



The countryside charity
North Yorkshire

Local CPRE newsletter

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Looking Back on 2019

CPRE is “the countryside charity” that campaigns to promote, enhance and protect the countryside for everyone’s benefit, wherever they live.

It has officially been 2 years since CPRE North Yorkshire (‘CPRENY’) restructured and the new planning regime introduced. This allows members of the public, Parish Councils and you, our members, to contact us directly if you need advice regarding a planning issue, be it in support or objection to a scheme, or a Local Plan issue. During this time we have managed to respond to 125 different planning consultations.

In this time communication with local groups, the public and members has dramatically increased. More and more people have been coming to us, asking for help and advice on a wide range of issues including Local Planning Authorities, Parish Councils and Members.

CPRENY grows from strength to strength and will continue to meet the challenges that may lay ahead including the climate emergency.

We are once again thrilled with all the new links we have forged with new Parish Councils, local campaign groups and individuals. CPRENY believes that everyone has the right to enjoy a countryside that promotes a healthier economy and a happier community including both physical and mental well-being.

Part of our strategy was to engage with younger generations who may one day become members. We have done this by inviting all 250 primary schools in North Yorkshire to enter our Primary School Writing Competition and via our Instagram Photo Competition.

We have some amazing competitions and some new events coming up in 2020 - please see page 19 of this Newsletter.

We were sad to lose our Chair, Jules Marley, in the summer of 2019 and are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm and passion she shared in her work to ensure the countryside of North Yorkshire was protected and promoted and equally her full-time dedication to ensuring this charity was accountable, transparent and fit for purpose in the 21st Century.

President: The Lord Crathorne KCVO

Chairman: Stuart White

Trustees: Katie Atkinson, Fran Evans, Ron Healey, Jan Arger (Jules Marley and Gail Simmons stepped down in 2019/2020)

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Chairman's Report

Throughout the past 12 months your trustees, supported by members, have continued to work hard to protect the beautiful countryside of North Yorkshire, whilst also raising our profile with local schools, Parish Councils and the general public.

As always, our main focus has been commenting on planning applications and Local Plans. We are fortunate to have as a trustee a professional planning consultant to lead our representations to Local Planning Authorities. Within this aspect of our work we also liaise with any community group that has been established to protect their local environment and are pleased that such groups are approaching us for aid.

For a considerable time now, fracking has presented a major threat to the county, particularly in Ryedale, where CPRE and local residents have been involved in opposing developers' plans since 2014. Fortunately, in early November 2019, the Government dropped proposals to fast-track fracking through the planning system and halted fracking in England. This decision was in no small way to thanks to CPRE campaigning locally and nationally (see page 6 of this newsletter for an update on fracking). Thank you to those members who signed the petition and wrote to MPs, your action really does make a difference!

During the year we lost our Chair, Jules Marley, when she made the decision to resign from the trustee board. This followed Jules being subjected to emotional trauma and physical threats by a particular planning applicant to the extent that the police were involved. She is sorely missed.

Similarly, our valued trustee Gail Simmons has given notice of her intention to formally step down at the AGM due to her relocating to the south of England. We will miss Gail's vast knowledge and reasoned approach to trustee matters but would like to take this opportunity to wish her the best of luck for the future.

Recently we have welcomed Jan Arger as a co-opted trustee. Jan has a wealth of experience with CPRE locally, regionally and nationally. She is great asset to the board and is settling into the role of treasurer, which has been vacant for over a year.

The Trustees of CPRE North Yorkshire would like to offer a special note of thanks to our longstanding President, Lord Crathorne, for all his support and encouragement over the years, who sadly for us, has decided to retire at our forthcoming AGM. Lord Crathorne has been with the CPRE family since 1988, commencing as President of the Hambleton District, before joining CPRE North Yorkshire. During his time he was made a Knight of the Venerable Order of Saint John. In 1999, Lord Crathorne was appointed Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, for which he was appointed Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO) in the 2013 New Year Honours and in 2002, Lord Crathorne received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. We wish him all the best for a long and relaxing retirement.

Within CPRE nationally there have been changes aimed at giving the organisation a wider appeal and re-branding it as 'the countryside charity'. Amongst other matters it has contributed to the Glover Report (see elsewhere in this review), held a Green Clean action month to de-clutter the countryside and is introducing an on-line volunteer system.

The trustee team is ready to face all the challenges that it is presented with. It works with dedication and commitment, each week helping more people to tackle inappropriate development and maintain a high profile throughout the county. I feel proud to Chair such a fine group of people.



Stuart White,
CPRE North Yorkshire

CPRE "The Countryside Charity"

Behind the scenes CPRE nationally has been re-branding itself. We will keep the CPRE acronym but are calling ourselves the "The Countryside Charity" and introducing a new logo.

But our vision and mission hasn't changed.

"To promote and encourage, for the benefit of the public, the improvement, protection and preservation of the countryside of North Yorkshire and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment".



Our Trustees

Stuart White, Chairman

Stuart ably stepped up from our Vice Chair to Chair in summer of 2019 following the resignation of the previous Chair. Stuart supports our charity's work with reason, objectivity and realism! Stuart lives in the Redcar & Cleveland area of our charity. In addition to his work for the charity as a whole, Stuart keeps a careful eye on development - negative and positive, in the Redcar and Cleveland area (which includes the Heritage Coast!) Stuart's areas of responsibility also include litter picks in the Redcar & Cleveland area.



Katie Atkinson, Operational Management and Planning

Katie used to work for the old regional structure of CPRE in Yorkshire & Humber employed by the National Charity, so knows our organisation well. We were fortunate to persuade her to become a trustee in 2018 when we restructured as Katie brings a wealth of planning expertise to the Board. Katie lived in the Ryedale area for 10 years before moving to our beautiful coastline. She has two young boys and manages to balance trustee work with a busy schedule!

Jan Arger, Treasurer

Jan is the newest member to join our team of trustees. Jan has involved with CPRE for many years in the North East, at branch and regional level and nationally as a Board Member, with a specific interest in Green Belt, Dark Skies and Tranquility. Jan appreciates wild spaces and good quality built environments and understands rural isolation and inner city problems. She also has a passion for reading Terry Pratchett books, heritage, travel and cheese.



Ron Healey, Infrastructure

Ron has forty years of experience and commitment to CPRE North Yorkshire in various guises. Ron's knowledge of rural transport, minerals and waste and all issues York & Selby is second to none. Ron is our voice of reason, common sense and fair play. Ron was awarded a national CPRE award in 2019 for outstanding commitment to CPRE.

Fran Evans, Administration, Media and Policies

Fran left South Africa in 2005; after travelling for 3 years around Africa, Europe and America, she moved to the UK in 2007. Fran joined CPRENY as our administrator in 2018. She keeps us all on track and looks after all our social media and website. Fran joined us as trustees last year.

When Fran enjoys her limited spare time, she loves spending time with her husband and two young boys. Fran runs the local Scout Group, organising camps and days out across our beautiful North Yorkshire.



"The sky is blue like bubblegum ice-cream, clouds are like cotton candy and the sun is like a vanilla ice-cream"

By Zack from Oakridge CP School

Just what do trustees do?

Our full board meets every three months to ensure all decisions taken by the charity fulfil or work towards our charitable objectives.

