

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1169240

Details

Other names NYMA

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-09-16

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Activities

Objects: TO CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE CHARACTERISTIC BEAUTY OF THE LANDSCAPES, BIODIVERSITY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE NORTH YORK MOORS FOR BENEFIT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN, WORK IN OR VISIT THE AREA, AND TO THIS END TO:(A) BRING TOGETHER PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS SHARING A LOVE OF AND CONCERN FOR THE NORTH YORK MOORS.(B) FOSTER GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE CULTURE, BIODIVERSITY, SCENERY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONCERNS OF THE AREA AND PROVIDE A FORUM FOR BALANCED DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES. (C) SUPPORT RESEARCH OR PILOT SCHEMES EXPECTED TO FURTHER THE OVERALL OBJECT OF NYMA AND DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OR OUTCOMES.(D) LIAISE WITH THE NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AS APPROPRIATE IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE OVERALL OBJECTS OF NYMA.(E) DO ALL SUCH OTHER LAWFUL THINGS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES. THE AREA OF CONCERN TO NYMA SHALL BE THE NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE RELEVANT TO THE OBJECTS OF NYMA.

Activities: The North Yorkshire Moors Association carries out activities which further the objectives of the North York Moors National Park, principally conservation of the natural environment and cultural heritage.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,407	£13,617	-	-
2024-03-31	£14,535	£14,886	-	-
2023-03-31	£7,442	£15,809	-	-
2022-03-31	£17,303	£20,819	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,313	£6,922	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALBERT EDWARD ELLIOT		2016-09-16
Andrew Wilson		2021-11-30
BRIAN ROBERT PEARCE		2016-04-13
Dr Thomas Ratcliffe		2022-02-03
ELAINE MARGARET WISDOM		2016-04-13
GEORGE WINN-DARLEY		2016-04-13
Helen Gundry		2022-02-03
John Cavana		2025-09-14
Raymond Clarke		2025-11-18

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

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Accounts



North Yorkshire Moors Association Trustees' Report 2024-2025

1 October 2024 – 31 August 2025

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number 1169240

Address: c/o Blamire House, Everingham, York YO42 4LQ

President: Ian Carstairs OBE

Trustees as at 31 August 2025

- Tom Chadwick
- Ray Clarke (Vice-Chair)
- Albert Elliot
- Tom Gillum
- Helen Gundry
- Roma Haigh
- Brian Pearce (Hon. Treasurer)
- Tom Ratcliffe
- John Ritchie
- Jamie Savile
- Andy Wilson
- George Winn-Darley (Chair)
- Elaine Wisdom

Executive Secretary:

- Janet Cochrane

Council of Trustees

The 'Council' is the body which manages NYMA. In addition to the Trustees, the Executive Secretary (who is not a Trustee) helps to manage the charity. Council members are elected at the AGM for a three-year term of office, along with the Chair and Vice-Chair who are elected annually. During 2024-25 two additional Council members were recruited, Jamie Savile and Roma Haigh, while Adrian Leaman and Colin Speakman resigned, bringing the total number as of August 31 to 13.

The Chair is George Winn-Darley, while Ray Clarke is Vice-Chair. Brian Pearce is Hon. Treasurer and has been working with Bridget Holmstrom to hand over some of his responsibilities. Janet Cochrane is Editor of Voice of the Moors and Membership Secretary. Another important (non-Council) role is filled by Wendy Smith, who coordinates NYMA's monthly walks throughout the year. All the roles are voluntary except for the Executive Secretary, who receives a small honorarium.

WHAT WE DO

- As 'Friends of the North York Moors', NYMA works to safeguard the landscapes, biodiversity and culture of the North York Moors National Park and surrounding areas.
- We carry out projects which foster understanding of the history, culture and environment of the Moors, including publication of the quarterly magazine 'Voice of the Moors'.
- We encourage land-use policies that favour biodiversity and natural beauty and support campaigns for the protection and enhancement of landscapes in National Parks and beyond.

- We scrutinise and influence planning applications for developments in the National Park and campaign against inappropriate ones.
- We support sustainable means of transport.

PLANNING AND POLICY

NYMA continues to contribute to national debate on the countryside and rural affairs, and in particular on the management of the North York Moors and other National Parks. For example:

- We have highlighted the need to optimise solar PVs on modern shed roofs as well as houses and gardens. Whilst we do not want to see industrial-scale wind farms or solar farms, individual householders inside the National Park can still do their bit to meet the national challenge of energy security and climate change.
- We are starting to examine housing issues, and to identify how the national challenge to house a growing UK population can be responded to within the North York Moors in a way which is appropriate to the values of the National Park, while also highlighting the fact that many homes within the Park are second homes or holiday lets.
- We objected to the proposal for Burniston gas exploration on the grounds of landscape, traffic, climate change and a waste of resources.
- We continue to liaise with CNP (the Campaign for National Parks) but consider that their views and policies are not always grounded in the practicalities of management of extended areas of land. We are trying to put forward a NYMA view based on knowledge and pragmatism.

In January we attended a liaison meeting with the National Park Authority to discuss matters of common concern such as NPA's strategy, government policy and implications for national parks, the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme, and activities of the North York Moors Trust. The NP's CEO, Tom Hind, was invited to NYMA's 40th Anniversary celebration and paid tribute to the Association during his speech.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Brian Pearce has continued ably managing and reporting on NYMA's finances over the year, supported in the last few months by Bridget Holmstrom.

Treasurer's Report (for the year ended 31 March 2024): The year ended with a surplus of £6,790, largely thanks to a grant of £10,000 for the Soft Retrofit Project (restricted funds) and a donation of £2,500 from the Tinsley Charitable Trust (unrestricted).

Expenditure meeting our charitable objectives amounted to £5,500, consisting of £2,352 to the Soft Retrofit Project, £2,000 to Moorbus, £1,682 to the printing of 'Voice of the Moors', and £1,000 to the Friends of Helmsley Railbed.

Reserves carried forward amount to £50,491, including restricted funds as previously mentioned.

We are grateful that many members generously add donations when they renew their memberships, and for the support of local legal firm Crombie Wilkinson Solicitors, who made a quarterly financial contribution to 'Voice of the Moors' over two years (ending in Spring 2025). We also thank the North York Moors National Park Authority for their support, including allowing use of the lecture theatre at Danby Lodge free of charge for our AGM.

Membership: Member numbers are currently 339 in total, a slight increase on the previous year (331), due to recruitment of new members.

Membership falls into the following categories (the last 2 years' totals in brackets – 23-24, 22-23):

- Life: 79 (78, 98)
- Annual: 156 (148, 169)
- Annual Digital: 39 (44, 26)
- 10-Year: 59 (55, 57)
- Organisations and Businesses: 3 (4, 5)
- Honorary: 3 (2, 4)

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Voice of the Moors: Janet Cochrane has continued to edit 'Voice of the Moors', distributed to NYMA members and to Members and staff of the National Park Authority, which purchases 50 copies from us each quarter. Copies are on sale to members of the public through the National Park shops at Sutton Bank and Danby Lodge, with back copies available online.

'Voice' only exists because of the many people who kindly contribute articles and photographs on a voluntary basis: in 2024-25 contributors included Ian Andrews, Bill Bordass, Andrea Brew, Phil Brown, Ian Carstairs, Ray Clarke, Janet Cochrane, Tim & Jane Dunn, Albert Elliot, Jane Ellis, Mike Gray, Andrew Grayson, Jonathan Green, Ione Harrison, Adrian Leaman, David Lewis, Edward March-Shawcross, Pip Mead, Pete Nelson, Martin Partridge, Anne Press, Robyn Pender, Jean Richards, John Roberts, David Smallwood, Colin Speakman, Alan Staniforth, Mel Ullswater, George Winn-Darley. We continue to be extremely grateful to Pascal Thivillon, of Basement Press, for his pro bono work on the graphic design of 'Voice'.

Walks & Events: Wendy Smith took over from Dave Moore as Walks Coordinator in December 2024, and the monthly programme of guided walks continued throughout the year. Walks take place on the first Saturday of each month, supplemented by occasional 'non-walk' visits to places of interest, coordinated by Janet Cochrane.

The walks and events included a Christmas tea-party at the Sun Inn / Spout House in Bilsdale, with an opportunity to visit the historic Sun Inn next door to the modern one; a birding walk along from the Sutton Bank Visitor Centre led by Andy Wilson; a foraging walk led by Anne Press; a visit to parts of the Hawnby Estate not normally accessible to visitors, led by Jamie Savile; a guided visit to the Georgian home of George and Sara Winn-Darley, near Stamford Bridge; and a party to celebrate NYMA's 40th Anniversary at the Millennium Stone attended by around 40 members of NYMA as well as the National Park CEO Tom Hind, and the owner of the Dawnay Estate Lord Downe.

We thank all the leaders for their time in leading walks and in checking the routes in advance to ensure interesting and varied walks: Jane Dunn, Albert Elliot, Kath Mair, Anne Press, John Roberts, Jamie Savile, Kate Senior, Wendy Smith. We are particularly pleased that several new leaders have proposed and led walks over the past year. Roma Haigh and Sara Winn-Darley deserve a special mention for providing refreshments at events.

Nan Sykes Memorial: In February, several members of NYMA attended the installation of a memorial stone to botanist Nan Sykes, set up on the edge of a flower meadow at Silpho. The stone was funded by the Carstairs Countryside Trust and created by local sculptor Pete Coates.

