
Want to leave the Yorkshire Dales a better place?



**YORKSHIRE DALES
MILLENNIUM TRUST**



A gift in your will looks after the landscapes you love

What has kept me at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) since we first started back in 1997 has been getting to know some of the many people who share our passion for this special area – those friends who, like you, have supported our work.

Every donation we are given is valued. We simply wouldn't be able to care for the Yorkshire Dales without them. But there is something especially humbling about a gift left in a will.

So much of our work is about believing and investing in the future; whether planting trees, restoring wildflower meadows or giving young people opportunities to discover and love the Dales as we all do.

I often think of Eric, a long-term supporter, who brightened up many of our walks with his lifelong enthusiasm for the Dales. His kind gift allowed us to restore the stepping stones on his favourite walk below Buckden Pike, allowing future generations to share what he knew and loved.

Leaving a gift to YDMT in your will is one of the most significant ways to ensure the landscapes and wildlife you care about will still be here for future generations to enjoy.

In this leaflet you can read about how a gift left by people like you helps YDMT to create native woodlands, wildflower meadows and other habitats, support rural communities and empower young people to create a better future.

Thank you for all your support, and for considering this now.



David Sharrod Chief Executive

“YDMT so closely mirrors my own affection for the Dales, and I greatly admire all the work you do in supporting projects that make a real practical difference to people, landscape and wildlife.”

John Robinson legacy pledger

How your legacy can make a difference

Since 1997, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has been working hard to protect the precious and unique landscapes in the Yorkshire Dales. Our work ensures as many people as possible can access these landscapes, enjoy their benefits and feel inspired to help look after them.

We simply couldn't do this without the gifts generous supporters leave to us in their wills.

Everyone has their own reason for leaving a gift to YDMT. For some, it's a way to give back to a place that is special to them. For others, it's to help protect our unique and increasingly vulnerable landscape and wildlife for future generations.

Here are just a few examples of what your legacy could achieve:



Creating new woodlands

Your legacy could help create new native woodlands and hedgerows in the Dales, providing habitat for wildlife, and helping to make the landscape more resilient to climate change.

Restoring wildflower meadows

A gift in your will could help ensure the survival of some of the last remaining traditional wildflower meadows in the Dales. These habitats support many priority wildlife species such as bumblebees, bats, hedgehogs, hares, and our iconic curlew.



Supporting young and vulnerable people

Supporting our work with a gift in your will could provide life-changing opportunities – from helping those who live in extremely difficult circumstances to visit the Dales, to supporting a young person through a rural apprenticeship.

Protecting our heritage

Help restore and protect the iconic heritage features that define the Yorkshire Dales landscape with a gift in your will – ensuring that our historic dry-stone walls and field barns are protected and celebrated for future generations.



Join our community



“This is a token of my care for the British countryside, its traditions and vibrant life today, and especially the Yorkshire Dales in which I've spent so many happy times.”

Supporter John pledged to leave us a legacy because of his love for the Dales and our work. He told us: “What heaven it was to escape from Leeds on a Friday evening and drive up to Langstrothdale and camp in the quiet tranquillity of upper Wharfedale! And at other times up to Gunnerside in Swaledale in June with the hay meadows; such a wonderful harmony of nature and lives there through the centuries!”

“My parents loved the view down Nidderdale from Middlesmoor, so for them to be able to leave a legacy at YDMT's Wooddale wood not far away over the hill is very special.”

“We much enjoyed showing the woodland to our two grandchildren and were impressed with the variety of butterflies enjoying the thistles. It is amazing how quickly the presence of trees can increase biodiversity.”
David and Pam



“We chose YDMT because it was a local cause, and we would be able to support the planting of trees in an area we knew. It sounded like just the right thing. Dominic spent most of his life in Yorkshire and he cared about trees.”

Felicity supporter

When the time came for Felicity and her family to leave a lasting tribute for their son Dominic, who had a real affinity with and love for nature, they turned to YDMT to help create something fitting and special. Their legacy helped to plant a small woodland at Howgill Side, near Bolton Abbey.



Our promise to you

If you are considering remembering Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust in your will, we promise you this:

- We understand that your family and friends come first. We would only ask you to consider us after such decisions have already been made.
- We value any legacy you can give, large or small, and will use it carefully to achieve the greatest impact for people, landscape and wildlife.
- Your will is personal and we will always respect your privacy.
- You can change your mind at any time.

