



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES



## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025**

### **Yorkshire Rewilding Network (YRN)**

**Charity registration number: 1190992**

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the CIO are to advance biodiversity and environmental improvement through rewilding, principally in Yorkshire, by providing support, education, information and encouragement to the public and other stakeholders, including but not limited to those with an interest in rewilding. In this sense, rewilding is defined as the restoration of ecosystem functions to a point where nature can take care of itself. It seeks to reinstate natural processes and, where appropriate, missing species – allowing them to shape the landscape and the habitats within. Rewilding embraces the role of people – and their cultural and economic connections to the land – working within a wider, healthy ecosystem.

YRN carries out a range of activities to fulfil its purposes, including publishing newsletters and other relevant stories about rewilding, facilitating a discussion forum, hosting publicly available webinars and arranging small group visits to rewilding projects.

The majority of time and effort on YRN activities during the period covered by this report is voluntary. Volunteers have maintained the YRN website, written material for newsletters and articles and arranged and hosted webinars. Without such contributions, YRN would have been unable to operate.

During this period, we also engaged a paid contactor on a part time basis to deliver our Hub innovation project, funded by Rewilding Britain. This project helped us to build on rewilding momentum at local places within Yorkshire. In this period, we also delivered our summer site visit programme, winter networking days and our webinar programme.

At the end of this period in June 2025 we were successful in receiving a grant from Engie Ltd. This funding was granted to enable YRN to deliver a Rewilding Schools project and also to fund running costs.

YRN adopts an inclusive approach, centring all of activities around public benefit, ensuring that the charity operates in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

YRN is rarely in a position to make grants. Where it does so, it refers to its purpose and ensures that any grants are aligned with that purpose.

### **Achievements and Performance**

YRN has connected many individuals with peers and advisors, ranging from those looking for moral support or occasional grazing advice to people concerned that trees would not establish on an exposed coastal site to those wondering how to start rewilding, and many

others. It has also signposted people to funding sources such as the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme.

In the corporate/public sector, as well as with landowners, YRN is also seeing opportunities for enabling positive rewilding projects. YRN is increasingly in contact with large estates who are considering nature recovery/rewilding to enable it to make further similar contributions. Increasingly, YRN is engaging at a senior level with other stakeholders such as Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Yorkshire Water, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Nidderdale National Landscape to influence them to include rewilding in their future plans.

YRN has its own website, as well as over 1,500 newsletter subscribers, an active discussion forum and has staged a well-attended webinar programme on a range of rewilding topics with local relevance. A number of site visits have taken place and volunteering opportunities for both surveys and wild wood planting have been arranged. A presentation about rewilding has been developed, and delivered to various community groups, aiming to increase the reach and diversity of the network.

In line with the emergent, less structured nature of rewilding, YRN has deliberately avoided fixed, measurable objectives to date, instead following the energy of the network to achieve the most impact.

## **Financial Review**

YRN's financial position at the end of its fifth year was healthy when compared to its running costs. Ongoing fundraising efforts aim to provide sufficient resources to enable part time contractors to continue to be funded.

Funds come from individual and corporate donors and from a range of small grants.

YRN aims to maintain reserves of a minimum of £2,000 which is enough to cover its committed costs and to enable an orderly wind-down of the charity if the Trustees take the decision that that is necessary.

The main risk facing YRN is its resources becoming overstretched to cope with the increasing interest in rewilding in Yorkshire and the consequent requests for its services. To manage this risk, the charity prioritises its activities to best meet its purposes and seeks to raise sufficient funds to retain appropriate resources.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

As a CIO, YRN has a written constitution, based on the standard proforma for a CIO.

Selection of new trustees is by existing trustees, usually from those who have already engaged with YRN so that potential new trustees know about the charity, its activities and aspirations.

YRN is wholly independent from Rewilding Britain but liaises with the national charity and with other regional networks regularly.

## **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Yorkshire Rewilding Network
Registered charity number	1190992
Charity's principal address	18 Cheltenham Avenue Ilkley LS29 8BN

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jeff Davitt			N/A
2	Deborah Davitt	Treasurer		N/A
3	Jenny Watson	Secretary		N/A
4	John Hartshorn			N/A
5	Antonia Beardsall		To 16/11/24	N/A
6	Samantha Mennell		To 03/06/25	N/A
7	Sarah Mason	Chair		N/A
8	Dr Susan Wood			N/A
9	James Wood			N/A

No trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature**

**Full name(s)**

**Position**

**Date**



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/08/2024

To

31/07/2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Individual donation, incl giftaid	5,759		-	5,759	5,457
Corporate donations	3,226		-	3,226	1,590
Grants received		9,000	-	9,000	3,000
Event sales	1,327		-	1,327	1,500
			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,312</b>	<b>11,547</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,312</b>	<b>11,547</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Software and licences	1,658		-	1,658	1,724
Insurance	217		-	217	210
Bank charges	77		-	77	72
Contractors	900	9,838	-	10,738	8,404
Postage and Stationery	40		-	40	102
Event costs	435	1,502	-	1,937	-
	-		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>11,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,668</b>	<b>10,512</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>11,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,668</b>	<b>10,512</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,985</b>	<b>- 2,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,645</b>	<b>1,035</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,562</b>	<b>5,527</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>11,207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,207</b>	<b>6,562</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	11,207	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>11,207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		J Davitt	03.12.25	