PROJECTS

We have initiated the **Botton Orchard Project** as a 40th anniversary project this year. It has been expertly pulled together and guided by Tom Gillum, who is taking an overall coordinating role. The project will introduce and engage young people in the beauty, biodiversity and conservation needs of the National Park. The focus is the orchard (with the walled garden) at Botton Village, home to people assisted because of their particular needs. Other partners are the National Park, whose Youth Engagement Officer, Mary-Jane Alexander, is identifying and liaising with the school (or schools) concerned, and the Yorkshire branch of Butterfly Conservation, which is providing advice on breeding and encouraging butterflies.

Wildflowers to attract pollinators will be planted in the apple orchard to attract butterflies and insects for the fruit trees and more generally. Over at least three visits a year to Botton, young people will be involved in activities including collecting wildflower seeds in the autumn, propagating and then planting out the wildflowers, raising butterflies at school and introducing them to the site, looking for invertebrates. The activities are designed to support the National Curriculum in upper years of Key Stage 2 (Years 5/6) and is being funded by NYMA, although we are also seeking additional funding to ensure that our resources can be stretched as far as possible.

For several decades, Tom Chadwick, Albert Elliot, Alan Ayres and others have helped to manage **Corbett's Copse**, a three-quarters of an acre plot above Danby Park Wood, on behalf of the owner Charles Kidd, who plans to bequeath it to NYMA. There are 78 trees already well established, including 10 Juniper propagated from locally sourced seed. There is now significant work needed to exclude sheep from the plot and reduce unwanted vegetation, including bracken spraying, fence repairs and drystone wall restoration on the two sides adjoining Danby Low Moor Common. We are delighted that long-standing NYMA members Tim and Gill Redman have stepped forward to sponsor the costs of repairs and maintenance in memory of their son, Jonathan Redman, who died in 2009.

The **Soft Retrofit Project** continues in Castleton, managed by Dave Moore and Bill Bordass. This is looking at ways of managing traditional houses in a more energy efficient way without altering their character. Sophisticated monitoring equipment installed in a number of homes has been gathering data and during the next year results should be available.

Talks, Presentations and Shows: Ray Clarke has continued to deliver a successful programme of talks and presentation to groups across Northeast Yorkshire and beyond, with occasional talks by Janet Cochrane to groups closer to York.

In May we set up stands at the Kirkbymoorside EcoFair and the Malton Rotary Club's 'Involve' event, and later in the summer went to the Ryedale Show at Duncombe Park and Rosedale Show. We generated a lot of interest and recruited members at several of these events, while the speaker's fees and sale of books and magazines on these occasions provide funds for NYMA.

NYMA Awards: During the year the Trustees agreed to make Awards to the Community Earth Project towards the purchase of a 7-acre plot near Castleton to create a community orchard and for biodiversity expansion; to the Friends of Helmsley Railbed for installing a multi-user bridge over Spittle Beck; and to Moorsbus for their 2025 programme.

Hands-on conservation: Trustees (especially Ray Clarke) have continued their practical conservation work, especially in clearing and maintaining public rights-of-way for access.

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

Financial Accounts for the
year ended 31st March 2025

Paul Tranter & Company
Chartered Accountants
Stokesley
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

THE NORTH YORKSHIRE FLOOD ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

Date

1st June 2025

Name

PAUL TRANTER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

FCA (ICAEW)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

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The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

Receipts & Payments Account for the
Financial year ended 31st March 2025

				y/e	y/e
				31.03.25	31.03.24
				£	£
Receipts					
Subscriptions	Members			3,925.00	4,739.00
Book sales	History Tree			487.55	365.90
	Wild Flowers			134.95	465.70
	Voice of the Moors			357.50	375.50
Donations	Main Fund	note 1		14,295.50	7,692.70
Interest				1,206.68	895.86
Total Receipts				<u>20,407.18</u>	<u>14,534.66</u>
Payments					
Insurance				317.60	307.45
AGM				103.96	621.00
Auditor				180.00	180.00
CNP Annual Subscription				277.00	527.00
Retro Soft Fit Project				2,352.02	-
Photocopying & Stationery				58.76	78.94
Postage				422.35	1,106.92
Sundry				110.00	140.74
Secretary Fees & Expenses				4,078.90	3,705.10
Voice' Production				1,682.00	1,804.00
Bank Charges/Paypal fees				128.97	135.62
Website				705.60	676.80
Leaflets NYMA				-	42.00
Conservation Award		note 2		1,000.00	3,500.00
Council Meeting Costs				104.94	60.00
Moors Bus				2,000.00	2,000.00
Membermojo Annual Sub				95.00	-
Total Payments				<u>13,617.10</u>	<u>14,885.57</u>
Surplus for the year transferred to					
General Funds (p/y deficit)				<u>6,790.08</u>	<u>- 350.91</u>

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

Balance Sheet as at
31st March 2025

		31st March 2025		31st March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
CAF Cash account (00007628)	460.88		543.45	
CAF Savings account Main Fund (000084225)	<u>49,936.80</u>		<u>41,982.92</u>	
		50,397.68		42,526.37
PayPal		<u>93.52</u>		<u>1,174.75</u>
		<u>50,491.20</u>		<u>43,701.12</u>

Represented By:

General Fund				
Note 3				
Balance b/f		43,701.12		44,052.03
Surplus for the Year (p/y deficit)		<u>6,790.08</u>		<u>350.91</u>
Balance c/f		<u>50,491.20</u>		<u>43,701.12</u>

Notes:

1 Donations

Donations received included £10,000 grant for the Soft Retrofit Project, and £2,500 from Tinsley Charitable trust (unrestricted).

2 Conservation awards (£1,000)

Awards £1,000 to Friends of Helmsley Rail Bed

3 Donations and Restricted Funds

The Soft Retrofit Project Grant (note 1) is a restricted fund leaving £7,648 c/f.

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Approved by the Committee on

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1169240

Accounts

**North Yorkshire Moors Association
Trustees' Report 2023-2024**

1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number 1169240

Address: c/o Glen Cottage, Carr Lane, Scalby, Scarborough YO13 0SB

President: Ian Carstairs OBE

Trustees as at 20 September 2024

- Tom Chadwick
- Ray Clarke
- Albert Elliot
- Tom Gillum
- Helen Gundry
- Adrian Leaman
- Brian Pearce (Hon. Treasurer)
- Tom Ratcliffe
- John Ritchie
- Colin Speakman
- Andy Wilson
- George Winn-Darley (Acting Chair)
- Elaine Wisdom

Executive Secretary:

- Janet Cochrane

Council of Trustees

The 'Council' is the body which manages NYMA. In addition to the Trustees, there is one Council member - the Executive Secretary - who is not a Trustee. Council members are nominated and seconded by members and elected at the AGM for a three-year term of office, along with the Chair and Vice-Chair who are elected on an annual basis. During 2023-24 we recruited one additional Council member, Tom Gillum, bringing the total number as of mid-September to 14.

George Winn-Darley, formerly Vice-Chair, took over as Acting Chair in Summer 2024 after Adrian Leaman's resignation as Chair due to ill-health.

What we do

- As 'Friends of the North York Moors', NYMA works to safeguard the landscapes, biodiversity and culture of the North York Moors National Park and surrounding areas.
- We carry out projects which foster understanding of the history, culture and environment of the Moors, including publication of the quarterly magazine 'Voice of the Moors'.
- We encourage land-use policies that favour biodiversity and natural beauty and support campaigns for the protection and enhancement of landscapes in National Parks and beyond.
- We scrutinise and influence planning applications for developments in the National Park and campaign against inappropriate ones.
- We support sustainable means of transport.

Introduction

NYMA has carried out a range of activities over the past year, although there have been particular challenges because of the difficulty in filling key posts within the management of the Association. In particular, our Chair Adrian Leaman unfortunately experienced health issues, which prompted his move away from North Yorkshire to a different part of the UK and his resignation as Chair of NYMA. Nevertheless, we have continued with fundraising and recruiting new members and Trustees, and Adrian continues to be involved in working on our projects.

ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Walks & Events: The monthly programme of guided walks, coordinated by Dave Moore, continued throughout the year, supplemented by opportunities to join walks organised by like-minded groups. The varied programme was influenced by the results of the walking survey run the previous year, with some longer and more challenging walks added to the shorter ones. Walks took place in most parts of the national park and beyond, with one walk in the Howardian Hills National Landscape around Nunnington. Highlights included two opportunities to follow the Hanging Stones Trail (featuring installations by landscape artist Andy Goldsworthy) in Northdale; an exploration of Loftus, a town in transition; and an invitation to join in the launch event of the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail, where several NYMA members joined other walkers and horse-riders on a route around 'hamlet churches' in Upper Ryedale and for a special service in the nave of Rievaulx Abbey. In addition, a fascinating visit was arranged to the Helmsley Archaeological Store, run by English Heritage.

We thank all the leaders for their time in not only leading walks but also checking the routes in advance to ensure pleasant and safe walks: Ray Clarke, Janet Cochrane, Albert Elliot, Jane Ellis, David Lewis, Kath Mair, Heather and Colin Mather, Dave and Cal Moore, John and Joan Roberts, and Wendy Smith.

Social activities: The programme of 'Meet the Members' online socials continued throughout last winter, run by Adrian Leaman, and a well-attended Christmas tea-party was an opportunity for members to meet face-to-face. Core members of the walking group also organised their own end-of-year get-together.

'Soft Retrofit', Castleton: Thanks to Adrian Leaman's contacts in the sustainable building sector, NYMA has benefitted from a significant donation to fund a project trialling ways of improving comfort and energy efficiency in traditional buildings. The technical expertise of former Council member Dave Moore is proving invaluable in taking this initiative forward.