Trustees manage the day to day operations and future plans of the charity. Trustees liaise with other interested groups and the public to ensure help is given when needed. All trustees are volunteers who give freely of their time to manage this outstanding charity.

It's a full-time job without the financial reward, however, just one letter from a member of the public who writes thanking us for helping them makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you to all the people who've written to us!

Our charitable objectives are clear, we campaign to protect and enhance North Yorkshire's landscape and countryside. This includes campaigning for the right development in the right locations, objecting when necessary and supporting well-thought out and sustainable designs.

Our particular areas of concern include protecting and enhancing our: nationally designated and equally important non-designated landscapes; sites of nature conservation interest – including ones of local, national and international importance; sites of heritage and cultural importance; our beautiful coastline; the setting and character of settlements; areas of dark skies; tranquil areas; farming and forestry; rural communities; village greens and local greenspace; grass verges and hedgerows and open spaces within built-up areas.

CPRE North Yorkshire works in an unusually large number of authority areas due to the fact it is the largest county in England at 8,608 square km (3,324 square miles).

We are the only part of the CPRE Network to have two National Parks, four AONB's and 1 Heritage Coast to protect and enhance! We cover the following:

National Parks:

North York Moors

Yorkshire Dales

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB):

Howardian Hills AONB

Nidderdale AONB

Forest of Bowland AONB

2km of North Pennines AONB (which extends to 2 fields and trees – but they're still ours!)

Heritage Coast

North Yorkshire Heritage Coast (from Filey to Saltburn-by-the-Sea)

Local Authority Areas:

City of York; Craven; Hambleton; Harrogate; North Yorkshire County Council; Redcar & Cleveland; Richmondshire; Ryedale; Scarborough; Selby

Dark Skies

CPRE has been a leading national voice in championing dark skies for many years. Starry skies are one of the most magical sights the countryside can offer. Light pollution not only limits our views of these skies, but also disrupts wildlife's natural patterns.

The big open skies of the North York Moors and the Yorkshire Dales are breathtaking by day and also by night when the dark sky panorama is revealed - These are some of the best places in the country to see stars, because of the low light pollution levels and clear horizons. From a town or city you'll be lucky to spot more than a handful of stars but the further away you get from street lights, the better the view – in the darkest areas of the National Parks you can spy up to 2,000 at any one time.

Artificial light doesn't respect boundaries. It can spread for miles, bleeding out from built-up areas and into the skies over our countryside. This is why we care about this issue; star-filled skies are one of the things that make our countryside so special, and we're working to make sure that we can all experience truly dark night skies.

CPRE North Yorkshire believes that the remarkable tranquility that comes with clear skies speckled with stars is something really special, and we want to make sure that everyone can experience this.

Did you know?

North Yorkshire has seven Dark Skies Discovery sites (Nationally recognised places that are dark and easily accessible, and where it's possible to see the Milky Way with a naked eye):

- The Moors National Park Centre (NYMNP)
- Sutton Bank National Park Centre (NYMNP)
- Dalby Observatories in Dalby Forest (NYMNP)
- Hawes National Park Centers (YDNPA)
- Buckden National Park Centre (YDNPA)
- Tan Hill Inn (YDNPA)
- Malham National Park Centre (YDNPA)



The Climate Emergency

The UK was the first national government to declare an 'Environment and Climate Emergency' on 1st May 2019. The decision marked a sense of urgency in tackling climate change, following a visit to Parliament by teenage activist Greta Thunberg, the broadcast of Sir David Attenborough protest by environmental group Extinction Rebellion in London.

What is a climate emergency?

There is no precise definition of what constitutes action to meet such an emergency, the move has been likened to putting the country on a "war footing", with climate and the environment at the very centre of all government policy, rather than being on the fringe of political decisions.

The UK is legally committed to 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050 (relative to their 1990 levels) and was recently recognised as one of just 18 developed economies that have driven down carbon dioxide emissions over the last decade.

Some city and local councils have set out their climate emergency policies to become carbon zero by 2030 (e.g. Scarborough Borough Council) built around renewable energy supplies, more energy-efficient housing and a host of other measures.

The year 2030 is an important target. In spite of what climate contrarians might voice very loudly, five of our planet's warmest years on record have occurred since 2010, whilst 2018 experienced all manner of climate extremes that broke numerous global records.

It's sobering to realise that, because the oceans are a major sink of heat, the estimated 40-year delay in the release of this energy back into the atmosphere means the conditions of the last decade are in part a consequence of our pollution from the 1970s.

A report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the IPCC) suggested that meeting this target means annual global carbon emissions must effectively halve between now and 2030, and then fall to zero by 2050. More recent studies suggest even more ambitious cuts may be required.

Research in Australia has investigated the cost to the global economy if the Paris Agreement is not met and the world hits 4°C warmer. The values are eye-watering: an estimated US\$23 trillion a year over the long-term. This has been likened to the world experiencing four to six global financial crises on the scale of 2008 every year.

Should we be hopeful that we will meet these targets?

Well, the rhetoric appears to have changed but not a lot has happened since May 2019 on the ground. There have been several commitments made by Government e.g. the end of the sale of new diesel and petrol cars by the year 2035; and a commitment to plant one million urban trees by 2022.

Unless more policy is created and enacted rapidly, at the current rate it is predicted that the UK will miss the 2050 net-zero target with dire consequences, as less than a year after the declaration the government was already off-course on its targets. Therefore, the action of local councils is more crucial than ever, and the adoption of local authorities of targets for carbon neutrality by 2030 will help achieve in areas where the government is failing.

And so, in all councils, campaigners' efforts will be fundamental in keeping pressure in order to turn abstract targets into genuine implementation. Local action will still face central government policy that is often far from supportive of radical climate action, for example the continuing effective ban on onshore wind energy in England, and severe budget cuts.

The transport sector is UK's single biggest source of carbon emissions. Reforming our transport system to reduce reliance on passenger cars and move towards a system based on public transport, walking, and cycling is vital if the UK is to meet emissions reduction targets.

The Future Generations Need You!

Actions to take if your local council has not declared a climate emergency:

- Check for an existing petition to sign or start your own and publicise it!
- Take inspiration from Climate Emergency UK's campaign guide for emergency declaration.
- Write to your local Councillor, Chairman of the Council, MP and ask them to support you.
- Inform the Press and create a local stir to shame them into action.

Actions to take if your local council has declared a climate emergency:

- Form a citizen's assembly to hold the Council to account
- Comment on relevant planning applications detailing how Councils can robustly defend decisions based on existing policies regarding flooding, biodiversity and transport in support of mitigating climate change.
- Get connected! Liaise with other like-minded groups and share experiences and knowledge where possible.



