, with tree cover of varying types and densities planted using locally grown stock from across the national park.



Potting on tree seedlings

The scheme provides the tools, skills and materials needed for communities to set up and sustain their own tree nurseries. A key part of this is to provide training in tree identification and seed collection, including seed collection from native ancient veteran trees.

Swaledale's tree growing scheme is one of four schemes now in operation, forming a network of nursery experts to provide guidance which enables other community groups to set up their own nurseries.

Chris Browne, Chair, Reeth Community Orchard Group said:

“The planting of the first hazel saplings in Swaledale, was made possible by the commitment and practical efforts of our Sustainable Swaledale friends and the support of YDMT.”

Hazel was the dominant tree across Swaledale for thousands of years, and before the introduction of oil and plastic, was a key part of the local economy and culture, and it's likely that hazel trees will have contributed to the very soil in which the new saplings were planted.



Willow cuttings at Clapham Tree Nursery

Organisation

**Working together to achieve
the maximum charitable benefits**



Impact: Organisation

Our approach reflects almost 30 years of learning and refining, and we are always striving for better ways of working to increase our impact.

The data behind our 2024-25 Impact Report clearly indicates the strides we have made to expand and connect our species-rich habitats and enable more people to connect with and take action for nature.

In 2024-25 we made further progress in developing our monitoring and evaluation capability, improving the way we collect and analyse data across our programmes to inform and guide our work. Our new [Three Year Strategy](#) outlines how we will measure success and will enable us to report on the progress we're making towards our goals. Some of our key targets include supporting the planting of 100,000 trees and shrubs, connecting with 2,000 people from marginalised communities and delivering 100 grassland restoration schemes.

Thank you to our funders

YDMT's work is only possible thanks to the support we receive from our incredible supporters, partners, donors and funders – thank you for all that you do.

This year, £1.77 million has been raised thanks to your donations, tree dedications, corporate partnerships, trusts, legacies and from the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Your support helps in many ways: whether that's donating to a fundraising campaign, giving time through volunteering, or by bringing our projects to life on the ground through local groups. We couldn't do it without you.

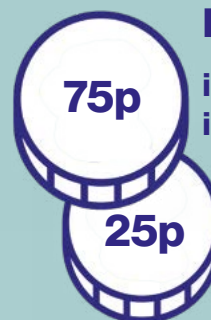
We'd also like to give a special thank you in memory of those who have left money to us in legacies, and their families, which made up 30% of our voluntary income in 2024-25. This contribution is vital to achieving our vision of a Yorkshire Dales with thriving communities, resilient landscapes and abundant wildlife that provides a sense of belonging and inspiration to everyone.

We recognise the need to continually review, refine and improve how we measure our impact. We have already developed a new woodland condition survey, enabling us to monitor the impact and increases in biodiversity that our woodlands provide. And we're investing in new ways of mapping and measuring our conservation projects, to improve connectivity between habitats.

Underpinning everything we do at YDMT is a well governed, well managed organisation that is respected and understood, where staff feel valued and equipped to deliver our aims. Our continued focus on developing our team, strengthening our operations, building sustainable income streams and developing our wider networks remain high priorities.

Thank you

Over £1.77m raised in 2024-25



**Every £1 donated =
invested directly
in our charitable activity**

**helped to build
our capabilities
and capacity**

Get in touch

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust is a charity doing big things to support people, landscape and wildlife in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas.

This special area inspires us to be ambitious and we have always prided ourselves on being an organisation that makes a practical difference and 'gets stuff done.'

As a local charity we've got an important job to do delivering local solutions to our biggest challenges yet - climate change, biodiversity loss and inequality in access to nature.

We can only do that with your continued support. Thank you.

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