Voice of the Moors: 'Voice' continues to be edited by Janet Cochrane. It is distributed free to NYMA members, while Members and staff of the National Park Authority receive copies through a long-running partnership scheme whereby the NPA purchases 50 copies from us each quarter. Copies are on sale to members of the public through the National Park shops at Sutton Bank and Danby Lodge, with back copies available online. Topics covered include natural history, moorland management, art and culture, archaeology, practical conservation, exploring the national park, and policy. A reader commented in April 2024 that the magazine is "Well balanced and informative with many references to current world-wide problems and how they influence our local environment and actions in the North Yorkshire Moors - something of value for all members."

'Voice' could not exist without the many people who kindly contribute articles and photographs on a voluntary basis: in 2023-24 authors and other contributors included Ian Alexander, Derek Capes, Ian

Carstairs, John Cavana, Tom Chadwick, Ray Clarke, Janet Cochrane, Tim and Jane Dunn, Albert Elliot, Mark Ellis, Kate Giles, George Gyte, Mike Gray, Beatrix Elke Kaye, Adrian Leaman, David Lewis, Edward March-Shawcross, Colin Speakman, Martin Partridge, Harry Pearson, Anne Press, Jean Richards, Alan Staniforth, Mel Ullswater.

We continue to benefit from the comprehensive photographic archive compiled by the late Nan Sykes, which she generously bequeathed to NYMA, and we are very grateful to Pascal Thivillon and Nicola Chalton, of Basement Press in Glaisdale, for their indispensable contribution to 'Voice'.

Talks and Recruitment: Ray Clarke has continued to deliver a successful programme of talks and presentation to groups across Northeast Yorkshire and beyond, along with ensuring an occasional presence at local agricultural shows (when finances permit). The speaker's fees and sale of books and magazines on these occasions provide funds for NYMA as well as raising awareness of the Association and the North York Moors.

NYMA Awards: During the year the Trustees decided to rename NYMA's 'Conservation Award' simply as the 'NYMA Award'. We made contributions through the scheme to the 2024 Community Earth Festival run by Nicola Chalton, covering the Esk Valley area and beyond; to the group from Helmsley and Upper Ryedale which devised the St. Aelred's Pilgrim Trail for their guidebook and other essential materials such as waymarks; to the Environet group which has monitored water quality in Upper Danby Dale for over 3 decades to purchase new monitoring equipment; and to Moorsbus for their 2024 programme.

Hands-on conservation: Trustees (especially Ray Clarke) have continued their practical conservation work, especially in clearing and maintaining public rights-of-way for access.

PLANNING AND POLICY

Where resources allow, NYMA makes active contributions to planning and policy affecting the Moors and national parks and nature on a wider canvas. In the past year, for instance, we have been exploring new ways of supporting nature recovery via the WeCan initiative developed by NYMA President Ian Carstairs in Norfolk, which is currently being rolled out across parts of Yorkshire, and we have taken part in events run by the Yorkshire Society, including the annual Yorkshire Heritage Summit, which in 2024 was held in Hull Minster.

NYMA also contributes to national debate on the countryside and rural affairs. In 2024 a working group led by independent transport consultant Jonathan Tyler and including NYMA Trustee Colin Speakman has been looking at the potential in North Yorkshire for integrated transport planning based on Swiss practice in timetable planning. This hopes to influence the policymaking of both the new Labour government and the new North Yorkshire combined authority.

We continue our membership of the Campaign for National Parks (CNP), along with other National Park Societies, but while we support their campaigns such as the current one for ending water pollution in national parks, we have become concerned that some of the more nuanced aspects of policymaking on controversial issues affecting the North York Moors, such as open access and moorland burning, have been overlooked in their latest manifesto statements.

Other major planning topics such as industrial-scale mining have again come to the fore, this year with the scaling back of construction work at the Woodsmith polyhalite project. The issue could now

be the likely collapse of a global market for polyhalite fertiliser, in light of, for example, massive new discoveries of phosphate in Norway.

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Although at the end of the last annual period of reporting we were pleased to have appointed Vic Worrall to replace Brian Pearce as Treasurer, at the start of 2024 Vic sadly had to leave us due to personal circumstances. Brian very kindly continued to manage NYMA's finances while we decided on the next step forward. At the same time, it proved impossible to find anyone to take on the role of Membership Secretary, so Janet Cochrane added the tasks of this role to her other responsibilities on a temporary basis. We eventually decided that a sensible way forward was to combine the roles of Treasurer and Membership Secretary and seek a suitable post-holder on a paid basis, and as the current period of reporting comes to an end, we are cautiously optimistic that a suitable candidate has come forward.

Treasurer's Report (for the year ended 31 March 2024): The year ended with a deficit of £351 (compared to the 2023 deficit £8,400), assisted by a reduction in expenditure of £1,000 and an increase in donations of £6,300.

Donations of £5,000 were received from the Carstairs Countryside Trust, including a grant of £3,500 to be spent on the Nature Recovery project. This is a restricted fund against which no expenditure was recorded in the financial year in question.

Expenditure meeting our charitable objectives amounted to £5,500, consisting of £2,000 to Moorbus, £2,000 to the Friends of Dalby Forest (for the Dry Stone Wall Maze), £1,250 to Upper Ryedale Parishes (for the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail) and £250 to the Community Earth Festival.

Reserves carried forward amount to £43,700, of which £3,500 is a restricted fund as previously mentioned.

We are very grateful that many members generously add donations when they renew their memberships, and for the continuing support of local legal firm Crombie Wilkinson Solicitors, who make a quarterly financial contribution to 'Voice of the Moors' and give NYMA members a discount on fees for legal services. We also thank the North York Moors National Park Authority for their support, including allowing use of the lecture theatre at Danby Lodge free of charge for our AGM.

Special mention is due to the Esk Valley Fell Club, a local running club which Trustee Tom Ratcliffe is a member and which has now made two substantial donations to NYMA funds.

Membership: Member numbers are currently 331 in total, somewhat down on the previous year (370), partly due to some Life members not having responded to an 'opt-in' exercise carried out during the year. Some Life members however have generously renewed as 10-Year members or made additional donations to cover costs.

Membership falls into the following categories (last year's totals in brackets):

- Life: 78 (98)
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- Organisations and Businesses: (4) 5
- Honorary: 2 (4)

NYMA's online membership system (<https://membermojo.co.uk/nyma/>) is working well and saves a good deal of time, although we continue to accommodate non-computer users.

Looking to the future: As new Council members and post-holders take up their roles, we hope that they will soon be able to make a contribution to the energy and activities of NYMA.

NYMA

JC/GWD/AL September 2024

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

**Financial Accounts for the
year ended 31st March 2024**

Paul Tranter & Company
Chartered Accountants
Stokesley
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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

THE NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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Signed

[Signature]

Date

26 June 2024

Name

PAUL TRANTER

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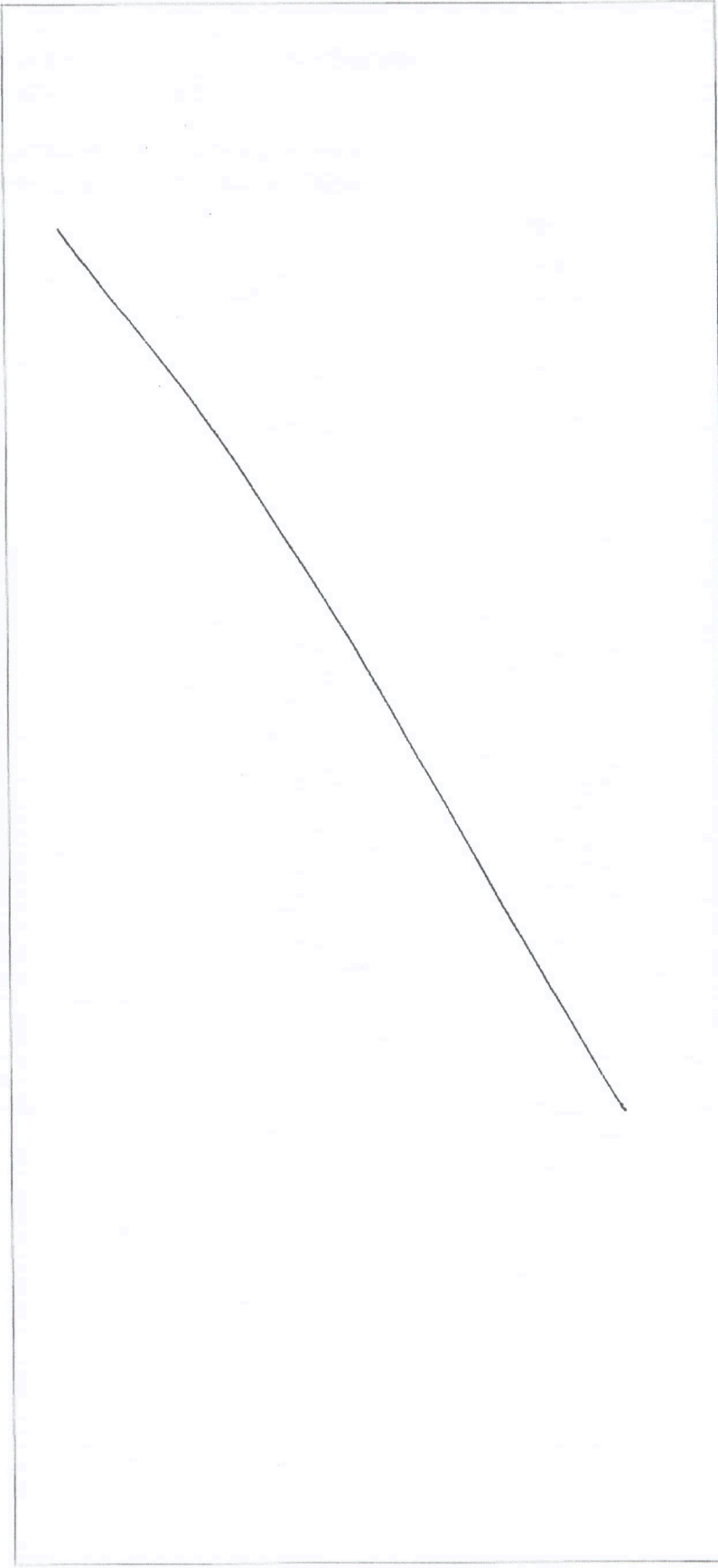
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The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