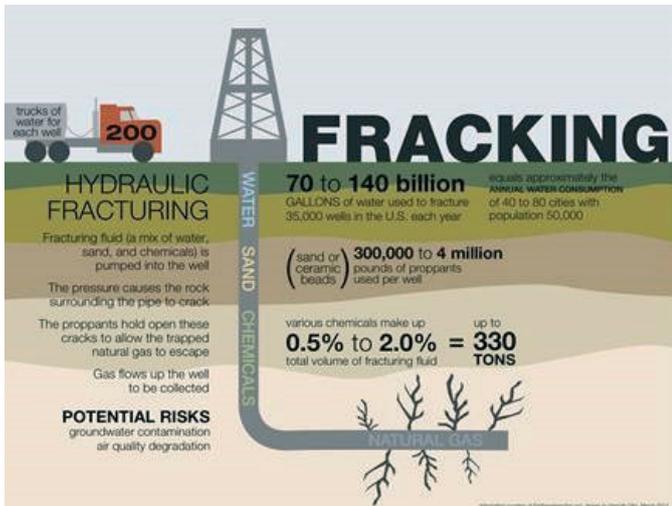
Fracking Update

What is fracking?

You'll likely have heard about fracking, or at least come across the name. But what exactly is the fracking process – and why has CPRE campaigned against it?

Fracking, or hydraulic fracturing, refers to a method used to extract gas or oil from shale rock (a fine rock made from earth that's been squashed over time). The gas or oil is released by injecting large volumes of water containing a number of additives, such as sand and lubricating fluids, into the rock under high pressure.

The gas and oil that's trapped within impermeable shale rock, unlike the conventional natural gas deposits such as those under the North Sea, are harder to release. North Sea-type deposits are below impermeable rock and are accessed by drilling down. To access shale gas or oil, the rock has to be fractured at high pressure.



CPRE, nationally and locally campaigned against fracking, including a significant petition around Fractured Communities to urge the government to consult with local people rather than take the decision-making powers away from Elected Members. Thanks to your support, Government backtracked from this idea.

CPRE North Yorkshire was at the forefront of onshore fracking in the UK, campaigning against the fracking application by Third Energy to explore for shale gas at the KM8 wellsite in Kirby Misperton, Ryedale. Unfortunately, members approved the application in May 2015, however, since then, whilst equipment was brought on site and since removed, no rock was fractured, and no gas extracted! The local campaigners on the ground, supported by Frack Free Ryedale and Friends of the Earth, have done a tremendous job in raising awareness of this activity in the area. Ultimately, the Government was not willing to grant a fracking license to the operator who did not have a clear financial plan in place to support the operation.

CPRENY was predominantly concerned about the impact that the proposals would have on the landscape and countryside in general due to aspects ranging from 57m high rigs and other tall structures, a huge noise mitigation barrier and various lighting columns and different fencing, alongside the thousands of vehicular movements, including large HGVs, associated with the many phases of development over the 25 year life of the well-pad. Furthermore, concerns relating to the impact on air quality were proved well-founded when it was discovered through air quality monitoring that pre-frack levels at the remote rural site were the same as for the City of York! Other concerns also existed regarding the contamination of ground water, impact on ecology and biodiversity and seismicity – especially given that many of Ryedale's older properties were built without solid foundations.

In order to be economically viable (fracking wellsites cost millions of pounds to construct and operate) and because the nature of the shale gas is so volatile operators are required to drill numerous holes in each well pad and construct hundreds of wellsites in order to extract the gas. Each well pad is approximately 2 Hectares in size, or to put it into context - 2.5 Wembley Football Pitches!



Picture Credit: www.oxfordpresents.com

The heavy development of the Jonah Gas-Field, Wyoming, (shown above) illustrates the impact that gas shale development can have on the landscape. The USA has borne witness to the fracking industry for years and has the wide-open space required to house multiple well pads required to make the industry economically viable – unlike North Yorkshire which is littered with individual farmsteads, settlements and designated landscapes. CPRENY consistently argue that we simply do not have the space for this industry alongside all the environmental concerns.

Faced with the KM8 prospect and another Operator who stated they wanted to pursue up to 50 well sites across North Yorkshire from York to the North York Moors and on towards Scarborough, CPRENY was one of the first in the network across the country to publicly state they were against fracking for the sake of the landscape.

The North Yorkshire Joint Minerals and Waste Plan

CPRENY has actively engaged in all possible consultation opportunities for the emerging new Joint Minerals and Waste Plan (JMWP) for North Yorkshire co-authored by the North York Moors National Park Authority, City of York Council and North Yorkshire County Council. This has included commenting on several draft documents and latterly attending the Examination in Public led by an Independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

Whilst the hearings sessions have closed, the Examination was reopened for specific sessions on the extraction of unconventional hydrocarbons (deep oil and gas) including extraction by fracking) and the Inspector has asked participants for their opinions following several consultations and announcements by Government relating to the activity. CPRENY engaged in these discussions and even attended Examination site visits with the Inspector to three different fracking sites across the country, representing all the 'local interest groups' alongside the Joint Plan Authorities and the Industry.

The JMWP will be the first Minerals Development Plan in the country to have specific sections pertaining to extraction of unconventional hydrocarbon contained within the plan so the policies contained within it will set a precedent for other such plans. This is, therefore, our opportunity to help influence the plan and ensure that the policies are tightly drawn to ensure robust decisions and defensible appeals



Government announce Moratorium on Fracking

On 4th November 2019, the government halted fracking in England with immediate effect – and was much applauded and celebrated across the country by environmental scientists and community activists alike.

The decision was taken after a new scientific study warned it was not possible to rule out “unacceptable” consequences for those living near fracking sites. The report, undertaken by the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA), also admitted it was not possible to predict the magnitude of earthquakes fracking might trigger.

The moratorium does not prevent Operators applying for, or, being awarded planning permission and it only refers to High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking using a high volume of fracking fluid) due to a loophole in a significant policy document. This means that any fracking beneath this threshold could still occur and would still deliver the same crushing environmental effects, e.g. 4 of the fracking stages at the KM8 wellsite could technically still go ahead as they would be beneath this threshold. Therefore, whilst we are cautiously celebrating the moratorium, we remain vigilant!

The government said it would not agree to any future fracking “until compelling new evidence is provided” that proves fracking could be undertaken safely. The UK’s only active fracking site at Preston New Road in Lancashire was brought to an immediate halt in the summer of 2019 following fracking which triggered multiple earth tremors that breached the government’s earthquake limits – the largest being 2.9 magnitude. Fracking also took place at Preese Hall in Lancashire and was halted in 2011 following 58 earth tremors induced by the industry. It was these events and ensuing moratorium that alerted the public to the activities which were being proposed across the country.



Preston New Road Frack Site – Lancashire Photo Credit: BBC

Andrea Leadsom, the former Business and Energy Secretary at the time stated the government has always been clear that shale gas exploration in the UK must be carried out safely. “After reviewing the OGA’s report into recent seismic activity at Preston New Road, it is clear that we cannot rule out future unacceptable impacts on the local community. For this reason, I have concluded that we should put a moratorium on fracking in England with immediate effect,” she said.

The moratorium marked a major U-turn for the Conservative party and the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who once referred to fracking as “glorious news for humanity” and urged the UK to “leave no stone unturned, or unfracked” in pursuit of shale gas.

The government ended its support for the struggling industry less than a week after a damning report from Whitehall’s spending watchdog found its plans to establish fracking across the UK was dragging years behind schedule and had cost the taxpayer at least £32m so far without producing any energy in return.

CPRENY welcomes this news, however, as always will remain active in its planning defense against the industry.

The government must now be encouraged to prioritise new policies to tackle the climate emergency, from investing in renewables and sustainable public transport, to improving the energy efficiency of our homes and restoring nature to remove carbon emissions from the air. These are all areas we campaign on, and we’ll continue to advocate for these changes to the government.