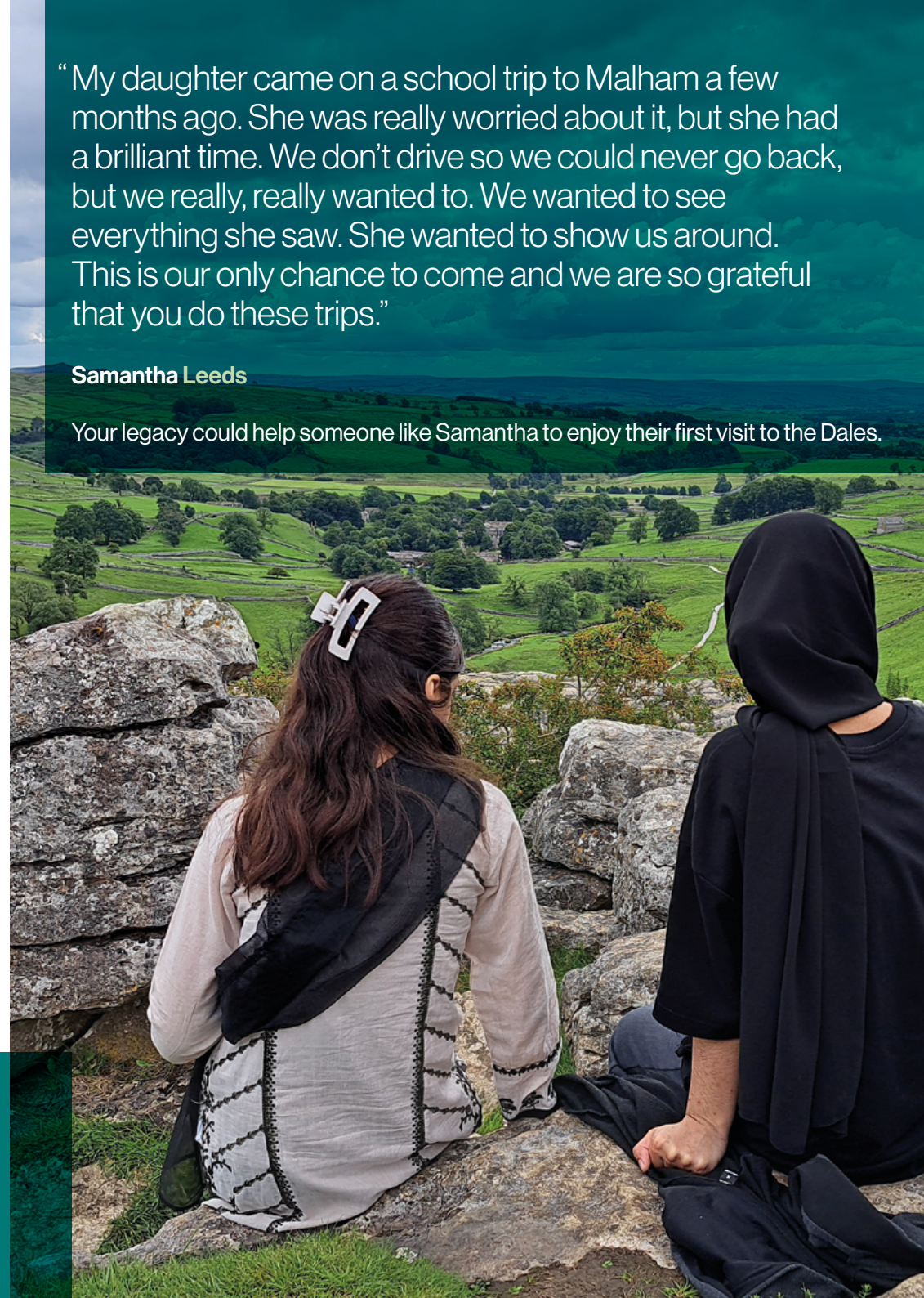


For your gift to have the most impact, we would like to be able to use it wherever the need is greatest. But if there is a particular area of work or a special area of the Yorkshire Dales you'd like to support please call one of our team on **015242 51002** or email **fundraising@ydmmt.org** for a confidential chat.

"My daughter came on a school trip to Malham a few months ago. She was really worried about it, but she had a brilliant time. We don't drive so we could never go back, but we really, really wanted to. We wanted to see everything she saw. She wanted to show us around. This is our only chance to come and we are so grateful that you do these trips."

Samantha Leeds

Your legacy could help someone like Samantha to enjoy their first visit to the Dales.



What to do next

We know that leaving a legacy is a personal matter you will want to think through carefully.

If you would like more information or have any questions about leaving a gift in your will to YDMT, please get in touch for an informal and confidential chat.

If you've decided to leave us a gift in your will and you feel comfortable to tell us, we'd love to hear from you. This gives us the opportunity to say thank you and keep in touch (if you'd like). We treat this information in complete confidence and will never ask for the details of your gift.

☐ I have left a gift in my will to YDMT

☐ I am thinking about leaving a gift in my will to YDMT

Your details

Name

Address

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Keeping in touch

I'd like to receive updates from YDMT with the latest news about how my legacy could make a difference.

☐ Email ☐ Post

YDMT is committed to protecting your privacy and we promise to keep your details safe. See our Privacy Policy at www.ydmt.org/privacy-policy for more information.

Please return this form to:
**FREEPOST
RTJH-JZYA-KEYE,
YDMT, Clapham LA2 8DP**

Talk to your solicitor

If you're considering making your will, or updating one you already have, we recommend that you contact a professional adviser like a solicitor.

Need help finding a solicitor?

Contact The Law Society on 020 7320 5650.
Or visit solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk

Our details for your solicitor

You will need our registered address and charity number to add Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to your will: Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Main Street, Clapham, via Lancaster LA2 8DP

Registered charity number 1061687



Protecting the places you love

Leave a gift to YDMT

If you would like more information or have any questions about leaving a gift in your will to YDMT, we are always happy to help.

Please call one of our team for a confidential chat to find out more on 015242 51002 or email fundraising@ydmmt.org

Picture: Littondale by Alice Cummings



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