Receipts & Payments Account for the
Financial year ended 31st March 2024

			y/e 31.03.24 £	y/e 31.03.23 £
Receipts				
Subscriptions	Members		4,739.00	4,256.80
Book sales	History Tree		365.90	576.90
	Wild Flowers		465.70	199.50
	Voice of the Moors		375.50	444.75
Donations	Main Fund	note 1	7,692.70	1,366.03
Gift Aid			-	102.39
Interest			895.86	496.12
Total Receipts			<u>14,534.66</u>	<u>7,442.49</u>
Payments				
Insurance			307.45	263.24
AGM			621.00	131.67
Auditor			180.00	168.00
CNP Annual Subscription			527.00	-
Wild Flowers project			-	1,008.00
Photocopying & Stationery			78.94	183.31
Postage			1,106.92	1,076.66
Sundry			140.74	145.00
Secretary Fees & Expenses			3,705.10	3,795.85
Voice' Production			1,804.00	1,751.80
Bank Charges/Paypal fees			135.62	150.62
Website			676.80	676.80
Leaflets NYMA			42.00	-
Conservation Award		note 2	3,500.00	3,000.00
Council Meeting Costs			60.00	48.00
Moors Bus			2,000.00	2,000.00
National Parks Conference Costs			-	83.76
Battle of Byland Project (Patmore Bequest)			-	1,251.00
Membermojo Annual Sub			-	75.00
Total Payments			<u>14,885.57</u>	<u>15,808.71</u>
Deficit for the year transferred to				
General Funds (p/y deficit)			<u>- 350.91</u>	<u>- 8,366.22</u>

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
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**Balance Sheet as at
31st March 2024**

		31st March 2024		31st March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
CAF Cash account (00007628)	543.45		1,358.69	
CAF Savings account Main Fund (000084225)	<u>41,982.92</u>		<u>41,589.97</u>	
		42,526.37		42,948.66
PayPal		<u>1,174.75</u>		<u>1,103.37</u>
		<u>43,701.12</u>		<u>44,052.03</u>

Represented By:

General Fund	Note 1		
Balance b/f		44,052.03	52,418.25
Deficit for the Year (p/y deficit)		- 350.91	- 8,366.22
Balance c/f		<u>43,701.12</u>	<u>44,052.03</u>

Notes:

1 Donations and Restricted Funds

Donations received included £5,000 Carstairs Countryside Trust of which £3,500 is a restricted fund specified for the nature recovery project .

2 Conservation awards (£3,500)

Awards include £2,000 Friends of Dalby Forest, £1,250 Upper Ryedale Parish, and £250 Community Earth Festival.

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George Mann-Daley

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[Signature]

Approved by the Committee on *16/7/24*

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1169240

Accounts

North Yorkshire Moors Association

Trustees' Report 2022-2023

1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registered Charity Number 1169240
Address: c/o Glen Cottage, Carr Lane, Scalby, Scarborough YO13 0SB

President of the Association: Ian Carstairs OBE

Trustees at 30 September 2023

Tom Chadwick
Ray Clarke
Albert Elliot
Helen Gundry
Adrian Leaman (Chair)
Brian Pearce (Hon. Treasurer)
Tom Ratcliffe
Colin Speakman
Andy Wilson
George Winn-Darley (Vice-chair)
Elaine Wisdom

Executive Secretary:

Janet Cochrane

The 'Council' is the body which manages NYMA. In addition to the Trustees, there is one Council member - the Executive Secretary - who is not a Trustee. Council members are nominated and seconded by members and elected at the AGM for a three-year term of office, along with the Chair and Vice-Chair who are elected on an annual basis.

NYMA has a Council representative on the Council of the Campaign for National Parks (CNP).

What we do

- As 'Friends of the North York Moors', NYMA works to safeguard the landscapes, biodiversity and culture of the North York Moors National Park and surrounding areas.
- We scrutinise and influence planning applications for developments in the National Park and campaign against inappropriate ones.
- We support sustainable means of transport.
- We carry out projects which foster understanding of the history, culture and environment of the Moors.
- We encourage land-use policies that favour biodiversity and natural beauty.
- We support campaigns for the protection and enhancement of landscapes in National Parks and beyond.
- We publish 'Voice of the Moor', a quarterly journal.

Introduction

Given the changes to governance and administration introduced in 2021-2022, the past year has been concerned with consolidation as well as engaging in a variety of activities. The Trustees have an exceptional range of knowledge and experience which we are able to draw on in dealing with the many policy challenges that affect the North York Moors and National Parks nationally, and they also carry out practical activities.

ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Battle of Byland Memorial: A highlight of the year was the Battle of Byland 700th anniversary commemoration in October 2022 at Sutton Bank, which included the unveiling of the battlefield memorial. NYMA was key to facilitating this through our energetic support for the project and the legacy of Professor Allan Patmore.

National Parks Societies Conference 2022: Adrian Leaman attended the annual National Parks Societies Conference on behalf of NYMA. This was held in Snowdonia in October 2022 and was concerned primarily with the reforms and projects stimulated by the Welsh Government's enlightened treatment of their landscapes and environment.

Voice of the Moors: 'Voice', now at issue no. 152, is an enduring and respected record of remarkable quality under the editorship of Janet Cochrane. It is distributed not only to NYMA members (paper copies or digitally) but also to Members and employees of the National Park Authority, as well as being on sale to members of the public, with back copies available online. Topics covered are broad in scope and include natural history, culture and social history, practical conservation and walking, and policy.

We would like to record our thanks to Pascal Thivillon and Nicola Chalton, of Basement Press in Glaisdale, for their invaluable and voluntary support on the production side of 'Voice', and to the many contributory authors and photographers.

Online 'Meet the Members' winter socials: We have made greater efforts to involve our members as a resource and to create a better sense of community, partly through introducing online 'Meet the Members' socials. These were experimental to give our members a winter social activity. Instead of having guest speakers from outside NYMA, we drew the guests from our own membership. It was fascinating and inspiring to hear life stories from Ian Carstairs, Jamie Walton, Kate Ashbrook, Janet Cochrane and Colin Speakman. The socials were well-attended and well-received. They will continue in winter 2023/4, on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Walks and Events: NYMA's programme of monthly walks has continued, often centred on the history of the areas where the walks take place, and overseen by Dave Moore. The extraordinarily wet weather during some months unfortunately played its part in disrupting some and causing cancellations in others. We thank the walk leaders including Albert Elliot, Jane Ellis, Kath Mair, Dave and Cal Moore, and Wendy Smith for their support and commitment.

December 2022 saw our annual Christmas get-together of people active in the walking group, Trustees, and other members.

Talks and Recruitment: Led by Ray Clarke with Janet Cochrane also contributing, NYMA has a vigorous talks programme. Sixteen presentations were made across Northeast Yorkshire and the York area to groups such as the Women's Institute and Probus, often with audiences of 50 or more people. NYMA also had a presence at local agricultural and country shows: Duncombe Park, Thornton Le Dale, Kildale and Castleton. These events

help not only to raise some much-needed funds for NYMA, but also to raise awareness of the importance of the North York Moors as a protected landscape. The talks have raised over £1100 in the past year.

Conservation Awards: We have contributed to the construction of the fascinating drystone wall maze in Dalby Forest and to the Community Earth Festival run by Nicola Chalton in April-June 2023, covering the Esk Valley area and beyond. We have also given further support to the Moorsbus programme, both to support the bus schedule and to facilitate access by less physically able people.

Moorsbus: NYMA continues to support Moorsbus at a time when their services are needed more than ever. The relentless undermining of rural transport makes their task harder and their future more perilous. We thank NYMA Trustee Helen Gundry for her work for Moorsbus.

Hands-on conservation: Some Council members work with other local groups, such as the Ryedale Bridleways Group, to maintain and clear public rights-of-way in the National Park.

PLANNING AND POLICY

Campaign for National Parks: NYMA has engaged more fully with the Campaign for National Parks (CNP) events and campaigns over the period with particular focus on the planning and environmental topics most of concern in the Moors area. These include a watching brief on National Marine Parks, the Teesport Freeport development, rural transport, projects concerned with carbon capture and storage, renewable energy planning, and more. Where possible, we field representation at CNP's events, especially those that are held online, and make active contributions.

Government's response to the Landscapes Review: Continuing from 2022, NYMA has commented to Defra on its response to the 2021 Landscapes Review of National Parks and AONBs (the 'Glover Report'). In the current era of rapid, unpredictable change, it is vital that NYMA has a clear understanding of what we consider to be the special qualities of our area of interest and upcoming threats to it. We prefer a realistic case-by-case approach to, for example, wildfires, flooding, access, public transport, affordable housing, population decline, privatisation and tourism.

Government's proposals on permissive development changes affecting National Parks: NYMA responded to the recent request for comments by saying: "This is a destructive proposal socially, economically and environmentally which the North Yorkshire Moors Association deplors. You say that you wish to 'support the delivery of the right homes in the right places across England'. But liberalising planning controls in National Parks to allow changes in use on buildings such as barns and other traditional buildings not only undermines the ethos of landscape protection; targets the wrong buildings, in the wrong places, for the wrong people; and threatens the ability of National Park administrations to function coherently in the public interest. As one of our members has said: "If someone had written a policy to destroy a National Park, the Government's proposal would be it". We fully support the views of the North York Moors National Park and the Campaign for National Parks in condemning these proposals. We should also add that publishing these consultation documents in the middle of the holiday season in August puts the voluntary sector, especially, at a considerable disadvantage in providing a detailed and considered response."