We echo our National Officer Planning Advisor Sam Keyte who says, “for now, though, this is a significant win for local democracy, our environment and the beautiful countryside that we all love so much.”

Photography Competition 2019

We were blown away by the amazing entries. The winners were picked by the number of votes “likes” on Instagram on the 31st December 2019. Thank you to everyone who entered.

Look out for 2020 amateur and professional photography competition starting later this year.



1st Place Winner: Kerry Adams

Kerry says: “On a warm Summer’s evening walk along Saltburn’s seafront i was pleasantly distracted by the steps leading back up to the main parade; the shadows of the railings drew my eyes up towards a beautiful blue sky with wispy white clouds. As my eyes wandered up to the very top of the steps it made me wonder:



2nd Place Winner: Ruthie Clegg

Ruthie Says: “Why we love our North Yorkshire? Well put simply because it offers the most beautiful, breathtaking natural backdrops.”

3rd Place Winner – Kerry Adams

Kerry Says: “Staithes view from the Cleveland way. I love walking to Staithes along the coastal path for its vibrant cottages, cobbled paths ,local quirky art work and fresh seafood”



2nd Schools Writing Competition 2020

In 2018, we piloted our first ever school's writing completion trialing in Ryedale at Helmsley CP School and in Bolton Abbey at the Wharfedale Montessori School.

In 2019, we opened the competition up to 250 primary schools all across North Yorkshire in EYFR, KS1 and KS2.

We have had 9 schools that entered with an amazing 700+ children enter:

- Amotherby Community Primary School
- Askwith Primary School
- Burneston Church of England Primary School
- Helmsley Community Primary School
- Hovingham Church of England Primary School
- Langton Primary School
- Oakridge Community Primary School
- Reeth Community Primary School & Gunnerside Methodist (VC) Primary School Federation
- St. Hedda's RC Primary School

The children's stories were all beautifully written, explaining in their own words why they love North Yorkshire from the coast, the National Parks, Theme Parks, to their local villages.

"Have you ever wanted to get out of your busy, busy life and go on an amazing holiday?"

Well if that's a YES, then come to the most beautiful place in the world called North Yorkshire."

Katie from Amotherby CP School



Ruby from Langston Primary EYFS winner (ages 3-4)

Judges said "every piece of artwork was colourful and depicted North Yorkshire through their eyes. It was a difficult choice."

The 2020 Winners of the CPRE North Yorkshire School Writing Competition are:

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Ruby (Langton Primary School)

KS1

1st Place

Nancy (Hovingham Primary School)

2nd Place

Tommy (Oakridge Community Primary School)

KS2

1st Place

Lewis (Amotherby Primary School)

2nd Place – jointly

Katherine (Helmsley School)

George (Reeth & Gunnerside Primary School)

Grace (St. Hedda's Primary School)

Finlay (Burneston C of E Aided Primary School)

Florence (Askwith Primary School)

Overall School Winner

Sofia from Langton Primary School

We asked Peter Wright, from TV's 'The Yorkshire Vet', to choose the overall school winner.....

Thank you to all the schools that took part. One thing that is clear is that we in North Yorkshire serve the best tea and still have the best fish and chips in the country!

Certificates and prizes will be presented at our AGM.

The Winning School will receive £400 for books for all to encourage reading. Winners and runners up will each receive a book token. – Interested? Look out for next year's competition for your chance to take part and win!

Overall School Winner

My North Yorkshire – By Sofia from Langton Primary School.

This entry has not been altered; therefore all words and spellings originate from the author!

North Yorkshire, it sounds like just a normal English District but if you've lived here as long as me you'll know it is definitely one of the most beautiful places in the whole Britain. It sounds bias but it's true.

Personally I find that my favourite place in North Yorkshire has got to be Bride Stones in Dolby. An amazing landscape hidden under heaps and heaps of boulders everyone at least a foot high, you can go bouldering or just have a nice walk over the hills and enjoy the view and if you're lucky you might even spot an adder in the bracken on the way through.



Another great place to visit is most certainly Castle Howard. From its acres of beautiful woods to magnificent fountain center. From its gorgeous hedge walls and dazzling hills to its stunning walled gardens and if you are younger and prefer to play there are 2 outstanding play parks – one just at the bottom of the hill, the second in the middle of the great lake called Skelf Island, infested with little creatures called skelves.



Scarborough a spectacular 12 miles of beautiful golden sand and the stunning sapphire blue ocean. You can take a dog down for a walk, you can make as many sandcastles as you want, you can go in the arcades or you can have a look at some wildlife at the Sealife Centre. Whatever you do I'm certain you will love it, just like every time I've been.

Are you the kind of person who loves a challenge?

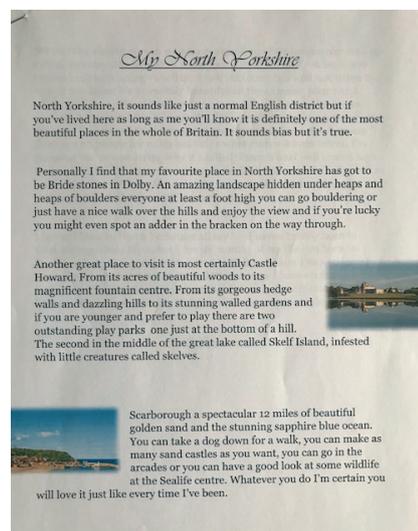
Or loves a nice trek up a step countryside fell?

Well you'll love Simon's Seat, it's at least 500 meters high, a stunning view from the top. If you don't talk and just listen it's completely silent, it's incredibly beautiful with all the amazing plants and wildlife, all the wafts of heather and the smell of succulent juices from the bilberries.

I don't know why I am living there right now but that's probably because all the fuzzy sheep grazing around and also because there are no people for miles but that's what makes it even better. I'm guessing you're wondering why it's called Simon's Seat – well legend says that a giant called Simon used to roam the land and used fells peek as a seat. Not that far from Simon's Seat is the Lord's seat, a whopping 550 meters high but that's pretty much the same.



I haven't been in North Yorkshire all my life; I haven't really been in England my whole life either. I, for 6 months of my life, been in Spain but I won't get into that. I lived in Halifax before I moved here, I must say it was nice from the little memory I have on that place but I can remember it just enough to realise that this place is much better because of all the wildlife and implausible experiences to do.