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Finance: NYMA's finances have been stable in recent years with a good cash reserve, although we are aware that any further ambitions will require new sources of finance. Areas under regular review include the potential for more legacies, partnering more closely with other organisations on joint projects, an expanded membership, grant aid, book sales, greater efforts to secure donations, help and ideas from our existing members, plus several more. Many members generously add donations when they renew their memberships, and through the connections of one of our Trustees – a fell-runner - we were delighted to receive a generous donation from the Esk Valley Fell Club <https://eskvalleyfellclub.org/>.

Officers of NYMA: Mid-way through the year our Hon. Treasurer of ten years' standing, Brian Pearce, announced his intention to stand down at the next AGM. After a long search, we were pleased to be able to find someone to step into Brian's shoes, and have accordingly appointed Vic Worrall, a retired local businessman who has long been active in the charity sector. The process of handover is under way. We have not unfortunately been able to find a Membership Secretary to replace Cal Moore so Janet Cochrane has taken over this function for the time being, with the technical support of Adrian Leaman.

Membership: Membership numbers are currently 370 in total. They fall into the following categories:

Life: 38

Life (Joint): 60

Annual: 169

Annual (Joint): 95

Annual Digital, Individual and Joint (UK and International): 26

10-Year: 57

10-Year (Joint): 16

Organisations and Businesses: 5

Honorary: 4

Because of rising inflation, the Life categories for new members were abolished in accordance with the resolution passed at the October 2022 AGM. *They remain for existing Life members.* Some Life members have kindly renewed in the 10-Year categories or made additional donations to cover costs.

Our ambition is to increase member numbers because these are our primary source of regular income. At present the position is stable with little change year-on-year. Given the current economic climate in Britain this could probably be claimed as an achievement, but we view it more as a challenge for next year.

NYMA's online membership system (<https://membermojo.co.uk/nyma/>) has been in use for over a year. The transfer from the previous system has been smooth for the most part. Although the majority of our members use browsers on their computers and smartphones and have email addresses, there are members who prefer to stay with older methods, and NYMA continues to accommodate non-computer users, though we prefer to use the online system as it saves us money. We are happy to provide assistance should members need it.

Other points of note: NYMA makes occasional use of three social media outlets: Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, in addition to its website and emailed newsletter.

NYMA website: <https://www.nyma.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wildaboutthemoors/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nymoorsassoc>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBfMZ6ObPJ3skKNogQx6GqQ>

OUTLOOK

This report was written soon after the month of September 2023 was declared as the greatest climate anomaly ever experienced worldwide. Given that we are experiencing three global crises - climate change, biodiversity collapse and food security - all of which affect our local landscape and economy to a greater or lesser extent, what action is NYMA taking?

Our main response in 2023-24 is to partner with the Carstairs Countryside Trust (CCT), the prime mover of 'WeCan', a nature recovery project aimed at raising awareness and changing behaviour of ordinary people in local communities. The places 'WeCan' works in at present include Harleston in Norfolk, villages in the Lower Derwent Valley, and (potentially) communities in the North York Moors and its vicinity. WeCan takes a simple, non-bureaucratic approach which aims to be inclusive for grassroots individuals and smaller organisations who, like NYMA, do not have the resources to engage with bigger-budget projects. Some members will remember a previous joint initiative with CCT, the Cornfield Flowers project (<https://cctorg.uk/cornfield-flowers/>). Deliberately a simple proposition, WeCan tackles the most demanding problem of all - changing human habits and behaviour to create a better balanced and less damaged natural environment in order to bring back species abundance.

In 2022-23 we spent a lot of time engaging with policy issues affecting protected landscapes, including comments on the Landscapes Review and more recently threats of changes to the planning laws affecting National Parks (as described above). What's next? As well as species diversity loss, climate change, and the hollowing out of small-scale agriculture, we can add the lack of affordable housing in National Parks, the continuing loss of population in Moors villages, the threat of Freeport liberalisation within National Park boundaries, the prospect of calls for new Marine National Parks, and the possibility that a new designation may be in store for the Yorkshire Wolds, just to the south of the North York Moors. Any or all of these, and more, may become live topics for campaigning or project development in the near future.

NYMA

AL/JC October 2023

**The North Yorkshire Moors Association
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed

[Signature]

Date

25th May 2023

Name

P. A. TRANTER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

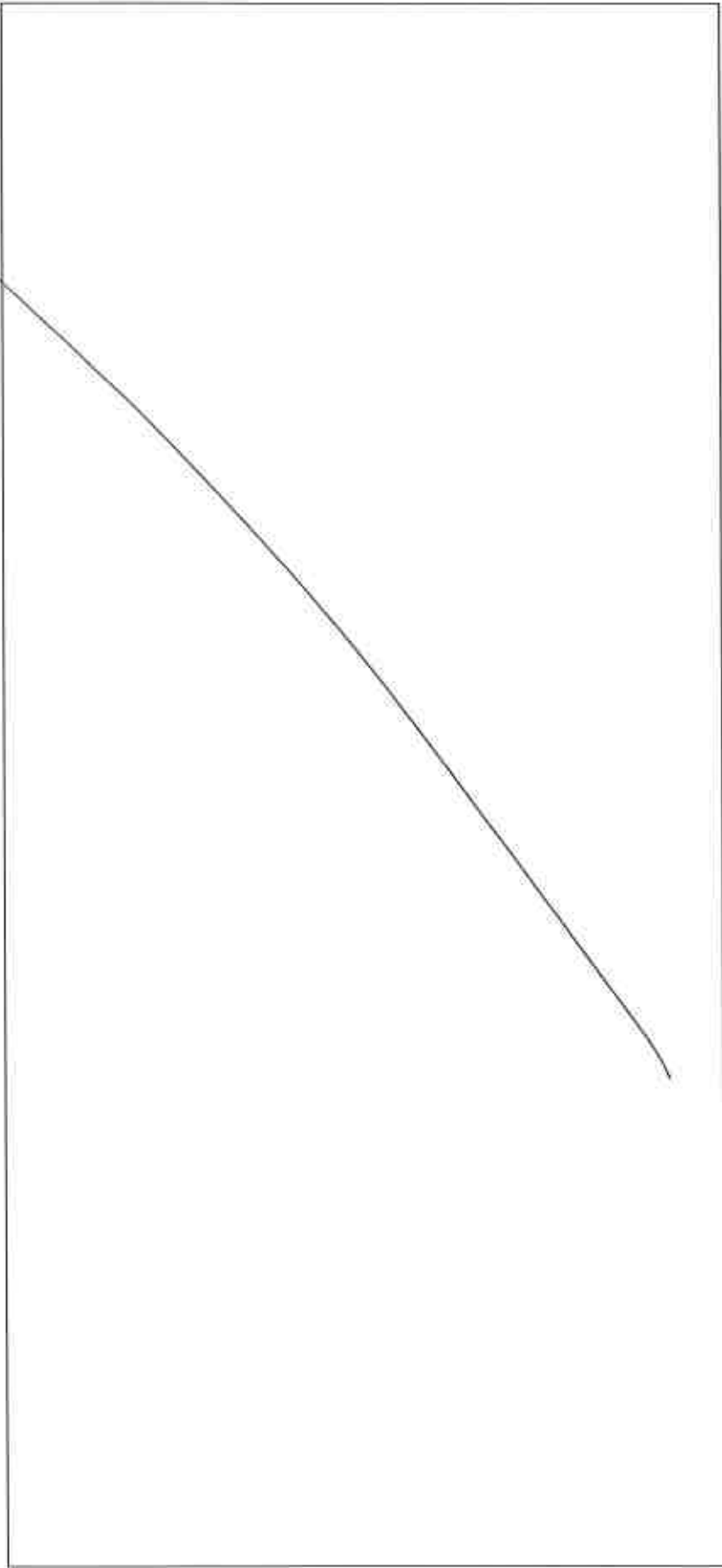
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Financial year ended 31st March 2023

		y/e 31.03.23 £	y/e 31.03.22 £
Receipts			
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Book sales	History Tree	576.90	60.50
	Wild Flowers	199.50	421.71
	Voice of the Moors	444.75	-
NP Conference	Delegates	-	9,020.00
Donations	President's Fund	-	-
	Main Fund	1,366.03	2,515.26
Gift Aid		102.39	639.92
Interest		496.12	3.13
Total Receipts		<u>7,442.49</u>	<u>17,303.52</u>
Payments			
Insurance		263.24	250.00
AGM		131.67	-
Auditor		168.00	168.00
CNP Annual Subscription		-	277.00
Wild Flowers project		1,008.00	-
Photocopying & Stationery		183.31	109.65
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Sundry		145.00	220.00
Secretary Fees & Expenses		3,795.85	3,887.42
Voice' Production		1,751.80	1,896.00
Bank Charges/Paypal fees		150.62	125.77
Website		676.80	676.80
President's Fund Award		-	-
Conservation Award	note 2	3,000.00	2,250.00
Council Meeting Costs		48.00	72.90
Moors Bus	note 1	2,000.00	2,000.00
National Parks Conference Costs		83.76	6,813.26
Battle of Byland Project (Patmore Bequest)	note 3	1,251.00	786.00
Membermojo Annual Sub		75.00	-
Total Payments		<u>15,808.71</u>	<u>20,819.94</u>
Deficit for the year transferred to			
General Funds (p/y deficit)		<u>- 8,366.22</u>	<u>- 3,516.42</u>

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

Balance Sheet as at
31st March 2023

	£	31st March 2023 £	£	31st March 2022 £
Current Assets				
Yorkshire Bank (2867030)		-		5,588.87
CAF Cash account (00007628)	1,358.69		1,183.16	
CAF Savings account Main Fund (000084225)	41,589.97		10,028.30	
Presidents Fund	-		<u>314.30</u>	
		<u>42,948.66</u>		11,525.76
PayPal		1,103.37		303.52
Shawbrook Bank		-		<u>35,000.00</u>
		<u>44,052.03</u>		<u>52,418.15</u>

Represented By:

General Fund	Note 4			
Balance b/f		52,418.69		55,934.69
Deficit for the Year (p/y deficit)		<u>- 8,366.22</u>		<u>- 3,516.44</u>
Balance c/f		<u>44,052.47</u>		<u>52,418.25</u>

Notes:

1 Moor Bus Project

Laughton Legacy & other designated donations were fully exhausted during y/e 31st March 2020
 However a further £2,000 was donated to this project this year.

2 Conservation awards (£3,000)

The Bruce Wake Charity grant of £2,000 together with a fund allocation of £1,000 are contributions
 towards the provision of an accessible bus stop at the NYMAPA Centre at Danby.

3 Battle of Byland Project

The Patmore Bequest (£2,500 2018/19) was used to to create a memorial to the Battle of Byland.
 £1,251 of the balance was expended 2022/23.

4 Donations and Restricted Funds

All restricted funds have now been exhausted

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Approved by the Committee on

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1169240

Accounts

North Yorkshire Moors Association Trustees' Report 2021-2022

September 2021-August 2022

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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President of the Association: Ian Carstairs OBE

Trustees at August 2022

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Raymond Clarke
Albert Elliot
Helen Gundry
Adrian Leaman (Interim Chair)
Gerard McElwee
Brian Pearce (Hon. Treasurer)
Thomas Ratcliffe
John Ritchie
Colin Speakman
Andy Wilson
George Winn-Darley (Interim Vice-chair)
Elaine Wisdom

Executive Secretary: Janet Cochrane

During the course of the year, Cal Moore and Dave Moore stood down as Trustees after many years' service. We are very pleased that they remain active within the Association. Ann Glass also stood down, and we are very grateful for her contribution over the time she stood as a Trustee.

The Association's governance is based on the its 2016 Constitution, written when it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and amended in 2020.

The 'Council' is the body which manages the Association. In addition to the Trustees, there is one Council member - the Executive Secretary - who is not a Trustee. Council members are nominated and seconded by members and elected annually at the AGM along with the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Council members may also be co-opted during the year, between AGMs.

The Association has a representative on the Council of the Campaign for National Parks (CNP).

Introduction

As might be expected, disruption from the Covid pandemic affected the routine work of NYMA in 2020-2021, but by October 2021 things had stabilised enough for us to be able to successfully host a 'face-to-face' National Park Societies conference at Cloughton, near Scarborough. This gave us both the focus and impetus to think about NYMA's own priorities in a wider context: our own organisational structure, and our relationships with the North York Moors National Park Authority

(NYMNPA), the other 11 national park societies, the umbrella charity - the Campaign for National Parks - and the Government's evolving policies on national parks and other protected landscapes in the UK. These activities, which resulted in an intense six-month period, are covered in more detail in the following sections. They include:

- A reformed Council with a new governance structure
- Policy review papers for Defra and NYMNPA
- New social media channels
- Changes in membership administration
- Exploring the potential for partnering with like-minded Yorkshire charities in the heritage sector
- Greater efforts to secure new members in businesses and small organisations
- Experiments with evening 'awareness-raising' webinars
- More talks about NYMA to local organisations
- A financial review, given the need to expand our capacity and capabilities
- Recruiting new Council members with expertise in critical areas.

Finance

These ambitions, though, need to be underpinned with sound finances. Although NYMA's finances have been stable in recent years with a good cash reserve, we are aware that new ambitions will require new or expanded sources of finance. A cash flow projection carried out in March 2022 showed that, as a minimum, we need extra funds to support administrative costs. As a result, we are in the process of carrying out a financial review. Areas under review include the potential for more legacies, such as the recent Patmore bequest (see below); partnering more closely with other organisations on joint projects; an expanded membership and the possibility of new or reduced membership categories; grant aid and greater efforts to secure donations; book sales; help and ideas from our existing members; and several more.

Membership

Membership numbers are closely linked to NYMA's financial fortunes, as these are our main source of funds. We currently (August 2022) have 371 members across the following categories: Annual (177), Ten-Year (52) and Life (104) memberships (all of which may be linked to family members or friends as a Joint membership), plus digital options for people who prefer to receive 'Voice of the Moors' in pdf format rather than paper (38). Unfortunately, the 156 members (one-third of the total) who fall into the 10-year and Life member categories are a net cost to NYMA because of rising costs and inflation, so we will be examining whether to discontinue or revise these options for new members. They will remain for existing members.

Activities, Projects and Events in 2021-22

National Parks Societies Conference 2021: 'The Future of National Parks': NYMA hosted this event on 10-12 October 2021, an annual conference bringing together members and officers of the UK National Parks Societies and the CNP. Janet Cochrane organised the event, and is to be

congratulated on her tenacity in overcoming obstacles created by the pandemic. Other contributions from NYMA came from Ian Carstairs and Colin Speakman who acted as session hosts, from Andy Wilson who was one of the speakers and later joined NYMA's Council, and from Adrian Leaman who recorded the sessions and later edited them for NYMA's new YouTube channel. Other speakers were Kate Ashbrook (Open Spaces Society), Debbie Trebilco (North Yorkshire Rural Commission), Tom Hind (North York Moors National Park Authority), Susan Briggs (North Yorkshire Tourism Network), David Steel (Dawnay Estates), David Rooke (Yorkshire and Derwent Catchment Partnership) and Steve Race (Yorkshire Coast Nature). All the talks and Q&A sessions may be found on NYMA's YouTube channel. In addition, a programme of field trips and visits to the coast, moors and North York Moors Railway was hosted by Alan Staniforth, Tammy Naylor, Kerry Fieldhouse, George Thompson and George Winn-Darley, with essential contributions from Dave Moore, Robin Chapman, and Janet Cochrane who drove the minibuses.

Battle of Byland Memorial: Made possible by a generous donation to NYMA by the late Professor Allan Patmore, a former Vice-President of NYMA, a memorial stone (kindly donated by NYMA trustee George Winn-Darley) and an interpretation board are now in place on the Sutton Bank escarpment at Roulston Scar near the National Park Visitor Centre. The stone has a plaque commemorating the battle in this area between the English and Scots in October 1322, ready for a day of commemorative activities in October 2022. The project is a collaboration between NYMA and the National Park Authority and was driven forward by Volunteer Ranger Harry Pearson. It is a marvellous example of how legacy funding contributes to enduring cultural heritage.

Walks: Our programme of monthly walks returned to normal after the pandemic hiatus. Dave Moore has taken over the organisational role from Heather Mather. We thank Heather, and all other walk leaders: Wendy Smith, Cal and Dave Moore, Kath Mair, John and Joan Roberts, Albert Elliot, Janet Cochrane and Robin Chapman for their support and commitment. In addition, we organised a Moors-themed guided walk for a group of British Asian women during the summer of 2022.

Talks and Recruitment: Led by Ray Clarke with contributions from Janet Cochrane, NYMA now has an active talks programme, with presentations (since pandemic restrictions were lifted) to a variety of local groups as well as branches of larger organisations such as the WI, RSPB and Soroptimist International. The events are extremely useful as a way of raising awareness of NYMA and our work, meeting members and recruiting new ones, and generating some funds. We also ran a highly successful Zoom-based talk and Q&A in January 2022 on the responsible retrofitting of traditional buildings, with over 60 participants. We plan to continue with Zoom sessions on winter evenings, with a convivial and relaxed approach, so that we may understand more about and contribute to our members' love of the moors.

Voice of the Moors: 'Voice', now at issue no. 148, is an enduring and highly respected record of remarkable quality and remains under the editorship of Janet Cochrane. We would like to record our thanks to Pascal Thivillon, of Basement Press in Glaisdale, for his invaluable and voluntary support on the production side of 'Voice', and to the many other volunteers who contribute articles on a wide range of topics. On a sombre note, we were saddened by the passing in December of former 'Voice' editor Sharon Artley, whose touchstone was stunning images of wildlife, especially birds.

Conservation Awards: Over the past year we have made awards to the Silver Seals group of volunteer rangers for their work in maintaining public rights-of-way, to the Ryedale Bridleways Group for improving equestrian access in the national park, and to Moor Sustainable, for running community apple-pressing workshops in the Esk Valley.

Moorsbus: Not strictly a NYMA activity, but NYMA is a close ally and supporter in the form of an annual donation. Sustainable transport and public access to the National Park in all forms are high on our list of priorities.

Planning and policy

North York Moors Authority Draft Management Plan: NYMA responded in depth to the NYMNP's request for comments on their draft management plan. We are fortunate in having a knowledgeable and experienced planning and policy group (with contributions from George Winn-Darley, Colin Speakman, Tom Chadwick, Andy Wilson and Helen Gundry). NYMA members may download our response from the Members-only home page of <https://membermojo.co.uk/nyma/membershome>. As a user group we are regarded, one park official said, as the North York Moors National Park's 'most critical friend'.