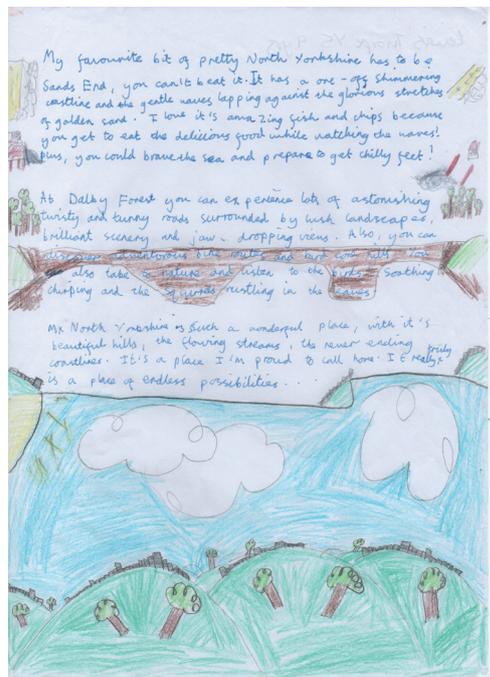
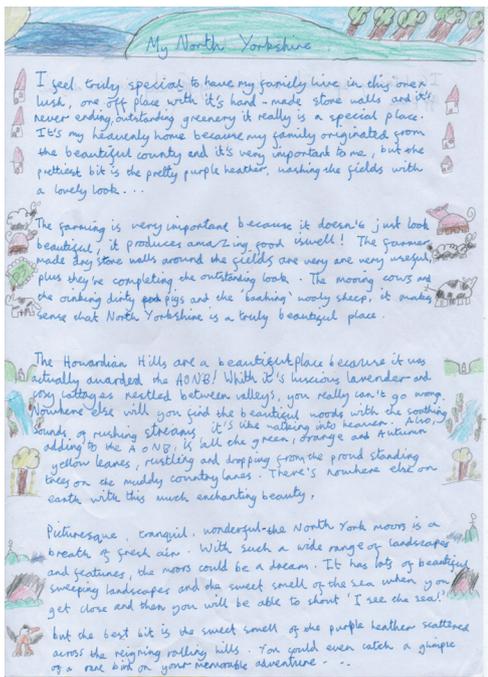
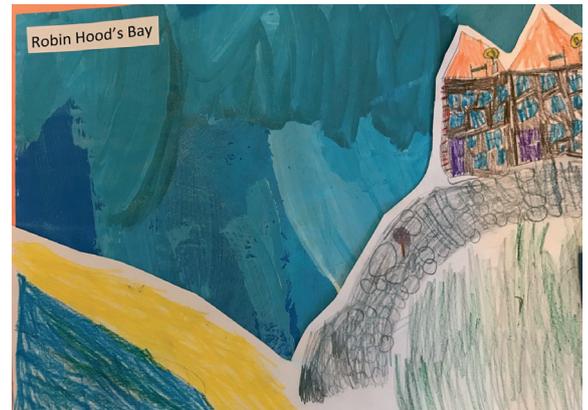


What the judges said...

Key Stage 1 (ages 4-6)

We asked Kristina Peat, Ruth Stay and Karen Atkinson from North Yorkshire County Council to judge KS1.

Judges said "The winner is Nancy with the lovely picture of Robin Hood's bay, it couldn't be anywhere else and the picture really captures the essence of our wonderful coastline."



Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11)

We asked Tom Fyans; Director of Campaigns and Policy for CPRE (National) to judge the KS2 category.

Tom said "It is a refreshing change from my normal work, and very inspiring. It was virtually impossible to shortlist winners. So many talented young people, it was a real honor to judge."



CPRE North Yorkshire and North Yorkshire County Council working in Partnership

Building on the success of the North Yorkshire County Councils Energy & Sustainability Service's delivery of 'cooking and growing' training for teachers in 2019, CPRE North Yorkshire will be funding more of these great sessions during 2020. The purpose is to give teachers the confidence and teaching resources to enable 'cooking and growing' to take place in all primary schools across North Yorkshire.

These activities are also supported by farm visits and this funding enables schools to access the training for free. So watch our website for an update in the autumn!

Local Plan Status – North Yorkshire

City of York

The City of York Council is finally making progress towards the City's first ever Local Plan!

The Council submitted their draft Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination in May 2018 and following some questions from the Inspectors, the first stage of the examination in public was held in December 2019 regarding the Housing Strategy and Green Belt Release. CPRENY is waiting to hear when Phase 2 of the examination's hearings will be scheduled.

The Local Plan proposes an Objectively Assessed Housing Need figure to be 790 net new dwelling per annum over the lifetime of the Plan (2017 to 2033).

Craven:

The Craven District Council Local Plan was adopted in November 2019, following an independent examination held in October 2018. The Plan covers the period 2012 to 2032 and sets out the overall development vision for the district over that timeframe. CPRENY played a full and active role during the plan preparation and examination stages.

The Plan sets out that for the Craven Local Plan Area, excluding the Yorkshire Dales National Park, 230 new dwellings per annum (4,600 dwellings over plan period) are required and sets a variable affordable housing target dependent upon the size of site. It also designates various areas of Local Green Space.

Hambleton:

Hambleton District Council is expecting to undertake their statutory pre-submission consultation on their emerging Local Plan imminently (March - April 2020).

The Council has experienced slippage in the production of their Local Plan but hope to submit it to the Secretary of State for independent examination in the spring of 2020 with the Examination in Public occurring in Autumn.

CPRENY will continue to play a part in the plan preparation process and intend to take an active role at the examination.

Harrogate:

The Council submitted their emerging Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination in August 2018.

Following the close of the examination in public, the Inspector has written to the Council to state that the plan is sound subject to the accepting of some modifications – at the time of writing, the Council are about to present this information to full Council to consider adoption. Subject to their approval the Plan will be adopted and become the main vehicle for determining planning applications within the Borough. The Plan sets out a need for 13,377 new homes over the lifetime of the plan, which equates to 637 dwellings per year.

North Yorkshire County Council:

The Joint Authorities (City of York, North York Moors and North Yorkshire County) submitted their Joint Minerals and Waste Plan to the Secretary of State in 2017. The Examination in Public sessions were heard in 2018, including additional hearings on hydrocarbons. CPRENY participated fully in these sessions as stated previously in this newsletter. The examination is not closed yet and the Council is busy preparing a full schedule of main modifications with additional supporting evidence for the Inspector and consultation. CPRENY will continue to play an active role in this emerging document.

However, a significant win so far for CPRENY and the joint authorities is that the Inspector has stated that she will find sound the need to protect 'receptors' (people) from potential emissions from fracking and a suggested buffer zone of 500m.

Redcar and Cleveland:

The development plan consists of the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan (adopted May 2018) and the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents.

The Plan sets out that there will be a minimum of 234 net new dwellings per annum, or 3,978 for the plan period 2016-2032.

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- SKIPTON CASTLE AND many more...



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There's no excuse not to get out and about this summer in beautiful North Yorkshire.

Local Plan Status – North Yorkshire

Richmondshire:

The Richmondshire Core Strategy was adopted on 9 December 2014. The Council is currently reviewing the Local Plan (following updates to National Planning Policy) which will update the policies used to consider new development across the district.

The new Local Plan (2014-2035) will also include other detailed policies, a masterplan for Catterick Garrison and site allocations for housing, economic development, retail and leisure, and community facilities.

CPRENY commented on the Council's initial issues and options and are awaiting the publication of the preferred options draft for consultation later this spring.

Ryedale:

The Ryedale Local Plan is made up of several key planning documents. The Local Plan was adopted in June 2019 and sets out the site allocations which sit alongside the Local Plan Strategy which was adopted in 2013 and the Helmsley Plan which was adopted in 2015.

The Local Plan document did not commit any further sites than those previously allocated via the previous 2002 Local Plan and those already in the planning system. Therefore, the Council are required to deliver 3000 net new homes over the plan period (2012-2027) which equates to 200pa.

The Council is currently working on a suite of supplementary planning guidance documents to aid better developments.