Government's response to the Landscapes Review: In the same vein, NYMA has commented to Defra on its response to the 2021 'Glover' Landscapes Review of National Parks and AONBs, which is about the future of protected landscapes. In the current era of rapid, unpredictable change, it is vital that NYMA has a clear understanding of what we consider to be the special qualities of our area of interest and upcoming threats to it. We prefer a realistic case-by-case approach to, for example, wildfires, flooding, access, public transport, affordable housing, population decline, privatisation and tourism. If we disagree, for instance, about the use and repair of green lanes, we will put both sides of an argument rather than trying to find middle ground. NYMA's comments on Defra/Glover may also be found on our Members'-only home page - <https://membermojo.co.uk/nyma/membershome>.

The Campaign for National Parks (CNP): This is the umbrella organisation, based in London, campaigning for national parks in England and Wales, drawing on support from the eleven national park societies, of which NYMA is one. NYMA's support for CNP is normally not seen by our membership, but an important part of it is an annual financial levy based on membership numbers. We support CNP's strategy meetings, webinars and requests whenever we can. Their current (2022) theme is 'green recovery' - <https://www.cnp.org.uk>.

Governance

New management structure

Introduced in January 2022, NYMA's new management structure underpins our determination to make improvements in the following areas.

- Clarifies Trustees' role within the legal framework of the Charities Commission.

- Utilises to better advantage the skills and enthusiasms of trustees, officers, members and volunteers.
- Improves membership contact and cooperation within NYMA and with other National Park Societies.
- Looks to create new partnerships with organisations of all kinds that share the same values and objectives.
- Takes a long-term view, especially with respect to upcoming challenges that affect national parks and the countryside.
- Creates a funding base which supports a growing membership across wider demographic and social groups.
- Helps improve and coordinate in-house management of data, methods and procedures.
- Helps spread officer and trustee workload, and improves communication between them.

In essence we have re-organised the day-to-day work of NYMA into the three working groups:

1. Practical activities seen by members and the wider public.
2. Planning and policy development, normally carried out in-house.
3. Governance and finance.

These working groups report to Council on a quarterly basis. Council Trustees then sign off (or refer back) what has been done. In the past, all these were merged together, in some instances blurring responsibilities and functions.

The new structure document may be found at <https://membermojo.co.uk/nyma/membershome> .

New membership system

We have begun using a new and more automated member management system which has several advantages compared to the former one, which was highly labour-intensive. This was partly stimulated by the resignation of our volunteer Membership Secretary, Cal Moore, who did a fantastic job over several years with very limited resources.

The essential differences are that NYMA members have greater access to their own data, the system automatically deals with payments and renewals, a NYMA 'shop' is added, and members may communicate with each other more easily. We are using a British system specially designed for the requirements of smaller charities and organisations with smaller budgets, so its emphasis is on usability. More details, including security arrangements, may be found at <https://membermojo.co.uk/> or in your own member area once you are signed in.

Important: Although the majority of our members use browsers on their computers and smartphones and have email addresses, there are members who prefer to stay with older methods. NYMA will continue to use methods that are currently in place, so that non-computer users are also accommodated. If possible, though, we prefer that you use the online system, and are happy to provide assistance should you need it. In particular, please provide your email address if we do not already have it.

Other points of note

Social media: NYMA now has three social media outlets: Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, in addition to its website and emailed newsletter.

NYMA website: <https://www.nyma.org.uk>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wildaboutthemoors/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nymoorsassoc>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBfMZ6ObPJ3skKNogQx6GqQ>

Outlook

NYMA is faced with many new challenges. Post-Covid our response to them has been vigorous.

We need to expand our membership to generate new income, but also to bring the experience of the glories of our national park to a wider audience.

The special qualities of the Moors are under threat through the uncertain consequences of climate warming, but also through new interventions and administrative changes by government, some welcome, some not so.

A great deal of popular emphasis is currently being given to bringing back biodiversity in the name of climate mitigation and human wellbeing, as well as species restitution. But in the context of 'protected' landscapes, we have to be clear about consequences. What is 'appropriate', where and when? NYMA is keen to have indisputable evidence on a case-by-case basis to help us make up our minds.

New technologies in the name of greening energy supply - solar photo-voltaic arrays, onshore wind turbines, geothermal boreholes, carbon capture and storage schemes - all these, and others, have implications for the visual landscape, and many may be sited in the uplands.

Existing downward trends, such as the loss of public transport access and continuing population decline in Moors' communities, all connected with low investment in public assets like affordable housing, together contribute to accelerating socio-economic decline.

Then there are existential threats already with us like wildfires, flooding and neglected maintenance of historic assets such as footpaths, bridleways, restricted byways, and green lanes.

Too gloomy or just realistic? NYMA has a relentlessly realistic outlook in the face of uncertainties out of our control. Our members love the Moors, and want to stay in love with them. NYMA continues to be a friendly watchdog for those at the sharp end of managing change in the Moors landscape.

AL/JC 31 August, 2022

**The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240**

**Financial Accounts for the
year ended 31st March 2022**

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
THE NORTH YORKSHIRE FLOORS ASSOCIATION

On accounts for the year ended

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Signed

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26th May 2022

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The North Yorkshire Moors Association
CIO No: 1169240

Receipts & Payments Account for the
Financial year ended 31st March 2022

		y/e 31.03.22 £	y/e 31.03.21 £
Receipts			
Subscriptions	Members	4,643.00	4,630.60
Book sales	History Tree	60.50	108.65
	Wild Flowers	421.71	895.15
NP Conference	Delegates	9,020.00	-
Donations	President's Fund	-	-
	Main Fund	2,515.26	3,800.20
		note 5	
Gift Aid		639.92	856.33
Interest		3.13	21.72
Total Receipts		<u>17,303.52</u>	<u>10,312.65</u>
Payments			
Insurance		250.00	247.47
AGM		-	14.36
Auditor		168.00	156.00
CNP Annual Subscription		277.00	277.00
Wild Flowers project		-	938.52
Photocopying & Stationery		109.65	93.47
Postage		1,287.14	684.56
Sundry		220.00	85.00
Secretary Fees & Expenses		3,887.42	189.70
Voice' Production		1,896.00	2,345.80
Park Wood		-	80.00
Bank Charges/Paypal fees		125.77	117.59
Website		676.80	676.80
President's Fund Award		-	1,000.00
Conservation Award		2,250.00	-
		note 3	
Council Meeting Costs		72.90	15.54
Moors Bus		2,000.00	-
		note 1	
National Parks Conference Costs		6,813.26	-
		note 2	
Battle of Byland Project (Patmore Bequest)		786.00	-
		note 4	
Total Payments		<u>20,819.94</u>	<u>6,921.81</u>
Deficit for the year transferred to			
General Funds (p/y surplus)		<u>- 3,516.42</u>	<u>3,390.84</u>

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
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Balance Sheet as at
31st March 2022

		31st March 2022		31st March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Yorkshire Bank (2867030)		5,588.87		3,493.97
CAF Cash account (00007628)	1,183.16		4,046.96	
CAF Savings account Main Fund (000084225)	10,028.30		47,225.17	
Presidents Fund	<u>314.30</u>		<u>314.30</u>	
		11,525.76		51,586.43
PayPal		303.52		854.29
Shawbrook Bank		<u>35,000.00</u>		-
		<u>52,418.15</u>		<u>55,934.69</u>

Represented By:

General Fund	Note 5		
Balance b/f		55,934.69	52,543.85
Deficit for the Year (p/y surplus)		- 3,516.44	<u>3,390.84</u>
Balance c/f		<u>52,418.25</u>	<u>55,934.69</u>

Notes:

1 Moor Bus Project

Laughton Legacy & other designated donations were fully exhausted during y/e 31st March 2020
However a further £2,000 was donated to this project this year.

2 NP Conference

The deposit paid to Cober Hill in 2019/20 was deferred until 2021/22.

3 Conservation awards (£2,250)

Awards were £1,050 Camphill Shared Lives Community, £600 to Silver Seals, £250 to Rydales
Bridleway Group, and £350 to Moor Sustainable.

4 Battle of Byland Project

The Patmore Bequest (£2,500 2018/19) will be used to to create a memorial to the Battle of Byland.
The balance at 31.03.22 (£1,714) will be expended 2022/23.

5 Donations and Restricted Funds

The Bruce Wake Charity grant of £2,000 together with a fund allocation of £1,000 are contributions
towards the provision of an accessible bus stop at the NYMA Centre Danby. Further funds have
been promised to enable this project to be completed

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Approved by the Committee on

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS ASSOCIATION

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Accounts

North Yorkshire Moors Association Trustees Report 2020-2021

The North Yorkshire Moors Association

Trustees' Report for the period September 2020 to August 2021

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Registered Charity Number 1169240

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President of the Association: Ian Carstairs OBE

Trustees at September 2021

Tom Chadwick (Chairman)

Albert Elliot

Ann Glass

Dave Moore (Vice Chairman)

Carolyn Moore (Membership Secretary)

Brian Pearce (Hon. Treasurer)

Colin Speakman

Elaine Wisdom

George Winn-Darley

Executive Secretary: Janet Cochrane

Minutes Secretary: Helen Gundry

Other Council members:

Sharon Artley (to April 2020)

Raymond Clarke

Adrian Leaman

Structure, Governance and Management

The Association's governance is based on its 2016 Constitution, written when it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The "Council" is the body which manages the Association. In addition to the Trustees, there are three Council members and a Secretary who are not Trustees. Council members are nominated and seconded by members and elected annually at the AGM along with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Association has a Council representative on the Council of the Campaign for National Parks (CNP).

Introduction

In September 2020 the AGM was held as a remote online meeting because of Covid-19 restrictions so we welcome the opportunity to meet this year face to face – although one advantage of the on-line meeting was that it enabled an overseas member from Connecticut, USA, to join us.

Reducing the risk from the Covid-19 virus has been a high priority for us during the past year, and quarterly Council meetings as well as other meetings have been held online or by telephone.

Due to the pandemic some of our other activities have been curtailed over the last year, principally our walks and events programme and our continuing support for Moorsbus, which has been affected by a reduced timetable.

NYMA Constitution

A change to our Constitution agreed in 2020 has been confirmed by the Charities Commission and is now in place. The change refers to Clause 17 of our constitution "Taking of Decisions by Trustees" and represents a minor but important change.

Finances

At the year ending March 2021 our financial position was sound, with substantial reserves. A decision was made during the year to reduce the reserve and to direct more funds to our revised Conservation Awards Scheme, which offers awards on a rolling basis throughout the year rather than just once. In view of the continuing low interest rates some of our cash was transferred to a new account with a better yield than the existing CAF Bank account: £35,000 was moved to Shawbrook Bank. The year-end balance shows a total of £55,934,69. Members' subscriptions amounted to £4,630, a slight decrease over the previous year, while book sales raised £1013.80. Production of 'Voice of the Moors' continues to be a major expense which together with postage amounted to £3,029 - this also reflects an increase in the cost of postage. A further major item of expenditure was a contribution to re-print of the 'Wild Flowers of North East Yorkshire' (£938.52).

Meetings

NYMA Council meetings were held online on October 6th 2020 and on January 19th, April 20th, and July 27th 2021. A CNP meeting was held virtually on 17th March. Other virtual meetings have included two Defra follow-up meetings connected to the National Landscapes Review, meetings concerning the forthcoming revised National Park Management Plan, and phone meetings with National Park CEO Tom Hind. A meeting concerning the Battle of Byland Project was held face-to-face once restrictions were relaxed. Council members Ray Clarke and Janet Cochrane have given talks and presentations (both virtual and face-to-face) to several organisations to extend awareness of the work of NYMA. This is a significant and much appreciated new initiative, led by Ray.

Membership

Cal Moore has continued her excellent and thorough work as Membership Secretary. The membership report for the period ending 30th June 2021 shows a total of 386 members. There has been an increase in Gift Membership and also in people taking out a 10-year subscription. A new digital option is proving popular for subscriptions. While it is not clear if the pandemic has had any effect on membership the overall picture is encouraging.

Voice of the Moors

Our quarterly magazine continues to be a vitally important connection with our members and the high quality of both content and design has been maintained thanks to the combined expertise of Dr. Janet Cochrane, who took over as editor from Sharon Artley from the Autumn 2020 edition, and Pascal Thivillon at Basement Press. We continue to retain several regular contributors supplemented by one-off contributors, who between them provide informative and interesting articles covering the natural world and the heritage of the National Park. Distribution of the magazine is organised by Cal and Dave Moore. Comments from members show how much the magazine is valued, especially by elderly people and some who live in other parts of the country or the world and are unable to visit the North York Moors.

Guided Walks

The normal programme of guided walks and events was severely curtailed because of Covid restrictions. Although walks re-started briefly in October 2020 with a walk round Commondale, more stringent restrictions returned as Covid numbers increased, and it was May 2021 before the walks resumed, beginning with a bluebell walk round Whorlton led by Heather and Colin Mather. Other walks followed monthly, making up a full programme which earlier in the year did not seem possible.

- June 26th Hograh Moor, led by Albert Elliot

- July 30th Goathland, led by Jane Ellis
- August 18th Appleton-le-Moors, including a guided tour by local resident Jim Hall and lunch at the Moors Inn, which is now a Business Member of NYMA
- September 22nd Cawthorn Roman Camps, led by Janet Cochrane and Robin Chapman

Thanks are due to all the walk leaders and to Heather Mather for organising the programme.

Conservation Award

This year the former annual award scheme (alternating between the President's Award and Conservation Award) has been changed to a rolling Conservation Award scheme, with a higher cap on awards of £2000 (formerly £1000). We continue to receive a contribution to the awards from the National Park. In 2020-21 we awarded funding support to:

- The Esk Valley Camphill Community, for tree planting and conservation work
- The 'Silver Seals' volunteers, for access work on footpaths, restoring and mending stiles
- The Ryedale Bridleway Group, for repair and maintenance of gates on bridleways used by horse-riders, mountain-bikers and walkers
- Moor Sustainable, for community work with apple-pressing and cider-making.

Corbett's Copse

Advice from an experienced forester at our biodiversity plot suggests that additional tree-planting can be carried out to increase the density of the existing planting. It has become necessary to repair fencing which has deteriorated, allowing sheep to wander in the enclosure and damage the 2020 winter planting of Alder Buckthorn which appears to have suffered about a 50% loss. It is intended to repair the fencing over the coming months when the bracken has died back, allowing improved access to the enclosure.

Moorsbus

The Moorsbus service, which was suspended due to the pandemic restrictions, was restarted on a reduced timetable in summer 2021 with a Saturday and Sunday service during July, August and September. NYMA continues to support Moorsbus with funding. A discussion paper has been put out by Moorsbus Community Interest Company which flags up a proposal to "improve access to the National Park in celebration of its 70th anniversary in 2022". NYMA has agreed to support this proposal by joining a partnership to raise a funding package of £70,000 from external sponsors in order to provide a daily North York Moors network provided by 5 buses during August 2022.

National Park Societies Conference

In 2019 NYMA volunteered to host the next annual conference of the National Park Societies. This was scheduled for October 2020 but had to be postponed because of the pandemic, and it will now take place in October 2021. The conference organiser is our Executive Secretary, Janet Cochrane, who has done considerable work to identify a theme and topics for the event along with inviting appropriate speakers, and to make other arrangements such as working with the venue (the Cober Hill Hotel) and relevant parties such as the other Societies and CNP, and organising the field trips along with leaders for these.

Battle of Byland Project

NYMA is supporting this project with funding from a £2,500 bequest from the estate of the late Professor Allan Patmore, a NYMA Vice-President. The project is to recognise the historical importance of the Battle of Byland in October 1322, and is led by Harry Pearson, a Volunteer Ranger with the National Park. A site has been identified close to the Sutton Bank Visitor Centre and planning permission has been given for the erection of a stone pillar to mark the location of the battle. The pillar, with an appropriate plaque and information board, will be set up in time for the 700th anniversary in October 2022. George Winn-Darley has kindly agreed to provide a stone from

the area of Spaunton Moor known as Spindle Thorn, which contains a scattering of Ganister slabs deposited during the last Ice Age. A stone has been selected and will be transported to Sutton Bank.

Planning Matters

Development at the Anglo-American Woodsmith Mine, the largest modern mining development in Europe, is continuing, with shaft-sinking started on the main service shaft and preparation made for the other two shafts. The reduced diameter ventilation shaft at Lockwood Beck appears to be completed. Preparation of the site at Lady Cross Plantation is under way to provide an additional ventilation shaft. The tunnel boring for the conveyor system from Whitby to Teesside is also continuing with the tunnel now advancing towards the Lockwood Beck site.

Another planning application was made in late 2020 for an airfield at South Moor Farm, near Langdale End, the 5th application for this site. The application was again refused by the National Park and subsequently the applicant appealed against this decision again for the 5th time. Earlier this year at the beginning of April the planning inspector appointed to this case made a site visit and as a result of his assessment the appeal was dismissed on the 26th of April 2021.

Tom Chadwick, NYMA Chair, on behalf of the Trustees, September 2021

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Section A

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Donations	President's Fund	-	-
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Gift Aid		856.33	783.27
History Tree Project (Lottery Funded)		-	-
Interest		21.72	72.60
Total Receipts		<u>10,312.65</u>	<u>7,247.67</u>
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Council Meeting Costs		15.54	90.00
Moors Bus		-	2,397.95
		note 1	
National Parks Conference Costs		-	1,640.02
National Parks Conference Attendance Fees (2018)		-	250.00
Grants to Others		-	400.00
Total Payments		<u>6,921.81</u>	<u>10,332.15</u>
Surplus for the year transferred to General Funds (p/y deficit)		<u>3,390.84</u>	<u>- 3,084.48</u>

The North Yorkshire Moors Association
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Balance Sheet as at
31st March 2021

	£	31st March 2021 £	£	31st March 2020 £
Current Assets				
Yorkshire Bank (2867030)		3,493.97		3,497.97
CAF Cash account (00007628)	4,046.96		904.98	
CAF Savings account Main Fund (000084225)	47,225.17		47,703.45	
Presidents Fund	<u>314.30</u>		<u>314.30</u>	
		51,586.43		48,922.73
PayPal		<u>854.29</u>		<u>123.15</u>
		<u>55,934.69</u>		<u>52,543.85</u>

Represented By:

General Fund	note 3			
Balance b/f		52,543.85		55,628.33
Surplus for the Year (p/y deficit)		<u>3,390.84</u>		<u>- 3,084.48</u>
Balance c/f		<u>55,934.69</u>		<u>52,543.85</u>

Notes:

1 Moor Bus Project

Funds have been allocated to the Moors Bus Project from the Laughton Legacy & other designated donations, have been fully exhausted during the financial year ended 31st March 2020.

2 Voice Production Cost

The total £2,345.80, includes £1,000 paid to P Thivillon for past works.

3 Donations/ Main Fund & Ongoing Projects the fund includes:

- a. Restricted Funds of £3,000 comprising £2,000 from the Bruce Wake Charitable Trust with a further £1,000 designated by NYMA for provision of a disabled bus stop at NYMA Centre Danby.
- b. £1,000 has been designated towards the cost of a replacement public footbridge at Helmsley. Both projects are ongoing and contingent upon other sources of finance..
- c. The bequest of £2,500 in 2018/19 from the Patmore Estate was to be allocated to a specific project. An appropriate project has not yet been identified. The restricted fund is carried forward.

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