Scarborough:

The Scarborough Local Plan was adopted in July 2017 and covers the period from 2011-2032. The Local Plan covers the extent of the Borough outside the jurisdiction of the North York Moors National Park Authority and includes the main built areas of Scarborough, Whitby and Filey, alongside a number of villages and hamlets and also has the responsibility for the onshore stretch of the coastline between Cloughton and Speeton.

Given the large number of committed residential sites at the time of publication already within the planning system, the Council was required to allocate sites to accommodate a further 4,642 new dwellings over the lifetime of the plan to total 9,450 net new homes.

Selby:

Selby District Council has abandoned work on the Sites and Allocation Document previously reported on and are now commencing work on a new single Local Plan which will incorporate a review of the adopted Core Strategy (2013) and site allocations in line with current national guidance. CPRENY have recently responded to the initial issues and options consultation. However, in the meantime the current Core Strategy and saved policies from the previous Local Plan remain in force which advocates 5,350 new homes over the plan period which equates to 450 new dwellings per annum.

North York Moors National Park (NYMNP)

The hearing sessions for the NYMNP new Local Plan Examination in Public were held in November 2019 and the proposed modifications have recently been published for consultation - which we will of course comment on. The NYMNP is hoping to adopt the Local Plan in summer 2020.

They are also joint authors of the emerging Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for North Yorkshire and the Helmsley Plan (with Ryedale District Council).

Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNPA)

In 2016, the YDNP boundary was extended. The YDNP now covers four different local authorities within its boundary and means they "inherited" policies that were previously prepared by those four authorities.

Since the policies were all prepared at different times, in different contexts, there are a number of differences in approach. The Authority has resolved to bring together all planning policies for the whole National Park by preparing a new Local Plan. It's still in the very early stages and naturally we'll be commenting on the emerging plan making process - it is hoped a Preferred Options draft will be available for comment in Spring 2020.

Howardian Hills AONB

The Howardian Hills AONB covers 204 sq. km (79 sq. miles) of the North Yorkshire countryside, nestled between the NYMNP, the Yorkshire Wolds and the Vale of York. It is a unique landscape with its well-wooded rolling countryside, patchwork of arable and pasture fields, scenic villages and historic country houses with classic parkland landscapes. The AONB designation was confirmed in 1987, in recognition of its national landscape importance. Planning is determined by the policies in the Ryedale District Plan and Hambleton District Council. The Management Plan has recently been adopted and covers the period 2019-2024.

Forest of Bowland AONB

The Forest of Bowland AONB is situated in North West England, covering 803 sq. km (312 sq. miles) of rural land in the counties of Lancashire (730 sq. km) and North Yorkshire (73 sq. km). Designated as an AONB in 1964 for its important heather moorland, blanket bog and rare birds. In North Yorkshire, planning is determined by the policies in the Craven District Local Plan. The Management Plan has recently been reviewed and the 2019-24 version is soon to be adopted.

Nidderdale AONB

Nidderdale AONB is an area of 233 sq. miles located on the eastern edge of the Yorkshire Pennines stretching from the high moorland of Great Whernside south and east towards the edge of the Vale of York. Designated as an AONB in Planning is determined by policies in the Harrogate Local Plan, Hambleton and Richmondshire Local Plans. The Management Plan has recently been adopted for the period 2019-24. CPRENY is a member of the Joint Advisory Committee for this AONB.

North Yorkshire Village Wins Gold

“It was amazing to see first-hand how much local people, of all ages, working together can make a big difference whilst enjoying themselves.”

Following an initial idea by CPRE Members in Ryedale, the Thornton le Dale (TLD) Hub was set up about 12 months ago by a group of like-minded local residents who were concerned about a gradual decline in both community-spirit and village facilities. The idea behind it was to involve a group of volunteers with a broad range of skills to organise a range of projects that would help, benefit and enhance the village and reignite the fading community-spirit.

The project has been so successful that the North York Moors National Park team invited members of the TLD Hub to act as a ‘model’ helping other villages within the National Park to seek the same feat. To achieve this, they visited other such communities and presented information talking them through the process and outlining their ideas and tips for achievement.

Trustees from CPRE North Yorkshire (CPRENY) were invited to visit Thornton Le Dale as they were preparing for the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition. It is hoped that following the successes of this small community, other Parishes throughout the county may be inspired to follow in their footsteps. CPRENY is hoping to re-establish their Best Kept Village competition – watch this space for more information later in the year!



In the past 12 months the TLD Hub has done a lot of work. This includes litter picks and general ‘street-cleans’ throughout the seasons, bringing old street furniture back to life including painting the village railings. Their biggest project to date, focused on turning the pond area into a place where family, children and residents could meet and enjoy the natural beauty of nature. This included the creation of bird boxes (including floating ones), feeding stations, composters and even wooden wildlife sculptures all of which can be viewed when participating in their newly created nature trail.

CPRE North Yorkshire Trustee Fran Evans commented how impressed she was by how the whole community supported the project, including the local Rainbow Group who designed and built the bug hotel.



Walking around, it was impossible not to acknowledge the sense of pride amongst the residents about the village. It was amazing to see first-hand how much local people, of all ages, working together can make a big difference whilst enjoying themselves. Following on from the success of these environmental projects, the TLD Hub now organise community dinners, fund-raising initiatives and have even formed a choir!

Trustees were impressed with how the successful environmental initiative has helped to combat rural loneliness; and is restoring pride in their local surroundings. They even created a sensory community herb garden!

The hard work of the dedicated volunteers in the community, helped secure the Gold Award for the TLD Hub in the ‘Yorkshire in Bloom’ Competition and also the Discretionary award for Best New Entry.

Well done to all involved!



Our Volunteering Development Manager

When asked to write a piece introducing myself for the CPRE North Yorkshire Newsletter I knew the first thing to mention would be my roots - Yorkshire being my birthplace (more precisely - Sheffield, although I was whisked over the hills soon enough to enjoy a childhood deep in the hills of the Hope Valley, in the Peak District.)

Lucky me - living near the border of two fantastic counties, with a wealth of countryside to explore literally on my doorstep. My siblings and I enjoyed such freedom and fresh air in a way that my own children haven't quite experienced, growing up in the city.

In my role as Volunteering Development Manager (North) for CPRE I am based in the Sheffield office of the Friends of Peak District/CPRE South Yorkshire. My remit is to support the CPRE groups in the North of England (10 counties) to grow capacity by reaching out and recruiting more volunteers to get involved and support the work of the local CPREs across the North.

I have completed just over half a year of this two-year pilot which sees an expanded "Volunteering and Partnerships" Team embedded within the national charity - and I would like to share my learnings so far. We are piloting this new approach to investing in the network of CPREs through roles which directly work with groups to help them develop new ways to engage and work with volunteers. The first thing I have learned is that CPRE is changing. My first ever awareness of CPRE was the "award plaques" I would spot on buildings dotted around the Peak District - many CPRE branches ran such award schemes, acknowledging projects and developments demonstrating good practice in heritage building conservation and high quality landscaping.



Not many of these award schemes exist now, CPRE has moved into a new era of finding relevance and appeal in a much wider cross section of the population - both urban and rural. This is essential for CPRE to grow a big enough supporter base to give their voice, their time or their money and get behind the cause of celebrating, enhancing and protecting the countryside

that is so important to us all. "If we look after the countryside, it will look after us" - a quote from a colleague in our Campaigns Team, which demonstrates another shift for CPRE as we begin to partner with others to focus on Health and Wellbeing initiatives - promoting the physical and mental health benefits to be gained from access to beautiful and thriving countryside for all.

The image and language of CPRE is also changing - Branch Development became Network Support - colleagues in the Volunteering and Partnerships Team are working on engagement and collaboration between the network of CPRE charities, as well as rolling out support and training in best practice around charity governance, fundraising and partnership development.

We have a new look - attractive colours, a new logo and a bright fresh look to the websites which - let's be honest - are where most people find out about the good work going on. If you haven't yet seen the brand new CPRE North Yorkshire website, do take a look. Not least, we have a new strategy which takes us to the centenary year, and which prioritises the empowerment and engagement of communities to take action themselves for the countryside.

We will be using the internet more and more to reach out to new people - we have a new online volunteer recruitment and management system launching this Spring (called "Assemble" - North Yorkshire is a pilot group for this) This will be a new way of promoting the variety of roles that CPRE groups need to recruit into, in order to grow and expand. CPRE North Yorkshire is currently looking for more Planning Wardens - again the website can tell you more! So, the important work of "Eyes and Ears" continues - those invaluable hours given by volunteers each week in scrutinising the developments happening at an ever increasing rate around us and monitoring the nature, scale and compliance of planning applications as they are made public.

I have learned that every CPRE is different - in scale, focus, landscape and membership make up - but that all CPREs are united by one stand-out commonality, and that is the passion and commitment of the volunteers that dedicate so much valuable time and energy to their campaigns and engagement work. I am proud to be wearing my CPRE badge out in the community and to represent such a wonderful and currently much-needed organisation. Here's to what 2020 will bring!

If you would like to know more about the work of the Volunteering and Partnerships Team, or any aspect of volunteering for CPRE, do get in touch via email volunteeringteam@cpre.org.uk.



Cassa Townsend,
Volunteering Development Manager

Planning Campaigns of Note for 2019

Askham Bog is safe – subject to appeal!

Askham Bog holds a special place in the history of nature conservation in Yorkshire: the very beginnings of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and its flagship reserve. It has several SSSI designations and is home to a varied amount of flora and fauna.

During the summer of 2018, developers announced plans to build on land adjacent to Askham Bog even though the land is earmarked as Green Belt in the emerging Local Plan.

The plan for the 516 new residential development including a new shopping centre, off Moor Lane in Woodthorpe drew 7,600 objections including a strong objection from CPRENY.

Sir David Attenborough objected to the planning application stating the site was a “cathedral of nature conservation” when he visited in 2016. “A remnant of Yorkshire’s ancient fenlands, it’s extraordinary how many plants and animals thrive here. Despite its small size, Askham Bog is the richest place in Yorkshire for wildlife. Only minutes from the centre of York, it’s a haven for wildlife and people alike”.



Photo Credit: The Mirror

Thankfully, it was unanimously refused by the Planning Committee for the City of York Council.

However, the developer appealed the decision and the Public Inquiry was held for 3 weeks in November 2019. We await the decision with bated breath.

Saltburn



Photo Credit: Attractionsnearme.co.uk

2019 saw multiple applications threaten the Heritage Coast of the historic Victorian town of Saltburn-by-the-sea, in Redcar and Cleveland district of North Yorkshire.

CPRENY objected strongly to a proposal for a large holiday park (170 pitches) to be positioned within the Heritage Coast on the cliff top at Saltburn. The application also included associated infrastructure, a clubhouse, pool, shops. Motorhome park and children’s park and would have been totally incongruous with the character of the settlement.

We were pleased that the Council refused the application at committee just before Christmas 2019.

Hellifield

CPRENY celebrated alongside the Save Our Craven Countryside (SOCC) local action group when the Council refused a planning application for a huge hotel, 300 lodges, cinema and climbing wall complex plus a park and ride facility on the border of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and adjacent to 2 Conservation Areas and the historic Settle–Carlisle railway, just prior to the last AGM in March 2019.

Since then, the developer who has owned the site for over 25 years with various permissions on during that time, has commenced development on the site for a scheme that was permitted and commenced in 2003. Concern has been raised locally that the developer is acting beyond his consents in terms of the developable area and chosen method of construction practices.

The controversial development is situated on a site known as the Hellifield Flashes which is renowned for its ecology value. The Inspector for the Craven Local Plan did not agree to designate the entire site out with the development’s red-line boundary as Local Green Space as we had hoped, therefore, potentially leaving the door open for future expansion. CPRENY will continue to monitor this site and liaise with SOCC as necessary.

Challenge to Secretary of State approval of Gas Power Station at Drax, Selby

Environmental law charity ClientEarth is taking the UK Government to the High Court following the energy secretary’s approval of plans to modify coal-fired generating units to gas-powered ones at Drax Power Station.

An Inspector recommended that Andrea Leadsom should refuse consent for the scheme owing to its “failure to deliver carbon-reduction objectives”, but last October she went against this advice, and allowed the scheme under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) regime.

ClientEarth said Leadsom’s decision “undermines the UK’s path to reducing carbon emissions and building a more sustainable energy sector”. The charity highlights that the Climate Change Committee, the government’s own climate adviser, has warned that there should be no more gas on the UK grid by the mid- 2030s without carbon capture and storage. The approval of the scheme would take total gas capacity to three times the government’s planned estimates of need and would become Europe’s biggest gas plant... Watch this space!

Motor Way Service Areas

North Yorkshire appears to have been inundated with applications for new Motor Way Service Areas across North Yorkshire in the past year. CPRENY has been involved with 4 applications for such developments following the A1 from Selby to Scotch Corner and on the A66. Of these, two have yet to be determined with the Council requesting further information relating to environmental concerns and two were refused, both of which are now subject to appeal which CPRENY are in the process of preparing written representations for.



Premature Developments

CPRENY has also witnessed applications being submitted from optimistic developers for sites ahead of the Examination of a Local Plan, some of which may be on sites which are to be allocated for development in the emerging Local Plan. This appears to be an attempt to gain more 'numbers on the ground' than the site would have been allocated for in the plan, alternatively, they are being submitted by developers on sites which have not been allocated and are being submitted under the argument that the Council has not got a tested and approved 5-year supply – a last ditch effort to get the site allocated ahead of other sites in the Plan! – We are being vigilant but please let us know if this is happening near you.

Did you know?

According to the World Health Organisation taking a walk in green spaces for just 6 minutes per day can halve your chance of suffering from depression?

Public Health England recorded 36,000 deaths per annum in the UK linked to poor air quality and that exposure to air pollution can impact cognitive performance?

41% of primary school children in England are driven to school?

Glover Report

This review, led by Julian Glover and responded to by CPRE, was published towards the end of the year. All the networks across the country fed into the national response, including CPRE North Yorkshire. It focused on 5 areas:

- Landscapes alive for nature and beauty
- Landscapes for everyone
- Living in Landscapes
- More Special Places
- New ways of working

These are not separate but part of one ambition, to strengthen the natural beauty of England's landscapes in order to serve the country better by improving their biodiversity and the loved of people who work and love in them and enjoy them.

The CPRE approach to protecting Green Belt

CPRE is the leading organisation that stands up for the Green Belts, and we want to do more to defend and improve the other areas of countryside around towns. We seek to take a holistic approach that encompasses both how land is being used now, largely guided by farming and forestry policies; with how it should be used in future. We want to see better integration of farming and forestry policies with the land use planning system. We have provided extensive evidence of the value of the countryside around towns as it is, and how it could be.

We want more people, particularly from a wider variety of backgrounds, to enjoy the benefits of having open countryside close to them. We have a unique capacity to both challenge the critics with robust arguments and harness public support to persuade politicians to maintain or strengthen planning policy. We do this work at both the national and local level. CPRENY benefits from designated Green Belt surrounding York and parts of the West Yorkshire Green Belt.

The new Green Belt Policy for CPRE was published in February 2020 and is available on the national website – www.cpre.org.uk

Trees not only provide ecological habitats but also help combat climate change by sequestering harmful carbon from the air we breathe, improving the environment and our health?

Having trees and hedges in your garden can add 20% to the value of your property?

Living on a tree-lined street adds approximately 12% to your property value compared to an identical adjacent street without trees?

“Green Infrastructure is like tinder for biodiversity” – Head of Planning, Leeds CC

Governance

The last stages of the Governance review, completed in 2018, ensured compliance with the charity commission - the body to whom we are accountable. Whilst not compulsory, it is advisable to have clear risk assessment policies and complaints procedures in place. CPRE North Yorkshire now produces risk assessments each quarter and has a clear complaints policy.

Accountants

CPRE North Yorkshire has continued to work hard to ensure transparent and professional accounting remains in place. In 2018/19 we moved to Saffrey Champness in Harrogate. Saffrey's produce our annual accounts and file them with the charity commission on our behalf to ensure full accountability. Full financial reports for the year are available FOC at the AGM.

Copies may be obtained at a cost of £2.50 to cover postage and printing costs.

Contact admin: info@cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

Administration

All CPRE North Yorkshire correspondence is now on headed paper with ONE emailing address which can be handed on from management board to management board. This ensures continuity, clarity and reduces confusion.

Contact Fran Evans on info@cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

Facebook

CPRE North Yorkshire Facebook is an effective way to alert residents, receive information and post images. CPRE North Yorkshire have a strong following on Facebook.

Click on the link on our web site to access.

Legal

As reported in the last newsletter in 2018, CPRE North Yorkshire changed legal counsel. Robert Nieri, our lawyer moved to head Brabners in Manchester. Robert whilst at Freeths, provided support to CPRE North Yorkshire and guided us through the transition period. Robert was also legal counsel for the national CPRE charity therefore, fully understands our remit.

We have continued to retain Brabners and Robert in particular to continue to advise us when required.

Planning

Our improved finances ensure we can comment professionally on planning issues - our bank of professional planners includes: One Voyage Limited of Helmsley who specialise in Heritage and Conservation impacts of applications and KVA Planning Consultancy of Bridlington who provide us with professional planning advice to deal with specific planning matters.

www.cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

Traffic increased dramatically through the CPRE North Yorkshire website in 2019. Journalists across the county now have a point of reference and we are regularly asked for opinions and contacted via this route. Local communities and individual members of the public, alongside Parish Councils, have a one stop shop to find out what's going on in their area.

Instagram

Instagram is a chance to show off the best of our county through images and is a stunning page to follow. All images submitted using #cprenyphotocomp2020 are judged in our annual photography competition - have you sent in your photographs - why not consider it for the next year? For more information contact: info@cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk

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Coming up in 2020-21

We are pleased to announce our Events and Competitions for 2020.

Instagram Photography Competition

CPRE North Yorkshire will be holding its annual photography competition again this year.

Pictures should be themed around the heading:

“OUR BEAUTIFUL NORTH YORKSHIRE LANDSCAPE”

The Closing date is the 31st December 2020.

There will be 2 categories this year: Amateur and Professional.

If successful, your photo will be used to promote CPRE North Yorkshire and will be published in our next newsletter, and online. The winner will be announced at the 2021 AGM

Entry is free and open to everyone (including non-members).

Please send images via email or through our Instagram page by #cprenyphotocomp2020

School Writing Competition

In 2019 we had over 700 amazing individual entries. We hope to build on this success in the following year!

We will soon be contacting all schools across North Yorkshire again ahead of the summer holiday 2020 to invite them to join in by encouraging pupils to get outdoors in the North Yorkshire countryside during their break.

In the Autumn term they would then write statements entitled “Why I love North Yorkshire” and send them into us for judging. The main categories are EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Prizes are awarded to the overall individual winner and school. Is your school interested?

Contact us on info@cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk for more information.

Waste Challenge

Eight million tonnes of waste plastic ends up in the sea each year. It is predicted that in 2050, there will be more plastic waste than fish in the sea. We should all be taking plastic waste seriously as it takes centuries to break down.

It will be wonderful if all our beaches/parks/carparks across the county had a structure that can make you want to recycle instead of littering.



CPRE North Yorkshire is launching an art waste challenge competition aimed at schools and further education colleges (Year 10+) to design a practical working design to collect all the plastic waste.

Entry is free and open to all educational institutions with the relevant aged students.

Contact us on info@cprenorthyorkshire.co.uk for more information.

Details of “Clean up North Yorkshire” will be sent to colleges shortly.



Best Kept Churchyard Competition

CPRE North Yorkshire is pleased to introduce the 'Best Kept Churchyard Competition'.

Entries will be invited from churches of all denominations from across the county to enter our North Yorkshire's Best Churchyard Competition 2020. Entry is FREE – and entries must be received by 31st March 2021.

"North Yorkshire has hundreds of churchyards and they are beautiful places," says Stuart White, Chair of CPRENY. "That's why we believe in celebrating them and celebrating the people that look after them – because they are often volunteers and they do a fantastic job."

Over hundreds of years, North Yorkshire's churchyards have come to form part of the county's rich and varied landscape. Some churchyards have changed little over the centuries. They are much more than burial grounds or simply open spaces around church buildings; they are unique and special havens, green sanctuaries for people and wildlife.



Hawnby Church

The winning churchyard will receive a cheque for £200, membership of CPRE North Yorkshire and a beautiful plaque, to be displayed with pride.

Details to be sent to Parish/Town Councils to liaise with relevant Churches soon...

North Yorkshire Walks

We are fortunate enough to live in some of the most stunning countryside and coastline. Therefore, we have decided to walk a couple of organised walks this year to encourage members to venture into the countryside, perhaps discover somewhere new or return to a much-loved route and meet like-minded people.

Venue: Sutton Bank Visitor Centre

Date/time: 19th July 2020 10.30am

Distance: 6 miles. Easy, level walking

Contact: **Stuart White** (in advance redcarcpre@gmx.com)

Route summary: Sutton Bank Visitor Centre--Hotel Plantation--Hambleton Down Boulby Scar--Cleveland Way--Whitstone Cliff--Sutton Bank Visitor Centre

Please bring: **Strong boots / shoes and a warm drink & refreshment.**

No booking required.



Whitstone Cliff

[Look at our website for the date of the Heritage Coast Walk in September.](#)



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